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### **Friends of Kirkwood Public Library Again Sponsors Letters from Santa**

Friends of the Kirkwood Public Library will again sponsor its "Letter from Santa" program that raises money for the library, as well as helping Kris Kringle with his correspondence.

Virginia Kramer, President of the Friends, explained that the program started with the 2007 Christmas season. "It has grown each year in popularity and, proportionately, as a fundraiser for the library. The Children's Room is such an important part of the library that a Letter from Santa service is a natural 'fit' for our group."

The letters cost \$6 apiece. The person ordering the letter answers a few basic questions about the intended recipient such as the child's favorite class in school, a recent accomplishment, names of family pets, to name a few.

Kramer noted that the letters don't have to go to children. One local octogenarian ordered 14 letters last year. They went to the person's grown children (in their 50s and 60s) and grandchildren (in their 20s and 30s).

Because this is all handled by mail, the requestor and the recipient can be anywhere. Joan Trull of South County learned about the service from a friend in Texas and ordered letters for her grandchildren in California. She said her four-year-old granddaughter giggled with delight and her six-year-old grandson "whooped when he read the part about him being nice." Neither one could figure out how Santa knew what color belt they had received in Karate or the names of their teachers. The letters are postmarked "North Pole," so the children knew it *really* came from Santa.

To order a Letter from Santa, the order form can be downloaded from [www.kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org/friends\\_home.asp](http://www.kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org/friends_home.asp) by clicking on the "Letter from Santa" link. For further information, please call the Friends at 314-821-5770, Extension 1023, and leave a message or send an email to [KPLFriends@kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org](mailto:KPLFriends@kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org). One of Santa's elves will respond quick as a wink.