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# Friends of Library Organize, Elect

**MANSFIELD** — About 30 residents met as Friends of the Mansfield Library Tuesday to promote and increase the facilities of the new town library.

At its organizational meeting Tuesday, the voluntary citizens group adopted a constitution and elected Charles A. McLaughlin president.

Other officers elected were: David Fisher, treasurer, and Janet Scottron, secretary. Members-at-large elected were: Mrs. Honey Birkenroot, Mrs. Esther Barnett, Mrs. Lucy Elmore and Mrs. Thea Field.

Fisher said the group had 136 dues-paying members.

According to its constitution, the Friends of the Library will sponsor special projects, secure materials and generally keep the public informed about library activities.

Last year, the Town Council voted to take over funding and operation of the library, currently housed in its cramped Mansfield Center headquarters on Rt. 195. Until it was transferred to the town, the library was a private non-profit organization with an elected Board of Directors.

Currently, renovations are being planned in the Buchanan Center on Rt. 89 for headquarters for the library.

The Mansfield Friends will be making committee assignments and planning projects for the coming year, according to members. Interested persons should contact McLaughlin of Dunham Pond Road.