Nominee For:  First Vice President/President-Elect

Term Ending:  November 2019

Name:  Rebecca Fuss
Rochester (Monroe County Library System)

Present Position:
Director of Programming & Outreach
Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library

Prior Work and Volunteer Experience:
2005 – 2008: Board member, Friends of the Rochester Public Library
Experience in program planning, execution, and publicity; special event planning; proposal writing and grants administration; volunteer coordination.

Education:
BA, St. John Fisher College (communication/journalism and political science)

Activities and Affiliations:
Newsletter editor, Beechwood Neighborhood Coalition
Capital campaign committee, Covenant United Methodist Church
Council on International Educational Exchange – host mother to German exchange student
Eastman Rochester Chorus member

Position Statement:
Libraries are the trusted spaces where anyone can learn, through books and traditional materials, technology and new media, or person to person. Friends groups are the main community support to make this happen. I welcome the opportunity to form relationships with Friends groups throughout New York State to share ideas, projects, and recognition of successes.
Candidate Profile
2016 FLS Executive Board Election

Nominee For: Second Vice President

Term Ending: November 2018

Name:
Terry Mulee (incumbent)
Rochester (Monroe County Library System)

Present Position:
Second Vice President, FLS Executive Board (2012 – present)
Newsletter Editor; Webpage Liaison; Communications Committee Chair

Prior Work and Volunteer Experience:
2011 – 2015: Executive Board of St. John’s Home Auxiliary; Membership Secretary; Communications Chair
2009, 2011, 2013: NYLA’s Youth Services Section Spring Conference Committee member
Girl Scouts of Genesee Valley: Over 30 years of service as a trainer and 20 years on the Library Team, overseeing the collections, organization, and operation of three library locations in the Council.

Education:
Nazareth College of Rochester: B.A. Religious Studies, Elementary Education Certification.
Numerous training and environmental education certifications

Activities and Affiliations:
Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.: life-long and Lifetime member; St. Monica Church: life-long member, alto in Contemporary Choir, and numerous volunteer activities over the years including (former) Silent Auction Coordinator. Amateur photographer and guest blogger.

Position Statement:
I'm not a librarian, but my best friend is. I've had lots of experience helping out in public libraries and with Friends groups. Libraries are the heartbeat of communities and Friends of Library groups are the lifeblood that helps maintain these gems. I joined Empire Friends Roundtable (EFR) four years ago when I was invited to come on the Board at the same time as my best friend. It's been a rewarding experience to be involved in EFR and now FLS as the Roundtable became a Section. Working on membership from the beginning and adding the newsletter and webpage have been challenging, in a good way. These tools are excellent ways to spread the message of FLS and get the word out that we're here to help. We've nearly doubled our membership since 2012. Library Friends have a good time together. That's also a good reason to be involved.
Candidate Profile
2016 FLS Executive Board Election

Nominee For: Treasurer

Term Ending: November 2018

Name:
Jennifer Little Kegler
Spencerport (Monroe County Library System)

Present Position:
Reference Librarian and Coordinator of Library Instruction
The College at Brockport, SUNY

Prior Work and Volunteer Experience:
Previously held similar positions at the University of South Carolina and Aiken and Taylor University in Indiana.

Education:
MLS, SUNY – Albany
BA, Magna Cum Laude, Houghton College, English and French.

Activities and Affiliations:
Friends of the Ogden Farmers’ Library (Secretary); Friends of Drake Memorial Library, The College at Brockport, SUNY (member); SUNY Librarians Association; Western NY/Ontario Chapter, Association of College and Research Libraries (Nominating Chair); First Bible Baptist Church (member).

Position Statement:
I am delighted to work with the Friends of Libraries Section, as a member of both my local public library's and my newly-formed academic library's Friends groups. Our shared love for libraries and equal access to information has encouraged me greatly! My first love for libraries developed in the rural Adirondacks where the Bookmobile would stop in my little hamlet. I grew to know and love the librarian; I found it so magical that new books, based on my interests, would arrive on the next highly anticipated visit. I also had a wonderful school librarian who inspired me with her knowledge and encouraged me to try different genres and new books. This love for books and learning continued into college and graduate school, where I became a librarian myself. I am looking forward to giving back to the communities, both large and tiny, that so inspired me.
Candidate Profile
2016 FLS Executive Board Election

Nominee For: Member At Large

Term Ending: November 2018

Name:
Vicki N. Kosovac (incumbent)
Hudson (Mid-Hudson Library System)

Present Position:
Member At Large, FLS Executive Board (2015 – present)

Prior Work and Volunteer Experience:
Friends of the Hudson Area Library (Chair, Book Sale Room Committee; Chair, Membership Committee). Hudson Area Library (Board Member/Chair, Marketing and Media Committee, History Room Committee). Albany Academy (Parent Organization volunteer); Albany Institute of History & Art (Collections and Special Events volunteer); Cosgrove Associates, Inc. (Senior Vice President); Clermont Historic Site (Board member, Friends of Clermont); New York Theatre Ballet (Board member); Second Show Community Thrift Shop, Hudson (volunteer).

Education:
Cass Technical High School
Pratt Institute

Activities and Affiliations:
School Life Media (nonprofit): Marketing and Media Consultant
The Hudson Fortnightly Club (member); Greenport Historical Society (member)

Position Statement:
Friends groups have an important role to play in the success of their associated libraries. Developing a Friends group to its full potential is hard work and the volunteer’s time is precious. Hopefully, with the insights I’ve gleaned from my experiences of revamping a moribund local group to the vital organization it is today, my help will inspire and motive other Friends groups statewide in the future.
Candidate Profile
2016 FLS Executive Board Election

Nominee For: Member At Large

Term Ending: November 2018

Name:
Leslie S. W. Riley (incumbent)
Cornwall-on-Hudson (Ramapo Catskill Library System)

Present Position:
Member At Large, FLS Executive Board (2013 - 2015; 2016 - present)
Reader for the Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award (2016 - present)

Prior Work and Volunteer Experience:
Friends of the Cornwall Public Library (Recording Secretary, Board of Directors; Bookstore Volunteer; Member of the Board, 32+ yrs.); Public Services Consultant and Outreach Coordinator, Ramapo Catskill Library System (20 yrs.); Substitute Librarian, Newburgh Public Library; Director, Cornwall Public Library (18 yrs.); Head of Children’s Department, Danbury Public Library; Acting Children's Librarian, Bedford Hills Public Library.

Education:
MLS, SUNY - Albany; BA, Western College for Women, Music and Philosophy
Additional training: Outreach Leadership Institute; Planning for Results; Managing for Results; Spanish Language Outreach; Peer Counseling

Activities and Affiliations:
Cornwall Public Library: Selection Committee for Library Director (2015); Literacy Orange, Middletown (honorary member)

Position Statement:
A vital Friends of the Library organization develops good communication between the Friends, the Library Director and staff, Library Trustees, and/or the Library Foundation and the community. It is a great pleasure to serve with the dynamic leadership of the Friends of Libraries Section, "to promote and inspire local Friends groups." During a 42-year library career, there have been exceptional opportunities to reach out and generate interest that would affect the libraries' impact on their communities. I am looking forward to assisting the FLS Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award Committee; being available to share experiences and ideas that add value to NYS's Friends organizations; and participating in the outcomes and projects of FLS. Thank you!
Candidate Profile
2016 FLS Executive Board Election

Nominee For: Member At Large

Term Ending: November 2018

Name:
Ristiina Wigg (incumbent)
Corning (Southern Tier Library System)

Present Position:
Member At Large, FLS Executive Board (2014 - present)

Prior Work and Volunteer Experience:
1998 – 2013: Executive Director, Southern Tier Library System

Education:
Currently pursuing BFA, School of Art and Design, Alfred University
AMLS (Master of Arts in Library Science), University of Michigan
BA, Oakland University (Rochester, Michigan)

Activities and Affiliations:
Member of the Friends of the Southeast Steuben County Library, the Arts Council of the Southern Finger Lakes, and 171 Cedar Arts Center (Corning).

Position Statement:
As Friends, you are an essential support for your library. So often our neighbors don't know the wonderful resources—materials, programs, and staff—that our libraries have; Friends spread the word. Friends groups are vital as libraries balance the traditional programs and collections that people love, with the new, ever-changing services and materials that people need and want. As a member of the Friends of Libraries Section Board, I look forward to using my years of library experience and understanding of the unique needs of individual communities to work with you, sharing ideas, finding information that you need, and strengthening advocacy for our libraries.