Friends of Libraries Section/NYLA
The Friendly Café Meet-Up
Rochester, NY – November 9, 2018 – 3:45 – 5 p.m.

Please sign the attendance sheet and pick up any handouts you would like. Providing us with your e-mail will allow us to inform you of FLS activities from time to time.

Handouts:
• Friends News and Notes newsletters – sample issue

Welcome remarks and Introductions – Presider Lynne Madden, Secretary for the FLS Executive Board, NYLA; Introduction of members of FLS Board in attendance

Discussion moderator: Kenya Malcolm (Friends of the Ogden Farmers Library, Spencerport, Monroe County)

Agenda:

1. Background and overview of the Monroe County Library System’s Friends Council – Lisa Wemett, Secretary, MCLS Friends Council

2. How the MCLS Friends Council has benefited the Friends of the Chili Public Library – Bob Pacer, Immediate Past President

3. Friends support groups in the Ramapo Catskill and Mid-Hudson Library Systems – Randall Enos, Youth Services Consultant, RCLS
   a. what support is provided at the system level
   b. importance of continuing education for volunteers
   c. System web pages with Friends resources (see end of this agenda)

4. Brainstorm list of topics participants want to discuss
   e.g., volunteer recruitment and engagement, program ideas, book sale tips
   As we discuss these suggested topics, please feel free to join the conversation to tell us about your group’s successes and programs in your community.

5. Round-the-room introductions in the following manner, for the topic of “membership promotion/recruitment efforts”:
   Please introduce yourself with your name, library affiliation, position (e.g., Friends volunteer, officer, library director, trustee, etc.), an estimate of the number of Friends members you have (if you have a group) and lastly, quickly name one way the group promotes joining the Friends to your community (e.g., Friends membership forms at a community bookstore; staffing a table in the library during National Friends of Libraries Week in October) without repeating an idea that someone else has offered up! (We’ll record the list of our ideas.)

6. Potential Topics to Discuss:

   a. Promoting volunteerism and participation – What strategies have worked to involve volunteers, getting them to join in and play an active role in the group?
b. Leadership and succession plans – How does your group progress from one president to the next?

Interested in an alternative leadership model? Mark your calendar for Tuesday, February 12, 2019, for FLS’s one-hour webinar with the Friends of the Clifton Park - Halfmoon Public Library: Administrative Teams: A New Approach for Friends Leadership. Registration will be after January 1, 2019.

7. A word from our sponsor….

Benefits of organizational and personal membership in New York Library Association/Friends of Libraries Section and reminder about the FLS Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award deadline, July 1 annually – Terry Mulee, Second Vice President for Membership, FLS/NYLA

If you would like assistance from the FLS Executive Board in establishing a support group (Friends Council) for your library system, please contact us at FLS.NYLA@yahoo.com.

Resources:

- Friends of Libraries Section/New York Library Association webpage: [www.nyla.org/friends](http://www.nyla.org/friends)