FLS Presents 2016 Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award
by Joyce Laiosa

On a dark night in early November, the Onondaga Free Library was a welcoming sight for a lovely ceremony honoring the latest Daniel W. Casey Award winner, Anne Andrianos, President of the Friends. The library windows were large and inviting as the lights from inside (and outside, too) shown into the night. I was impressed with the library building, the hand painted murals, the inviting children's area, and the busy atmosphere of the library. The community room was set up for voting in the next day's election.

The regular Friends meeting began with a ceremony to honor Anne with the FLS plaque and to also honor her from the community. Joining me in accolades were Lisa Sacco, District Director for New York State Assemblywoman Pamela J. Hunter (D-128th District) and New York State Senator John DeFrancisco (R- 50th District). As it was the night before an election, it was very kind to have a representative from Assemblywoman Hunter and Senator DeFrancisco.

The sincere words from state legislators were heightened by memories of Daniel Casey. Dan Casey's hometown library was Solvay, NY, near Onondaga Free Library in the Syracuse area. Senator DeFrancisco remembered all the work Dan had done for his hometown library before he went on to serve in New York State organizations as well as the United States National Commission on Libraries and Informational Services. It was inspiring to hear people who personally knew Dan Casey and remembered his work.

Anne was very grateful for the honors, but spoke of her team that worked with her. Susan Morgan, Onondaga Free Library's director, praised Anne's leadership role in re-energizing the organization, her innovative fund-raising ideas, and efforts toward attracting new members. All in all, Dan Casey would have been proud.

FLS 2016 NYLA Annual Conference Recap

The Friends of Libraries Section had its most successful NYLA Conference to date. Our four programs were attended by more than 150 people. The FLS Booth at the Trade Show was a very busy place with people stopping by to receive their member gifts, buy raffle tickets, join FLS, ask questions about Friends groups, and pick up information including our newsletter, membership brochure, and regional workshops brochure. Representatives from three different libraries spoke with Lisa Wemett and Randy Enos during the Consultant Give Back time to learn more about Friends groups. The FLS Executive Board also held a brief meeting while so many members were in Saratoga Springs for the Conference. Please read on for details about each of our programs.

Friends Grow Friends Online

More than 60 people heard consultant Polly-Alida Farrington highlight ways Friends groups and libraries could boost their marketing to reach their community about membership in the Friends, fund-raising, events, and opportunities for advocacy on behalf of the library.

Content about the Friends, whether it is hosted on the library’s website or on a Facebook page, should make it easy to become a member and learn about volunteer support for the library. A quick show of hands revealed audience members who are currently using their own Friends webpage, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, the library’s webpage, and other sites to help library patrons

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Doorways
A Message from FLS President Janet Kreason

Several years ago the teens at my library were challenged to write a story or poem about the antique doors on permanent display within the building. The pair of wooden doors from a nearby hotel features dentils and other symmetrical designs. The single door, from a local farmhouse, has lovely colored glass panes and a delicately chased doorbell. Contest participants were asked to imagine and describe who was entering or exiting the doors, when, where, and to what purpose.

How do you use your library’s doors? As Friends, we may use the doorways in our buildings to go out to the community as ambassadors or to bring the community in for a wide range of experiences, learning, and recreational opportunities.

There's nothing like a good bargain or unique find! Friends are famous for sales, inside or outside the building. Used book sales, trunk sales, art auctions, community cookbooks, plant sales and swaps are just a few means of generating public interest and library revenue.

Community reads, Battle of the Books, potlucks, parade floats and festival tables engender camaraderie in our neighborhoods. Delivery of books to the homebound, community centers and food pantries takes the library to those who may not be able to come to us. Creative fundraising events can become cherished local traditions.

What better time to go out the library doors as advocates than budget vote time? Capital campaigns may result in new or additional doors for our buildings.

Bus doors furnish opportunities to forge friendships with neighbors while traveling to museums, art galleries or performing arts events in other communities. Passing through airplane doors can be the first step on a voyage to other lands for a rich range of cultural experiences.

Of course, not all doorways are physical. The Friends’ web presence is a portal to information and opportunities even when the library is closed. When Friends sponsor an author visit, listeners enter the realm of the writer’s imagination, experience and perspective.

Each community is unique. Your door’s design may be simple, elaborate, or something in between. How will you use it over the coming years to keep traffic flowing both in and out of the library? FLS is the portal between Friends groups around the state. We are here to help you generate and share your best ideas through our newsletter, annual meet-up, NYLA conference sessions, and more. Our doors are always open.

FLS Year Two, In Review

FLS had a most productive second year as a NYLA Section.

★ Membership increased by 28%
★ The treasury increased by 22%
★ Presented four regional workshops across the state:
  ♦ Two sponsored by Library Systems
  ♦ Two sponsored by Friends of the Library groups
  ♦ Two Getting Started: Creating and Sustaining a Friends Group for Your Library
  ♦ Two Keep It Growing! Strengthening Your Friends of the Library Group
  ♦ 118 attendees from more than 40 libraries in eight Library Systems
  ♦ 87% of evaluation respondents rated the workshops "Outstanding"
★ Attendance at Second Annual Friends Group Meet-Up sponsored by FLS Executive Board (following annual in-person board meeting) increased by 120%; 22 attendees from eight libraries in three Library Systems and one Regional Library Council
★ Secured NYS Senate Proclamation commemorating National Friends of Libraries Week for second year in a row
★ Established the FLS Tribute Fund and Honor Roll
★ Presented the 2016 Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award to Anne Andrianos, President of the Friends of Onondaga Free Library
★ FLS Executive Board Leadership Manual updated and uploaded to FLS webpage
★ 2016 NYLA Annual Conference highlights:
  ♦ First Dewey Fellowship for FLS awarded to Kitty Bressington, Friends of the Avon Free Library
  ♦ Sponsored four programs
  ♦ Increased participation in FLS programs by 40%

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And yet, e-mail is still "the Holy Grail." Many groups have electronic newsletters, often delivered by MailChimp. A first step is to gather e-mail addresses from your members. Encourage patrons to sign up online, whether on Facebook or the library's website, and share their address. To reward them, a return "thanks for signing up for the newsletter" message could also have a coupon to use at the next book sale.

If the Friends have a Facebook page, you must invite people to that community and encourage current Friends members to share the site with their personal friends. Schedule your Facebook posts in advance, so people will see them in plenty of time to attend a program. Re-post neighborhood events that patrons would find appealing, showing that the Friends are active and interested in the community.

Friends can advocate on their own site for passage of budgets and legislation affecting libraries, while libraries cannot include this information on their websites. Other content the group should consider: how to donate to the organization; ground rules for avoiding unusable donations for book sales; volunteer opportunities; volunteer recognition and engagement (see "Meet a Friend of the Florida Public Library"); slide shows of activities; and absolutely, how to join with online or printable membership forms. Some free tools to start your own website include Weebly, Google Sites, and WordPress.com.

Polly's wrap-up included excellent examples of projecting a uniform message across all these platforms, using consistent images (e.g., the Friends logo, a photograph of the library's façade), colors, and contact information. Polly's slides and her resource page are available online. See the box at the bottom of page 7 for links to Conference Program Resources.

You will want to review these carefully to develop your online presence, expand it, refresh it, and continue to grow your volunteer organization.

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Book Sale Bonanza!

You might not have a line of pup tents on the sidewalk, put out the welcome mat for dealers arriving from all across the country, own your own warehouse, or offer six weekends of merchandise annually, but you can certainly admire the finely-tuned book sales of the Friends of the Tompkins County Public Library (FTCPL) in Ithaca (www.friendsoftcpl.org). Seventy years in the making, these sales are legendary; one audience member dubbed this conference session "The book sale to die for!"

Volunteer Jai Blackburn, Friends President Nina Scholtz, and former sale coordinator Beryl Barr described the book sales that have made FTCPL's operation one of the ten largest library sales in the country. Each sale (May and October) encompasses three consecutive weekends (Saturday through Monday) and more than 250,000 selections of newly donated stock. The first day runs 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.; subsequent days open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The prices go down each day over the course of the month. Each season, mid-sale, they offer special hours on a Wednesday just for seniors (age 60+) and students.

As large as this operation is, in a city of 30,500 residents with many thousands of college and university students and faculty to draw upon as volunteers, organization is key. Beryl Barr noted 200+ volunteers individually give hundreds
The chosen title needs to be available and October, both with strategically placed ballot boxes and for the event; town-wide balloting takes place in September discussion groups, etc. Several community book groups venues around the towns: schools, senior centers, book read one common title each year and discuss it in many project (Public Library introduced the Sheila Morroni of the Friends of Clifton Park - Halfmoon group. (tables help to facilitate heartfelt conversations in each tables set like a restaurant with tablecloths. The participants "The tables virtually groan with great food" with the library food and decorations representing their home countries. luncheons held two times each year. EAL participants bring a tea and over three years has progressed into potluck their new neighborhoods. for EAL students to practice their English and to learn about the Friends, spoke of the difficulties in finding opportunities have risen in popularity. Wilma Jozwiak, a co-President of the library's "English as Another Language" (EAL) classes As Clifton Park attracts new residents from many countries, "Crossing Cultures" began as a tea and over three years has progressed into potluck luncheons held two times each year. EAL participants bring food and decorations representing their home countries. "The tables virtually groan with great food" with the library tables set like a restaurant with tablecloths. The participants are wildly enthusiastic about the luncheons and the smaller tables help to facilitate heartfelt conversations in each group. (http://www.friendsofcphlibrary.org/)

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Friends Showcase 2016

The second annual membership meeting of FLS was held on Friday afternoon. President Sarah Sachs introduced the 2015 - 2016 Executive Board and acknowledged their dedicated service. President Sachs announced that the 2016 Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award was given to Anne Andrianos for her pivotal role in revitalizing the Friends of the Onondaga Free Library. Award Coordinator Joyce Laiosa was attending a reception on November 7 in Syracuse to present the plaque to Anne. The first FLS Dewey Fellow, Kitty Bressington, President of the Friends of the Avon Free Library, was recognized and congratulated on receiving her scholarship to attend the Annual Conference. Sarah passed the gavel to Janet Kreason, the third president of FLS, who then introduced the incoming Executive Board.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the second “Friends Showcase” was presented, featuring two Friends groups: the Clifton Park - Halfmoon Public Library and the Saratoga Springs Public Library.

As Clifton Park attracts new residents from many countries, the library’s “English as Another Language” (EAL) classes have risen in popularity. Wilma Jozwiak, a co-President of the Friends, spoke of the difficulties in finding opportunities for EAL students to practice their English and to learn about their new neighborhoods. “Crossing Cultures” began as a tea and over three years has progressed into potluck luncheons held two times each year. EAL participants bring food and decorations representing their home countries. “The tables virtually groan with great food” with the library tables set like a restaurant with tablecloths. The participants are wildly enthusiastic about the luncheons and the smaller tables help to facilitate heartfelt conversations in each group. (http://www.friendsofcphlibrary.org/)

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Friends of Academic Libraries

The final FLS program offering only attracted ten folks in the last slot of the 2016 NYLA Annual Conference, but the energy was palpable as the audience wholly embraced a concept many had not considered before: Friends of the Library groups on campus.

Amy Pass, Instructional Librarian at the Russell Sage College Library, is the staff facilitator of the RSC Library Student Friends (https://www.facebook.com/rscfriends/). Functioning similarly to a public library teen advisory board, this group operates internally, attracting students who are library users, employees, and alumnus of this women’s college. The Student Friends have provided guidance for library projects (e.g., revisions to the library’s webpage), amenities (e.g., improved signage to describe Library of Congress classification to users, wall clocks), and advocated for a “quiet floor” in the library for studying.

This advisory group does not have officers and meets irregularly, but has a huge impact on student life, leading to community building and closer relationships with library staff. Amy listens carefully to what this group loves and doesn’t love about the library and takes their ideas seriously. She gets back to them about the outcomes, encouraging the group by implementing many of their suggestions. To grow the group, which continuously changes as students graduate, Amy makes a personal connection with each member, asking student leaders and new staff to become involved. Marketing the Friends includes table tents, posters around campus, and social media. Offering pizza at noon and encouraging members to bring a friend has helped attract about ten students per gathering. The library director is very supportive, sometimes attending the get-togethers and providing funds for food and projects. Amy urges keeping the meetings fresh and hopes to expand this program to their college’s Albany campus. Send Amy questions at passa@sage.edu.

Charlie Cowling, librarian and archivist at Drake Memorial Library at The College at Brockport, serves on the Executive Committee of the Friends of the Drake Memorial Library (FODL) (ccowling@brockport.edu). Founded in 2014 at the urging of a local benefactor, FODL includes staff, faculty, students, alumni, emeriti, and other community members who are committed to enhance and expand the library experience for all patrons. A staff member from the college’s Advancement Office participates in each meeting.

See "The Scroll," FODL’s first newsletter, on their webpage (http://library.brockport.edu/friends) which outlines all the events and activities the organization has offered during their first two years. Successes include a picnic dinner on the lawn followed by a classic film with local connections ($20 per person), a “Trip Down Memory Lane” featuring items from the college’s archives collection, and an
Honoring 25th Anniversary With a Friends Group Membership Drive

The 2017 NYLA Annual Conference will mark the 25th anniversary of Friends of the Library Groups having their own “group” in NYLA. Originally known as the Empire Friends Roundtable, founded in Lake Placid in 1992, the Friends of Libraries Section is embarking on its third year as a Section in NYLA.

FLS is very proud of its roots as the Empire Friends Roundtable. To honor this history and to further a goal in NYLA’s 2017 - 2020 Strategic Plan (attaining a level of 500 organizational members), FLS is launching a campaign to get at least 25 Friends of the Library Groups to join NYLA as new Organizational Members this year.

In a collaboration with NYLA, FLS will send a direct mailing appeal to Friends Groups across the state to join FLS and NYLA. We ask you, our current members, to help in this effort. Please ask your own group to become an organizational member if not already at that level. If your Friends Group is already a member of FLS, please encourage your neighboring Friends to do the same!

NYLA currently has over 5,000 members. The more we can increase that number the greater the effect we can have on advocacy at both the state and local levels. Friends of the Library are essential for libraries to survive, and better yet, thrive. Please consider how you can help in this effort!

The benefits of membership in the FRIENDS of Libraries Section:
- Friends News and Notes quarterly newsletter
- Reduced NYLA membership rates for Friends and Friends groups¹
- Inspiration for new ideas, projects, and activities to promote your Friends group and your library
- Engage in advocacy for libraries locally and statewide²
- Network with Friends groups across the state
- Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award and FLS Dewey Fellowship
- Special registration rates for the NYLA Annual Conference³

1. reduced rate for individual membership in NYLA (Friends, Trustees, and Library Retirees dues are lower than regular NYLA membership rates) and reduced rate for organizational membership in NYLA (Friends group dues are lower than any not-for-profit organization, institution, university, library, or library system that joins NYLA)
2. become a Library Champion when you register at the NYLA Online Advocacy Center at www.nyla.org/advocacy
3. available for the following NYLA member types: personal members at the Friend, student, trustee, or retiree level and individuals belonging to an organizational member Friends Group including the primary contact for the group (voting member) and the elected officers of that Friends Group who have been registered as non-voting members of NYLA

Additional membership information is on page 6

Regional Workshops Roundup

FLS has been on the move this year, presenting in-person workshops for Friends groups from the Hudson Valley to Buffalo. In May, the Ramapo Catskill and Mid-Hudson Library Systems hosted workshops on successive evenings. "Getting Started: Creating and Sustaining a Friends Group for Your Library" was held at the Newburgh Free Library for 38 volunteers, trustees, and staff members. The MHLS system headquarters in Poughkeepsie was the site for "Keep It Growing! Strengthening Your Friends of the Library Group" which 34 people attended. This combined effort of neighboring library systems was a great success, reaching members from across RCLS and MHLS as well as other systems in the region including Westchester and Nassau County.

At the end of September, Past President Lisa Wemett and Second Vice President Terry Mulee traveled to the Southtowns of the Buffalo Erie County Library System. Hosted by the Friends of the Orchard Park Public Library, "Keep It Growing" was enthusiastically received by 30 participants. There was even a waiting list to attend!

In all, 118 people from more than 40 libraries and eight library systems received training this year and had an opportunity to network with other Friends groups close to home. Here are just a few comments from volunteers and staff who attended these sessions:
- Very detailed and informative presentation. I learned a lot that I didn't know before!
- This was great. The fact that this workshop exists means my NYLA dues were worth it.
- I can't begin to tell you how much the presentation inspired me. Your talk was just what I needed to re-stoke my commitment to keeping the group afloat.
- Please accept my thanks for your time and the patient - and FUN - explanation you provided.
- Wish I had been here 2 years ago.

The North Country Library System has booked "Keep It Growing" for Wednesday, May 10, 2017, in Watertown and will live-stream the session to their satellite sites in both Potsdam and Oswego. Registration information will be posted in NYLA's "News You Can Use" early next year. Participants do not need to be members of NCLS to attend.

If you want to create a Friends organization or grow an established group that will assist with ongoing volunteer and financial support for your community library, these sessions are for you. For a $50 fee (and travel expenses when applicable), these workshops can be hosted by an individual library, Friends of Libraries group, or library system that is a member of NYLA and FLS. Both workshops are geared to Friends or community volunteers, library trustees, and interested staff. For more information about hosting, please contact Lisa Wemett at lisawemett@frontiernet.net.
of hours; collectively more than 12,000 volunteer hours drive each sale. "You need to make the volunteers feel like magic!" which includes a lounge to rest, snacks galore, clean restrooms, and free membership in FTCPL for volunteering 30 hours or more. A "Member-only Pre-Sale" is open to persons who have paid $100, FTCPL’s "Book Collector" membership level.

Beryl has served as sale coordinator for the past seven years. Here are just a few of her tips that can certainly be implemented at smaller sales:

- **Rules:** Establish rules for all shoppers and enforce them. Beryl has escorted violators to the door. Scanning of any sort is not allowed at the pre-sale. Books cannot be stockpiled to be checked—if it is in your pile, you've bought it. Be consistent—it will make your sale one that people want to shop, when book dealers and other customers are treated equally.

- **Color-coding:** Besides your categories, think color to help provide direction for shoppers and sorters alike (e.g., fiction is red, children's is blue).

- **Donation jars:** By having jars at the cashier tables, people often take their change and drop it directly into the jars, increasing the profit for FTCPL.

- **Counting stations:** Have tables before the actual cashiers where shoppers have their books counted by "Pricers." Write out a slip indicating the number of items (FTCPL only use four categories of prices) plus any add-ons (e.g., raffle tickets, T-shirts, book bags), giving the total amounts due to the cashier.

- **Sorting parties:** Build some camaraderie for a seemingly never-ending task. Offer your volunteers food and provide some competition, seeing which teams can handle the most donations in an hour.

This passionate community of volunteers helps the Friends donate to their library, the library system, and schools, offering personnel specific times to glean items before the sales start with no limits on what the staff takes for their collections. A popular lottery is offered to system libraries to receive 100 items from the sale at no cost. FTCPL donated more than 5100 volumes last year. At the conclusion of the sale, a "teacher/preacher" day allows local nonprofits to take items gratis. Despite 80% of the items being sold, there are still leftovers that are purchased by the Rotary Club for their literacy projects and ultimately, by Thrift Books (www.thriftbooks.com). This company sells items online, providing the FTCPL with another $5,000 in revenue annually.

Raising $8.7 million since 1947 and $500,000 in 2014 alone gives the Friends a wonderful opportunity to support their library and member libraries of the Finger Lakes Library System (FLLS). President Scholtz noted that beyond the book sale, the group also raises funds with the local virtual giving day (Giving is Gorges), online sales of textbooks, and through an annual quilt raffle. A donation of $335,000 this year to the Tompkins County Public Library provided for professional development for staff, accounted for 80% of the library's collection development funds, and purchased supplies to prepare materials for loan. Through the Friends' Special Endowment Fund, the group also offers grants to smaller libraries in the FLLS and to nonprofit community groups fostering literacy. An enormous sense of pride for the Friends was the purchase of a delivery van for FLLS, benefiting the entire system. Education grants are available to students pursuing a degree in library and information science, encouraging them to work in Tompkins County. Scholtz also pointed out the Friends role in community advocacy and their recent success in encouraging county legislators to fund a new librarian position in the library's Learning Lab.

Want to learn more? Go to www.booksale.org. Use the search engine on the site to see a 15-minute training video for their pricers and a PDF of the pricer instructions (which outlines their sales categories). Beryl Barr is willing to answer your questions at berylrbarr@gmail.com. In 2014, Life in the Finger Lakes Magazine published an article about "Ithaca's Booming Book Sale," available online at http://www.lifeinthefingerlakes.com/ithacas-booming-book-sale/. FTCPL works cooperatively with the Tompkins County Public Library Foundation (www.tcppfoundation.org), the library's fund-raising arm for bequests and memorials, which has its own separate staff and Board of Directors.
in several media formats, have broad appeal to men and women, and work to generate ideas for events connected to the book. Funding from book sales, vacation travel tours sponsored by the Friends, and membership dues cover the costs. Programs kick off in January and in various years, have included visits by the author, luncheons, film screenings, and even motor coach trips. One year, Markus Zusak, author of The Book Thief, "visited" from Australia via Skype!

Lorrie Anthony, President of the Friends of the Saratoga Springs Public Library (FSSPL), outlined how the Friends began to analyze the limited success of their program offerings. With adult programs organized by library staff and many events hosted by the local independent bookstore, the Friends questioned the marketing of their efforts, seemingly in competition with other similar programs. The FSSPL’s three literary programs were conceived to bring people to the library, but with low attendance figures, FSSPL felt there might be a better use of the $4,000 they were spending annually.

Kali Nagler, children’s librarian at SSPL, wanted to hire a local filmmaker to teach students filmmaking from both sides of the camera. During spring break, 36 children and teens participated in the “Don’t Wait to UnMake a Bully” program. Michael Feurstein of Schenectady taught a six-day “crash course” in movie making. Students in grades 4 and up worked together to write a script to produce a 7-minute film. Presented in the style of a public service announcement, their film had an anti-bullying message, reinforcing the importance of kindness to others, learning to get along, and integrity. Students helped direct, operate the camera and lighting, and acted in the film. The film “Space Invaders” premiered in the library with a red carpet walk for the actors and filmmakers. More than 100 people attended, asking the students follow-up questions about their project and later enjoying an ice cream social. The underwriting of this project by the Friends was instrumental in its success. Nagler has now applied for an arts council grant to offer a second program. Feurstein’s contact information is in the “Performers and Programs” database, a free resource for entertaining and educational programs for all ages throughout New York State. Find the database at www.performersandprograms.com.

To find more information on this prestigious award visit www.NYLA.org/Friends and click on “Awards & Scholarships.”

For more information on Friends groups in academic settings, visit United for Libraries at www.ala.org/united/friends/academic. Members of United for Libraries have access to a toolkit, "Academic Library Friends: A Toolkit for Getting Started—You Can Do This!" written by Charles D. Hanson, Director of Library Services, Kettering University (Flint, Michigan). Appendices include a sample memorandum of understanding (operating agreement) and by-laws. United for Libraries’ newsletter, “The Voice for America's Libraries,” devotes a page to “Friends on Campus” in every issue. When attending the American Library Association’s annual conferences, consider attending the meetings of the Academic Friends and Development Officers Discussion Group.

It is difficult to know how many Friends groups are operating in academic settings, but the 2013 “Trends and Statistics Survey” tallied by the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) of the American Library Association found that 28% of college and university libraries have a Friends of the Library group. FLS is interested to hear about more groups in NYS. Let us know about your organization by sending a note to FLS.NYLA@yahoo.com.

**Conference Program Resources**

Find online resources from FLS Conference programs at www.NYLA.org/Friends and click on “Events” For other programs visit www.NYLA.org and click on “News & Events” then “Conference & Trade Show” and finally on “2016 Conference Program Presentation Archive”
In tribute to Anne Andrianos, winner of the 2016 FLS Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award, for her success in leading the Friends of the Onondaga Free Library back from the brink of disbanding to being an active, thriving organization. You are a Good Friend. (from a friend)

Add a name to the FLS Tribute Fund List and honor that special individual or group. Choose Friend, Good Friend, or Best Friend!

It’s so easy to do! Visit www.NYLA.org/Friends and click on Awards & Scholarships for more information and to download the form.

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◆ First collaboration with Academic Friends of Libraries Groups for a program at the Conference
◆ Continued co-sponsorship collaboration with Library Trustees Association of New York State
◆ FLS member gifts available to Conference attendees second year in a row
◆ Successful raffle, membership drive, and networking at FLS Booth during the Trade Show
◆ Offered Consultant Hours for Friends Group topics for second year
◆ FLS Executive Board is geographically diverse representing 9 Library Systems

National Friends of Libraries Week Celebrations
by Marie Orlando

Friends groups around the country set up displays, held membership drives and hosted special events during the week of October 16-22, 2016 to celebrate National Friends of Libraries Week. In New York State several Friends groups, including Friends of the Millbrook Library, the Seymour Library, the Kinderhook Memorial Library and the Irondequoit Public Library, displayed the Senate Proclamation honoring Friends groups throughout New York. The Brighton Memorial Library displayed one from their Town Council as well. At a reception on October 19, the Friends of the Kinderhook Memorial Library presented the Library’s Board of Trustees with a check for $8000 as a gift to its Capital Campaign. The dates for NFOLW next year are October 15-21, 2017. It’s never too early to start planning.