

Ladies' Library Association

Member Application



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

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

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 and the arts, advocates for women's issues, and supports community outreach.

As a member of the LLA, there is an opportunity to engage with other women through a variety of projects, interests, and events. Members contribute their time and talents throughout the year to support the organization, the community, and its historic 1878 building.

Our signature projects include Books for Babies (distribution of children's books to various local service organizations) and Seita Scholars (supporting aged-out foster students at Western Michigan University). There are also options to join a variety of special interest groups, such as travel, gardening, writing, walking, book club, and others.

The LLA is open to all women 18 years and older who value our mission: *To enrich the community through literacy, arts and culture, and to preserve the LLA building and its history.*

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

LADIES' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Complete this form and send your check for \$60 (or \$80 effective December 1, 2024) payable to the "Ladies' Library Association." Note "New membership" in the memo area and on the envelope. Send to Ladies' Library Association, 333 South Park Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007.

Please print:

Application Date _____

Preferred Name _____

Primary Address _____

Primary phone number _____

Primary E-Mail _____

Year of Birth _____

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

Employer (optional) _____

Your information will not be shared or sold outside of the LLA. It is used by the organization for official LLA business only. We publish it in our annual Member Directory/Yearbook and to send eNewsletters, etc.

Briefly state a little about yourself, where you heard about the LLA, and why you wish to join the organization.

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

Building & Grounds: ___ Gardening ___ Building Maintenance

Hospitality: ___ Cooking ___ Linens ___ Table-setting

___ Decorations ___ Hostess/Greeter

Marketing & Outreach: ___ Social Media ___ Docent

Event Planning: ___ Public Events ___ Audiovisual

Something else: _____



DUES are payable with the application. Annual membership dues are currently \$60 (\$80 effective December 1, 2024). If you join after July 31, dues for the remainder of that year are \$45. If you join in December, the annual dues include December of that year plus the following year (13 months total). **There is an optional lifetime membership of a one-time payment of \$1,000.**

