Volunteer Opportunities

KML Sustainable Landscape Initiative – Volunteer Job Description

Our Initiative: The Friends of the Kinderhook Memorial Library partners with and supports the Library and Board of Trustees in their commitment to sustainability. Sustainable landscaping is part of this initiative. This program creates value for the community by providing educational opportunities and demonstrating environmentally sustainable practices in the ongoing maintenance of the Library gardens.

Who are we looking for: The Friends are seeking 4-5 volunteers to add to its team of volunteer gardeners. Volunteer gardeners work independently under the direction of the Library’s landscape consultant and Building and Grounds Committee.

Some prior gardening experience is required. Volunteers will receive training in sustainable landscaping practices.

Gardeners must have their own garden tools.

Availability/Commitment: Our gardening season is April 1 – October/November depending on weather. Volunteer gardeners should be available during that time and be able to commit to 1 – 3 hours of work per week depending on weather and growing conditions.

Activities: Activities may include:

- Weekly monitoring of gardens to determine needs/activities
- Weeding/deadheading/trimming
- Watering
- Turning compost
- Spring – opening beds
- Fall – preparing beds for winter

Special Note: Gardening is a physical activity. Gardeners must be able to bend and lift and carry tools/materials/debris of approximately 10 lbs.

Interested in volunteering – email us at friends@kinderhooklibrary.org and let us know more about your experience. Please put KML Sustainable Landscape Initiative in the Subject line of your email.

Looking forward to hearing from you!