FLS Year in Review

Awards:
★ 2018 Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award
   Recipient: Bonnie Shannon, Friends of the Kinderhook Memorial Library
★ 2018 Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award
   Honorable Mention: Nancy Bauder, Foundation for Geneva Public Library
★ 2018 FLS Dewey Fellow: Anne Andrianos, Friends of the Onondaga Free Library

Annual Friends Meet-up with the FLS Executive Board:
June 11, 2018, Hosted by the Friends of the Community Library of DeWitt and Jamesville - 29 attendees

Regional Workshops:
★ "Getting Started" workshops - January 19, 2018 hosted by the Pioneer Library System and June 20, 2018 hosted by Central NY Library Resources Council and Friends of the Cazenovia Public Library
★ "Keep It Growing" workshop - September 30, 2017 hosted by Friends of the Webster Public Library
★ Total 69 attendees trained, representing 9 public and regional library systems

First FLS Webinar:
March 20, 2018 - "Best Practices for Management of Friends Boards" presented by attorney Courtney Darts, Legal Director of Pro Bono Partnership, 51 pre-registered attendees, with additional attendees at viewing parties

NYLA Annual Conferences:
November 8 – 11, 2017 – Saratoga Springs, NY
★ Five FLS programs had 212 attendees, a 35% attendance increase
★ First FLS Continuing Education workshop, "Fiduciary Practices for Nonprofit Organizations," presented by accountants from the John C. Parcell IV Accounting Firm, had 29 attendees

November 7 – 10, 2018 – Rochester, NY
★ Five FLS programs offered, plus a Friend-Raiser Luncheon – "Let's Market Our Libraries"
★ Partnerships with sponsors:
   ★ Library Trustees Association of New York State
   ★ NYLA Public Libraries Section
   ★ Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library
   ★ THANK YOU for your support!

Long-Range Plan:
★ Newly-created Library Champions Task Force formed to strengthen the library community through membership and advocacy
★ Newly-created Scholarship Task Force formed to better educate and support FLS members

Treasurer's Report:
★ Opening fund balance July 1, 2017: $4,719.44
★ Closing fund balance June 30, 2018: $6,746.46
★ Income: $6,767.25
★ Expenses $4,740.23

Membership:
★ 184 members, 8% increase from last year
★ 58 Friends of the Library group organizational members
★ 143 members (78%) who selected FLS as their primary section
★ Conference and recruitment promotional mailing to 130 Friends groups in Western NY
★ First-ever Active Member Form to match member interests and skills with involvement in FLS
★ Email renewal reminders sent consistently year round

Newsletters:
★ Quarterly eight-page newsletters sent by mail (726) and electronically (439)
★ Additional 300 copies distributed at meetings, trainings, workshops

National Friends of Libraries Week:
★ October 21 – 27, 2018
★ Proclamation sponsored by NYS Senator Joe Robach

Website Improvements:
★ Improved Events page and FLS History page
★ Links to webinars, newsletters, conference information, elections, candidate profiles, and regional workshops
★ Addition of Friends Group Resources

Executive Board Members, 2017-2018
President: Rebecca Fuss
Vice President/President Elect: Lisa C. Wemett
Immediate Past President: Janet Kreason
Second Vice President: Terry Mulee
Treasurer: Jennifer Little Kegler
Secretary: Lynne Madden
Members at Large:
Vicki N. Kosovac, Patricia Loughan, Terry Morris, Marie Orlando, Leslie S. W. Riley, Susan Swanton, Ristiina Wigg
President Emeritus: Randall Enos

Liaisons and Committee Members
NYLA 2018 Conference Curator: Lisa C. Wemett
NYLA Continuing Education Committee Liaison: Amy Pass
NYLA Intellectual Freedom Committee: Amy Discenza
NYLA Legislative Committee Liaison: Jean Sheviak
NYLA Communications Committee Representative and NYLA Membership Committee Liaison: Terry Mulee
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FLS Communications and Membership Volunteer: Amy Discenza
Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award Coordinator: Marie Bindeman
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