



## **Friends of the Troy Public Library**

Friends *promote* and *support* the Troy Public Library

The Troy Public Library is scheduled to be **permanently closed on July 1, 2011**. The City Council in May voted to approve the 2010-2011 Budget and the 3-year Budget which calls for closure of the Library.

The Friends of the Troy Public Library have been working to research and learn what possible actions can be taken to keep the Troy Public Library open. Here is an overview of steps taken:

- ❖ Attend City Council budget sessions to understand the scope of the city budget and potential outcomes to the library.
- ❖ Invited the public to attend our General Annual Meeting to hear an expert discuss library establishment, advocacy and funding.
- ❖ Retained a Library Law attorney who specializes in libraries facing closure and funding problems.
- ❖ Met with City Administration to discuss any potential city budget options for the library. The budget is set and approved for closure.
- ❖ Spoke with several neighboring library directors to learn about alternative library administration and possible solutions for Troy.
- ❖ Consulted with professionals that have worked with local communities seeking a millage for libraries.
- ❖ Invited interested residents to participate in meetings to discuss a dedicated library millage ballot proposal for the November election.
- ❖ The Friends will be circulating a petition for a vote on the question of whether a tax of .9885 mill for a period of ten (10) years should be levied in the City of Troy pursuant to Section 10a of the City, Village and Township Libraries Act, 1877 PA 164. This would create an independent library, administered by an elected Board of Trustees and funded by a dedicated library fund.
- ❖ **Please read all the FRIENDS FACT SHEETS on this web site to get the facts, answer questions and myth-bust the status of the Troy Public Library.**
- ❖ Consider joining the Citizens to Save the Troy Public Library a non-partisan citizens group established to save the library. Contact information is available on this web site.