



New York Library Association Friends of Libraries Section Annual Report to the Membership

November 10, 2017 at the NYLA Annual Conference, Saratoga Springs, NY



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FLS Year in Review

2017 Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award Winner:

Colleen Powers, Wadsworth Library, Geneseo

Annual Friends Group Meet-Up (following in-person FLS Executive Board Meeting): Over forty Friends, directors, and trustees from the Capital Region along with FLS Executive Board members from across the state participated in the May 15 event at the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library. The Friends of the CPH Library provided refreshments during the lively exchange of ideas and information.

Regional Workshops: More than 80 volunteers, staff, and trustees from 39 libraries in 7 public library systems attended FLS regional workshops in 2017. "Keep It Growing! Strengthening Your Friends of the Library Group" was presented by Lisa C. Wemett and Terry Mulee at Victor Farmington Library on January 27, North Country Library System (Watertown, with videoconferencing to Oswego and Potsdam) on May 10, and Webster Public Library on September 30.

CE Workshop: FLS held its first NYLA Annual Conference Continuing Education workshop on November 8, 2017. CPA John C. Parcell IV spoke on Fiduciary Practices for Nonprofit Organizations. Over 30 participants registered for the program.

2017 NYLA Annual Conference: FLS offered its most ambitious line-up of programs on topics of interest to Friends of Libraries with five workshops over two days. FLS also had a booth at the Trade Show offering networking, section memberships, raffle prizes, member gifts, newsletters, and other giveaways.

FLS thanks Executive Director Tim Gavin and the Library Trustees Association of New York State for LTA's continued partnership with FLS and generous support of the five FLS workshops at the NYLA Annual Conference.

FLS is also pleased to have the support of the Public Libraries Section (PLS) as a workshop co-sponsor as well as first-time co-sponsor the Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library (FFRPL) for two workshops. All of these collaborations make it possible for FLS to offer diverse topics and quality programming for library Friends, trustees, and staff.

FLS Strategic Plan: A Board committee is nearing completion of our first strategic plan. This 2018-2020 plan supports our mission and NYLA's goals.

Archives: A Board committee has determined a plan of action for electronic storage of selected Section records.

Membership: FLS has 169 members including 53 Friends of the Library groups. 75% of members have chosen FLS as their primary NYLA section. (Thank you - that helps keep the treasury strong!)

Treasurer's Report: In fiscal year 2016 - 2017 FLS revenue was \$2600 and expenditures were \$1995, a net gain of \$605. 44% of FLS expenses were conference related and membership revenue was \$1904. The closing Fund Balance as of June 30 was \$4719.

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