EFR Announces 2013 Casey Award Recipient

EFR is pleased to recognize Janet Dempsey as the recipient of the 2013 Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award.

Janet Dempsey is one of two founding members of the Friends of Cornwall Library (circa 1983). She continues to serve on the Board of Directors and volunteers in the Friends' Used Book Store, which she was responsible for moving to new quarters in 2000. The bookstore is now open six days a week and is the primary source of fund-raising for the Cornwall Public Library.

Janet has worked tirelessly as a volunteer in dedicated support of Cornwall Public Library — most especially the library's diverse and extensive collection of local...
After EFR's one year hiatus, conference goers readily agreed that it was good to have EFR back on "Friends Day" at NYLA's Annual Conference held this past September in Niagara Falls. The feedback on all three programs was very positive.

The EFR sessions were attended by a total of 108 people. We were pleased to average a 75% return rate of our evaluations at each workshop which provided a lot of information about our audience members. Because of our location in Western NYS for the first time in three years, the participants strongly represented Rochester (43%), the Buffalo region (19%), and Syracuse (7%). But we were gratified to have participation from Long Island (10%), Poughkeepsie, Albany, Utica, and Elmira.

It was very satisfying to learn that nearly a quarter of our participants identified themselves as members of Friends of the Library groups; in the "Cloud Storage" session, that number rose to 42% of the audience! The primary responsibility of many attendees was library director or administration; others were public service personnel providing reference or adult services. We were also happy to have some library and information science graduate students attending. Accolades on the evaluations stated the programs were "worthwhile" and had "valuable" content.

Moving Friends' Records to Cloud Storage
"Worth the whole day at NYLA" was how one local Friends Board member summed up this presentation by Polly-Alida Farrington, Consultant and Technology Trainer of PA Farrington Associates. With her twenty years of technology work with schools and libraries, Ms. Farrington made complex topics easily understandable. She explained what "cloud storage" is, emphasizing that with access to secure Internet storage, a pre-selected group of volunteers can share important files such as a membership database. How often do you back up your electronic files? What are you doing to preserve and improve access to your paper files? Some Friends information should be accessible by the community through the Friends Web site, including the group's mission, by-laws, upcoming events, minutes of past meetings, and membership forms. Don't forget photos of Friends activities.

Polly outlined a process for determining what needs to be scanned to preserve paper files. She reviewed the benefits for various free "cloud storage" vendors and their drawbacks. Her slides for this program are available online at her Web site www.pafa.net.

Beyond The Book Sale
"A whole lot of heart put into productive ideas that work" was how one audience member put it on the evaluation. This panel discussion highlighted three libraries that have engaged large groups of volunteers to successfully carry out projects and fund-raisers for their community.

Cindy Costa, Senior Clerk from the Wadsworth Library in Geneseo, established a shelf reading program called "Adopt a Shelf," where she recruited volunteers to help maintain order in the public library's collections with a minimal individual commitment of time. Seventy-five volunteers regularly "read" their assigned areas and have contributed nearly 300 hours so far to make the shelves neat and orderly, helping both patrons and staff easily find the items they are looking for.

Ann Ryan, President of the Friends of the Irondequoit Public Library, inspired us with their "Annual Walk to Connect" fund-raiser and the Friends' successful mini book sales at the local farmers market. Their historical tour of Irondequoit with the Town Historian proved so popular they now have a second tour planned. The bus tour fund-raiser is underwritten by advertisers and local service clubs. The Friends show their library pride with t-shirts for their volunteer members. Community sponsors are listed on the back. Volunteers wear these shirts to community events and town board meetings to show support for their library and to illustrate the strength of the newly revitalized Irondequoit Friends.

Deb Leary, who heads the Arnett Branch, Rochester Public Library, described how she attracted a group of community volunteers to create the first Friends group in a branch library. Deb made a distinction between the Friends and Foundation of Rochester Public Library which focuses on fund-raising and programming at the Central Library and her neighborhood Friends...
who have made the branch more welcoming and attractive through their beautification efforts. The Arnett group painted the lobby and children's area and added attractive murals in the library. They help with regular programming including story times. Their "Halloween Poetry Project" was dubbed "stealth literacy," providing patrons with Halloween bookmarks with short poems to distribute to trick-or-treaters (with or without candy)!

Reaching Out To Younger Volunteer Friends
The final EFR program of the day was a discussion moderated by Rebekkah Smith Aldrich of the Mid-Hudson Library System along with panelists Susan Klick, Friends of the Scottsville Free Library, and Stephanie Heywood, Friends of the Mendon Public Library.

Susan Klick sought volunteer work to help build her résumé and quickly became an officer of the Scottsville Friends. Susan encouraged all Friends groups to tell the community what they need and then "let new volunteers in." Recognize good ideas and encourage folks to speak up and share. Arrange to mentor new volunteers and show people "the ropes." Think of projects volunteers can do on their own schedule. Publicize your Friends meetings, consider job sharing of vital tasks and responsibilities, and do something as simple as leaving your meeting room door open: a newcomer might be attracted and join your ranks once they see what's going on! Officers need to recruit their own replacements and be creative in their approach to Friends projects.

Stephanie Heywood was recruited by the Library Director to work on Friends memberships, but began sorting for the book sale because she wanted to be one of the first volunteers to see the donations so she could keep her children well supplied with affordable books! Current volunteers ask the people they know: moms recruit moms; retirees recruit retirees. Library staff can help direct regular patrons to Friends projects. Mendon, a town of 9,000, has their volunteer application available online. Stephanie has worked to keep some volunteer projects "bite-sized," with a commitment of no more than 2 hours. Often a parent and a child can participate together. Because teens need community service hours, Mendon uses high school volunteers from National Honor Society and Participation in Government classes. Stephanie lets teens know they can text her to volunteer.

Rebekkah Smith Aldrich has a support group for more than 30 Friends organizations in her system. She stated that attracting younger volunteers requires Friends to provide social opportunities. What's in it for them? Volunteers want to have fun, to feel needed, and want to give back to their community. Volunteers like to build or share a new skill and to be part of a team. You don't know if someone will volunteer if you don't ask them. Rebekkah advises groups to have a clear mission, recognize that people have less time to volunteer now than they did in the past, and create volunteer opportunities with clearly defined expectations.

Make your Friends easy to join and then provide timely communication using e-mail and social media. Never underestimate what people don’t know about the library. Feature the Friends on the library's Web site, including how to get involved. Use a targeted approach, not a shotgun, determining who you want to reach, whether it is college students, young professionals, or new residents. Listen to volunteers’ ideas and respect people’s time. Have a written procedures manual and be constantly looking to expand your group. A closed mentality is a sign of trouble for your group. Use catchy graphics, provide food, and remember to have fun!

To see more about the NYLA Conference programs, visit www.nyla.org for PowerPoint presentations and handouts from the various sessions at the 2013 NYLA Annual Conference. In the "Search Site" box on NYLA’s home page, enter "2013 Conference Program Presentations." Under the Friday, September 27 entries, you'll find all three EFR programs. If you were not able to join EFR in Niagara Falls, do not miss out on our offerings in Saratoga Springs this year: "Friends Day" will be Friday, November 7. The full conference runs November 5 through 8. See you there!
Happy New Year to all our newsletter readers!

The past year was a good one for the Empire Friends Roundtable. Our finances remained steady, our membership increased over 30%, and we published three top-notch informational newsletters, expanding our content from four pages to six.

We received many nominations for the Dan Casey Award resulting in the selection of a remarkably deserving recipient. Our programs, luncheon, and trade show booth at the NYLA Conference in Niagara Falls were highly successful, helping us make significant strides in moving from a Roundtable of NYLA to a Section. On the downside, we were saddened to accept the resignation of long-time EFR Board member Bernie Tomasso who stepped down for personal reasons.

We are thrilled to start 2014 with three new EFR Members At Large on our Executive Board who were elected at our annual meeting in Niagara Falls. All three have extensive experience with Friends in public libraries and have been involved at various levels in NYLA.

Marie Orlando, who is Chair of the Friends Council of the Kinderhook Memorial Library, was employed as the Youth Services Consultant for the Suffolk Cooperative Library System prior to her retirement. Marie served as President of NYLA’s Youth Services Section and is also an avid gardener. Leslie Riley is an officer of the Friends of the Cornwall Public Library. Before retirement last year, Leslie was the Public Services Consultant for the Ramapo Catskill Library System and served previously as Director of the Cornwall Library. Leslie is also a cellist and plays with a chamber group as time allows. Frank Van Zanten is active with the Friends of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District and was recognized in 2012 with the EFR Dan Casey Award for his tireless work at his library’s book sales. Frank was Director of the Mid-Hudson Library System for many years. In addition to libraries and books, Frank is passionate about snowboarding.

Welcome Marie, Leslie, and Frank!

This year promises to be a good one for EFR as we move toward becoming a Section of NYLA. I hope 2014 will be a prosperous year for all our members and their libraries. For those who have not joined EFR yet, we are looking forward to finding your names on our membership list before another minute passes by!

Lively Friends Council Meeting in Monroe County

“This is the best ever Friends Council meeting!” raved one Friends representative at the October Friends Council meeting of the Monroe County Library System. With a record turnout reflecting 10 of the 19 Friends groups in the county, plus a visiting Friends group from the Pioneer Library System (PLS), the Mendon Public Library was jammed to the rafters with enthusiastic Friends representatives. The Friends Council meets twice a year, rotating from one library to another.

Kate Antoniades, Bookstore Manager and Volunteer Coordinator for the Friends and Foundation of the Rochester Public Library, made the first presentation on selecting books for sale on the Internet along with a key volunteer at the Foundation. Internet sales provided $60,000 in revenue to the RPL Foundation with the other half going to Foundation partner libraries. This proves very profitable for all participating libraries. Brighton Memorial Library made about $2000 last year. Chili Public Library made $1,300 in sales. Many libraries made over $800. “Our volunteers do all the work and you deposit the check.”

Ann Ryan, President of the Irondequoit Friends, and Terri Dalton shared the Irondequoit Friends “road show.” They modeled their t-shirts which they wear to every town board meeting. Teal is their signature color. In 2011 the Friends were re-energized and have given this presentation throughout the town. Their purpose is much better known as a result. The Friends partner with other town groups and maintain a stall at the local farmers market. “Who we are, what we do, and why we do it” is their simple message. The presentation highlighted library programs for all ages from zombie apocalypse to zumba. The total was 525 programs with 13,935 attendees. In 2011, Irondequoit held the first Walk to Connect between their two branches 3 miles apart.

Round robin sharing of successful ideas from the other 9 groups of Friends attending Friends Council completed this semiannual meeting. All groups left feeling energized and with new ideas to consider for their Friends group. Between meetings, the 19 Friends groups in Monroe County keep in touch with a listserv maintained by Library Automation Services for the Monroe County Library System. The PLS Friends who attended this meeting were delighted with what they learned from their “friendly-minded” neighboring library system.

See the photo of Ann and Terri on page 3. This was the same presentation that they shared at the NYLA Annual Conference.
The Rochester Area Booksellers Association (RABA) has held an annual Antiquarian Book Fair since 1972. More than forty book dealers (local, regional, national, and international) offer used, rare, and collectible books as well as ephemera, prints, and photographic memorabilia. The 2013 fair moved from Minett Hall at the Monroe County Fairgrounds to the Main Street Armory. This beautiful and historic building is in the heart of the cultural district of Rochester.

In 2011, some members of our Pittsford Friends Executive Committee and devotees of the Antiquarian Book Fair suggested that we might find the fair a good outlet for our higher priced books. Franlee Frank of Greenwood Books, a long time organizer of the fair, was contacted with questions from us as to whether our group would fit into the fair and whether our books would be of interest to buyers. The answer was "yes" on both counts. We were enthusiastically welcomed to participate and assured that our collection would be a positive addition to the fair. The decision was made to go forward and in 2011, we went to the fair with a bit of apprehension. After all, the exhibitors are professional booksellers and we, amateurs. Therefore, we were shocked when the dealers happily bought our books as soon as we unpacked!

Our book sale committee's special pricing group determines which books will be offered at the fair. Generally books priced $10 or more are selected. In 2013, we displayed approximately 350 titles and sold one-third of the inventory. We rented two eight-foot tables from RABA at a cost of $125 per table. This helps defray the costs of running the fair. We use 12 folding bookcases which are part of the inventory from our regular book sales. The tables are covered with fabric rather than leaving them bare. Although the fair provides porters to help unload boxed books, we are always sure to have able-bodied Friends volunteers to help with set-up and break-down. After the fair, remaining books are reassessed and either sent to the Friends and Foundation of the Rochester Public Library to be sold online for us or put into our regular book sale. No books go to the fair twice.

The booksellers continue to be our best customers, their purchases making up to three-quarters of our sales. Other sales are made to serious as well as budding collectors. It is heartening to find that graduate students and other young people are avid seekers and buyers.

The Antiquarian Fair has been a positive experience. As with any fair, the atmosphere is festive and friendly. The 42nd Antiquarian Fair will be held at the Armory on Saturday, September 6, 2014. Hope to see you there either as a browser or as an exhibitor.

Avon Friends Restarting

The Library Board for the Avon Free Library was blessed with more worthy applicants for the Library Board than their charter could accommodate. Those applicants were asked to help restart the Friends of the Avon Free Library, previously an informal group of volunteers.

The new Friends steering committee composed of a village trustee, two library board applicants, a retired library employee and a previous resident of Avon now returned to the area, along with a Library Board liaison and the Library Director are pursuing the more formal path of a state charter and federal 501(c)(3) status.

Monthly meetings have shaped the Friends' Constitution and a Memorandum of Understanding with the Library Board, thanks to “borrowing with honor” from other area Friends groups. The new Avon Friends will help with the annual Holiday Open House at the library and has plans for the library's centennial in June 2014.

The Friends of the Avon Free Library are proof that a small, highly motivated group of volunteers can jump-start a defunct Friends group in quick order!

2013 Casey Award

As an author and journalist, Jan has written and co-authored a number of publications on local history, donating some of the proceeds from sales to the Friends. Janet Dempsey served as Town of Cornwall Historian from 1983 to 2010. Prior to teaching Elementary School for the Cornwall Central School District, she worked at The New York Public Library. She was nominated by Jane Harkinson, President of the Friends of Cornwall Library.

Congratulations Janet!

Please visit the EFR web page for more information about the Dan Casey Award and the 2014 award application at www.nyla.org.
Plaque at Bank Street College for Margaret Wise Brown

Hotels, bars, a lighthouse, and a windmill are just some of the sites in New York State that have been declared Literary Landmarks™ by United for Libraries (formerly known as Friends of Libraries USA). The Literary Landmark™ program began in 1986 to encourage the dedication of historic literary sites. In 1989, the Literary Landmark™ project became an official FOLUSA committee. Literary Landmarks™ continues with United for Libraries, the division of the American Library Association that was created by the joining of FOLUSA and the Association for Library Trustees and Advocates (ALTA).

The first Literary Landmark™ to be designated in New York was The Algonquin Hotel in 1996, home of the legendary Algonquin Roundtable. In 1998, the Empire State Friends became involved as a sponsor for the Plaza Hotel in honor of famed resident Eloise. There are currently eleven landmarks in New York State honoring sites and authors for both adults and children.

Local Friends groups, State Friends, trustees, and libraries may apply to dedicate a Literary Landmark™. The program is a way for local Friends groups to promote the literary heritage of their community. Did a famous author live in your neighborhood? Was a local site mentioned in a literary classic? Is a famous writer buried in a cemetery in your town? Any special location in your community that is tied to a deceased author, a literary work, or an important figure in literature may qualify for recognition as a Literary Landmark™ by United for Libraries.

The process for the designation of a Literary Landmark™ is straightforward and explained at the United for Libraries website http://www.ala.org/united/. The two most difficult issues to overcome are having a site accept the designation and finding sponsors to help underwrite the cost of the creation of the plaque. Currently the cost is $800 for the plaque alone. In the past, groups have asked each sponsor (e.g., a local newspaper, a bookstore) to contribute towards the cost.

When an appropriate landmark is identified, the sponsoring group applies to United for Libraries for official recognition and plans a dedication ceremony. Full details of applying and hosting a dedication event for a Literary Landmark™ can be found on the United for Libraries Web page www.ala.org/united/products_services/literary/landmarks

The Empire State Center for the Book, the New York State affiliate for the Library of Congress Center for the Book, has been very proactive in declaring Literary Landmarks™. In recent years the Center has taken the lead in the designation of the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine in New York City in honor of Madeleine L’Engle, the author of A Wrinkle in Time. Another site is the windmill at the Southampton campus of SUNY Stony Brook where Tennessee Williams resided for a summer. In May 2014, the Empire State Center for the Book will dedicate a public school on East 88th Street a Literary Landmark™ in honor of Bernard Waber, the creator of the picture book character Lyle the Crocodile who first appeared in a book entitled The House on East 88th Street.

The Empire State Center for the Book is happy to work with groups in having a site declared a Literary Landmark™. Designation is a cause for celebration and an unveiling ceremony is strongly encouraged. At certain designations, family members of the author are present and may speak at the ceremony in addition to the scholars and other dignitaries who attend. Literary Landmarks™ designation always garners press attention that in turn gives Friends groups the opportunity to blow their own horn about their organization and the work they do.

Oftentimes local historical associations are more than willing to be part of the event and will offer speakers or financial support. The Center for the Book is looking for opportunities to have Literary Landmarks™ designated throughout New York State. Many times we may have an historical site and do not see the literary significance. Chittenango may have an appropriate site for L. Frank Baum House; Brooklyn Heights may have a place associated with Henry Ward Beecher, Truman Capote, or Walt Whitman, and Albany has a direct link to Herman Melville. All could become Literary Landmarks™ if some local Friends groups take the initiative to work for its designation.

If you have a site that you think is worthy of Literary Landmark™ designation and would like the Empire State Center for the Book to assist in designation, please contact Rocco Staino at rocco.staino@gmail.com and place Literary Landmark™ Designation in the subject line.
Looking for some online learning tools to help you, library staff, and volunteers stay up-to-date on issues facing libraries and their Friends groups? Several state and national resources are available to help Friends, library trustees, and staff to become the most valuable allies they can be. Library supporters will be interested to check out these sites for new ideas for their library and Friends:

WebJunction (www.webjunction.org) On their homepage, under the heading “Explore Topics,” see “Friends & Trustees” under “Leadership.” The page pulls together resources from several state libraries including Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Connecticut (see below). Topics include fund-raising strategies, trustees and Friends, advocacy, and marketing.

United for Libraries: Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations. (www.ala.org/united) Parts of the UFL web page are open to the general public and parts are only accessible by password for their members. A division of the American Library Association, the group represents hundreds of thousands of library supporters uniting their voices in support of libraries. Under the “Resources for…” tab, select Friends groups. On the left sidebar, check out their Fact Sheets on a variety of topics from forming a Teen Friends Group to the distinct roles of the Friends and trustees.

Friends of Connecticut Libraries (FOCL) (http://foclib.org) This statewide organization supporting Friends groups is what EFR want to be when it grows up! There is such “rich content” on their web page, it is hard to begin to describe it. You’ll be “surfing” for hours with this as your starting point. Be certain to look at “Resources for Friends,” a collection of hotlinks on book sales, fund-raising, by-laws, volunteers, and advocacy. Their links to a calendar of book sales and used book stores in Connecticut are a thing of beauty!

Mid-Hudson Library System (MHLS) (http://midhudson.org) This public library system offers a wide assortment of resources for trustees and Friends of the Library. Their links provide much to consider, such as a Board policy on Friends, fund-raising resources, and volunteer issues. The Friends Group Resources page has links to notes from the System’s Friends Support Group discussions. MHLS offers local Friends groups staff consultation on by-laws and policies, long-range planning, and advocacy, among other topics. Their goal is to make library Friends “viable, vital, and visible” in the community. Links on the page include “getting started,” and volunteer management.

Ramapo Catskill Library System (RCLS) (www.rcls.org) Under “Member Libraries” tab, select Friends Groups. Links to the RCLS Member Library Friends Groups take you to the individual groups’ web pages, many with contact information for officers, dues, meeting times, and activities. A section, “Recent Local Friends Activities,” highlights noteworthy efforts such as Port Jervis Free Library’s “Little Free Library” literacy initiative.

Do you know of a great web site that can help Friends groups like yours? Tell us why you like it. Please submit your suggestions to EmpireFriendsRoundtable@frontier.com.

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Note: Members marked with an asterisk joined EFR as part of a promotion at our booth at the NYLA Annual Conference Trade Show!

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Anniversaries Make Wonderful Friends Celebrations!

Does your library have an anniversary or special celebration coming up? Use your Friends to plan a significant community event or fund-raising effort. Examples from the Rochester area:

- The Gates Library Board of the Gates Public Library used their 25th anniversary to request volunteers to restart their Friends group via a town-wide mailing. A core group of 16 volunteers succeeded in restarting their Friends group in 1986.
- In 2011, that same Friends group underwrote the publication of a 50 year history of the library with chapters on the Friends' 25th anniversary and achievements.
- Rochester Public Library published a Centennial book and held a Gala New Year's Party to kick off their Centennial year. They even had bookmarks for the bestsellers from each decade, along with a wonderful June event with “Melvil Dewey” present!
- The Friends of Gates Public Library sponsored a vintage movie drive-in event for their Town's Bicentennial in 2013 in their library parking lot and sold refreshments as a fund-raiser. Water and candy proved popular on this hot August night! 200 came to see Bye, Bye Birdie, on a large inflatable movie screen, either sitting in their cars or in a comfortable folding chair. Volunteers and Friends sported “glow in the dark” t-shirts!
- The Friends of the Rush Library are working with their Library Board and staff in planning programs for children, a dinner gala, and a major fund-raiser for 2014.

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Good Ideas from All Over
by Phyllis Kitt

Advocacy for libraries is the new hot topic for Friends Groups. "United for Libraries," along with the Neal-Schuman Foundation, has prepared a Power Guide that provides a step-by-step approach and allows you to develop a set of strategies and motivate your community. To download the Power Guide for Successful Advocacy, go to http://www.ala.org/united/powerguide

From South Windsor, CT: What a way to involve the community! "Pick of the Crop" is an annual program of short book reviews by five high-profile local townspeople. If you do it in the fall, inviting two people who are running for office would not be a bad idea.

Avon calling. From Norway, ME: "A Look at Lear" was a four-part series sponsored by the Friends of the Norway Memorial Library. The four consecutive Tuesday evening programs featured short readings from selected Shakespearean plays. The readings are done by Friends, preceded by a brief description of the play.

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Empire Friends Membership Registration

Use this form or join/renew online at www.NYLA.org

Name of Friends Group or Individual ____________________________

Mailing Address _____________________________________________

Contact Person _____________________________________________ Telephone ___________________________

E-mail Address ________________________________________________

___ Please include me on the EFR listserv.

___ Individual Membership ($35) includes EFR membership and all NYLA benefits.

___ Organizational Membership ($57) includes EFR membership and entitles the elected officers of a Friends group to become non-voting members of NYLA who receive the bi-monthly e-Bulletin, NYLA News You Can Use, NYLA Legislative Alerts, and reduced NYLA Annual Conference registration fees. The organizational member will also designate one individual as the primary contact person eligible to vote on behalf of the organization and receive the same benefits as an individual NYLA member.

___ Please add EFR to my existing NYLA membership: ___ individual ($5.00) ___ organizational ($7.00)

Amount enclosed $ _____________ Number of members in Friends Group __________________________

Make checks payable to NYLA (Indicate Empire Friends on your check) and send it along with this form. Organizational members, please register your officers by downloading the form and mail all items to NYLA/EFR, c/o Terry Mulee, 293 Elmdor Ave, Rochester, NY 14619. You may contact Terry at 585-328-6658 or EmpireFriendsRoundtable@frontier.com

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