



NEW YORK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
The Voice of the Library Community

**New York Library Association Friends of Libraries Section  
Annual Report to the Membership  
November 9, 2018 at the NYLA Annual Conference, Rochester, NY  
Kate Gleason Auditorium, Central Library of Rochester & Monroe County**



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

Archivist: Susan Swanton

FLS Newsletter and Webpage Editor: Terry Mulee

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Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award Coordinator:

Marie Bindeman

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FLS Dewey Fellowship Award Coordinator: Kitty

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