

# LLA Membership Application & Information



**LADIES'**  
**LIBRARY**  
ASSOCIATION  
Kalamazoo • Michigan

The Ladies' Library Association of Kalamazoo (LLA) is an historic and dynamic, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. In 1844, it began as a women's sewing and reading circle. The group was formally founded as the Ladies' Library Association in 1852 and has been an important part of the Greater Kalamazoo community.

The Association influenced the development of women's organizations throughout the upper Midwest. It is the oldest women's club in Michigan and the third oldest in the nation. It also established the first lending library in the Kalamazoo area.

Founding member Lucinda Hinsdale Stone, a nationally known educator and world traveler, helped create the LLA's reputation as a "college for women." Then and today the LLA promotes literacy, advocates for women's issues, and supports community projects.

As a member of the LLA, you have the opportunity to socialize with other interesting, active women at meetings and through a variety of volunteer projects. Members contribute time and talent throughout the year to support the organization and its historic 1878 building.

Our community service projects include Books for Babies, Seita Scholars (aged-out foster students at WMU), RAWK (Read And Write Kalamazoo), and others. There are also options to join a variety of special interest groups, such as music appreciation, photography, book clubs, and gardening.

The LLA is open to all women 18 years and older who value our mission: *The LLA is dedicated to supporting education and literacy for women and children. We will also promote our building and history to provide cultural experiences to uplift the community.*

To contact the Membership Chair for more information, leave a message with your name and phone number at (269) 344-3710 or visit our website at [www.LadiesLibraryKzoo.org](http://www.LadiesLibraryKzoo.org).

## **LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Complete this form and send your check for \$60 payable to the "Ladies' Library Association." State "New membership" in the memo area and on the envelope. Send to 333 South Park Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007-5101.

**Please print:**

**Application Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Preferred phone number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_

(for Club demographics only, not printed in Member Yearbook)

**E-Mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Employer (optional)** \_\_\_\_\_

Your information will not be shared or sold outside of the LLA. It will be used by the organization and membership for official LLA business only. We publish it in our annual Membership Yearbook and use it to send paper newsletters, eNewsletters, etc.

**Briefly state why you wish to join the LLA  
and tell us a little about yourself.**

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**Check activities you might enjoy or  
could contribute your time or talent**

*Hospitality:* \_\_\_Cooking \_\_\_Linens \_\_\_Table-setting

*Building & Grounds:* \_\_\_Garden \_\_\_Building Maintenance

*Marketing & Outreach* \_\_\_Social Media \_\_\_Internet  
\_\_\_Facebook \_\_\_Newsletter \_\_\_Outreach projects

*Fund Development:* \_\_\_Auditorium Event Planning (rentals, LLA  
events, etc.) \_\_\_Hostesses \_\_\_Audiovisual \_\_\_Docent

*Something else:* \_\_\_\_\_



**DUES** are payable with the application. Annual membership dues are currently \$60. If you join after July 31, dues for the remainder of the year are \$30. If you join in December, the \$60 annual dues include December and the following year (13 months total).

