EMPIRE FRIENDS ACHIEVEMENTS
1992-2007

1992:
- November 23, 1992: 340 letters and surveys were mailed to known NYS Friends groups to introduce them to EFR. Charlotte O’Dea elected 1st President.

1993: [missing May minutes]
- March 11, 1993: 1st workshop held on ‘How to Start a Friends Group’ and EFR joins FOLUSA [Friends of Libraries USA]
- April 1993: 1st newsletter distributed, 2 pages, with James Holley as Editor, Vestal Library
- July 1993: 2nd newsletter
- Fall 1993: 3rd newsletter
- November 6, 1993: 1st NYLA EFR programs are ‘Library Friends Organization and Operations’ and ‘Library Friends Objectives and Offerings’ An estimated 60 attend each program. Geoffrey Meek elected President.
- November 1993: 1st EFR Lifetime Achievement Award presented to Robert J. Trudell

1994: [missing all 1994 newsletters and NYLA programs for EFR]
- March 14, 1994: 1st mention of EFR videocassette
- July 13, 1994: EFR begins negotiation with NYLA for a lower NYLA conference feed for EFR program attendees.
- September 14, 1994: EFR videocassette ‘How to Form or Revitalize a Library Support Group’ completed. 20 minute production by Rochester Institute of Technology, funded by contributions and NYLA.
- Fall 1994: 2nd EFR Lifetime Recognition Award presented to NYS Assemblyman Michael J. Bragman. Nancy McRay elected President.

1995:
- Spring 1995: 7th newsletter
- July 13, 1995: Lifetime Achievement Award renamed to honor Daniel W. Casey and presented to him posthumously. Mr. Casey was known as ‘Mr. Library’ for his advocacy for NYS libraries beginning in the 1950’s. The plaque for all Daniel Casey award winners is put on display at NYLA HQ in Albany.
- Fall 1995: 8th newsletter from Liverpool Library
- October 28, 1995: Annual meeting at NYLA in Rochester. Randall Enos elected President.
• NYLA Conference programs are ‘The Biggest Little Booksale in the World’ [28 attend], ‘Focus on Friends Table Talks’ [? Attend], and ‘100 Ideas in 100 Minutes’ [82 attend]

1996:
• May 17, 1996: FOLUSA notifies EFR that EFR will receive the 1995 Baker & Taylor/FOLUSA’s award at ALA for EFR’s video production.
• July 6, 1996: EFR VP Nancy McRay receives the FOLUSA award at ALA Conference in Middletown, NY.
• August 6, 1996: Dan Casey Award given to Utica Friends for their work in winning back funding for the city library. A.Ross Kitt offers to publish future EFR newsletters through his company, General Code Publishers.
• Fall 1996: 9th newsletter is now 4 pages.

1997 [missing annual meeting minutes & 12/4/97 minutes]
• February 7, 1997: EFR day moved to Fridays at NYLA Conference.
• April 23, 1997: remake of EFR video discussed.
• Spring 1997: 10th newsletter published, thanks to General Code Publishers, Gates, NY with Phyllis Pittman as the new Editor
• Fall 1997: 11th newsletter

1998:
• Spring 1998: 12th newsletter
• Week of April 26, 1998: 1st Friends of Libraries week in New York State, thanks to Senate resolution 2714.
• Summer 1998: 13th newsletter features ‘Friends of the Library Week’
• August 1998: NYLA newsletter reprints FOLUSA article from their April/May issue about EFR’s ‘Friendly Persuasion’ [encouraging EFR membership among NYS legislators] and ‘NYS Friends of Libraries week’
• Fall 1998: 14th newsletter

1999 [missing all minutes]
• Winter 1999: 15th newsletter
• Summer 1999: 16th newsletter
• Fall 1999: 17th newsletter
October 29, 1999: EFR programs at NYLA in Buffalo are ‘Friendraising’, ‘Principles of Fundraising’ and ‘The Legislature is Us’. Iris Bartkowski re-elected 2000 President and Dan Casey Award winner is Friends of the Oswego Library for winning restoration of funding for the city library.

**2000 [missing all minutes]**
- Winter 2000: 18th newsletter
- Summer 2000: 19th newsletter
- Fall 2000: 20th newsletter

**2001: [missing all 2001 minutes before 9/7/01]**
- Winter 2001: 21st newsletter features EFR’s own Randall Enos who won the 2000 NYLA ‘Outstanding Service to Libraries Award’
- Summer 2001: 22nd newsletter [note two different newsletters with same date & number]
- September 7, 2001: Libby Pataki, wife to NYS Governor George Pataki, is asked to be EFR’s Honorary Chair for
- October 19, 2001: EFR programs at NYLA in Albany are ‘How to Make Friends and Keep Them’, ‘501(c)3 Becoming a Tax Exempt Organization’, ‘More Friends Reaching Out to Make Friends’. Kathy Adam is elected 2002 President and Daniel Casey Award winner is Harold J. Wusterbarth, Mohawk Valley Library Association Trustee and Schenectady Public Library Trustee.

**2002:**
- Winter 2002: 23rd newsletter features Libby Pataki as EFR’s Honorary Chairperson.
- Summer 2002: 24th newsletter
- October 25, 2002: 10th anniversary of EFR! EFR programs at NYLA in Buffalo are ‘Who Wants to Be a Book Sale Millionaire?’, ‘Partnering with Friends: Library Friends as Advocates’, ‘Friends Reaching Out to Make Friends’ with a special 10th Anniversary luncheon with a ‘Mark Twain’ impersonator! Randall Enos elected 2003 President and the Daniel Casey Award goes to Nicholas J. Pirro, County Executive, Onondaga County.

**2003**
- Winter 2003: 25th newsletter
- Spring 2003: 26th newsletter
- Fall 2003: 27th newsletter. Phyllis Pittman Kitt turns over newsletter editorship to Susan Swanton after editing the past 17 issues since 1997!
Message Out: Publicizing Your Friends’. Kathy Adam elected 2004 President and the Daniel Casey Award goes to Friends of Rochester Public Library for their advocacy efforts in the face of major budget cuts.

2004:
- February 13, 2004: Sue Swanton has updated EFR portion of NYLA web site.
- Winter 2004: 28th newsletter
- Summer 2004: 29th newsletter
- October 22, 2004: EFR programs at NYLA in Rochester: ‘How to Win a Referendum’, ‘Internet Book Sales’ and ‘Friends Making Friends’. Bill Pontius elected President and the Daniel Casey Award goes to The Friends of Macedon Public Library for their fundraising efforts for their library which burned down.

2005:
- Winter 2005: 30th newsletter
- Spring 2005: 31st newsletter
- June 17, 2007: Approval of scholarships to defray costs of NYLA EFR program attendance for EFR members for 2005.
- October 28, 2005: EFR programs at NYLA in Buffalo are: ‘Strategies to Get the Message Across’, ‘How to Start or Revitalize a Friends Group’, and ‘Friends Making Friends’. The Daniel Casey Award goes to Helen Marshall, Queens Borough President, on behalf of her advocacy for the Queens Borough Public Library.

2006:
- Winter 2006: 32nd newsletter
- April 28, 2006: In the absence of Fall 2005 officer elections, Susan Swanton was elected 2006 President.
- Fall 2006: 33rd newsletter
- November 3, 2006: EFR cosponsored the following programs at NYLA in Saratoga Springs ‘Education Commissioner Richard Mills’ talk’, ‘One Person Makes a Difference’, ‘Planning a Trip to the National Book Festival’ and ‘Low Cost-High Return Advocacy’. Susan Swanton was re-elected 2007 President and the Daniel Casey Award was presented to Hugh Lee, Trustee Emeritus of the Bovina Public Library.

2007:
- April 27, 2007: 15th anniversary plans for NYLA Conference in Buffalo approved.