How Did You Celebrate National Friends of Libraries Week?

The Friends of the Plattsburgh Public Library posted the New York State Senate National Friends of Libraries Week Proclamation on their Facebook page. (FLS sells facsimile copies of the resolution in advance of NFOLW each year.)

The Thrall Library (Middletown, NY) puts this banner up every year to recognize their Friends during National Friends of Library Week. The banner expresses appreciation for the Friends from the Board of Trustees, staff, and patrons of the library.

The Board of the Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library posed in front of banners outside the Rundel Memorial Building to honor NFOLW and sent the photo to media outlets.

How will your Friends group celebrate in 2018?

NFOLW is October 21-27, 2018.

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FLS Created Adventures for the Choosing!
Recapping the 2017 NYLA Annual Conference

Hearty congratulations to new FLS President Rebecca Fuss for her outstanding line-up of programs at this year’s NYLA Annual Conference in Saratoga Springs! The Friends Day offerings, the Saturday morning workshop, and the first-ever FLS continuing education workshop at the pre-conference brought in 241 people. With an addition of one more program offering this year geared to Friends of Libraries (plus associated staff and trustees), attendance increased 35% over last year’s conference sessions (212 people at 2017 programs). FLS is eagerly looking forward to welcoming NYLA to Rochester from November 7 to 10, 2018. Mark your calendars so you don’t miss out.

John C. Parcell IV, CPA, and Nathan Wray of the John C. Parcell IV Accounting Firm in Canton offered Fiduciary Practices for Nonprofit Organizations on Wednesday afternoon, November 8. They fielded many questions from the 29 participants, while discussing the duties of board members to administer the financial aspects of a nonprofit organization.

The Section’s annual membership meeting was held late Friday afternoon, attended by 27 people. President Janet Kreason recapped another successful year for FLS (please see the annual report on page 7). The Section closed the fiscal year with a $4,719 fund balance on June 30. FLS membership now includes 53 Friends of the Library groups and 75% of our members have chosen FLS as their Basic NYLA Section. Janet passed the gavel to Rebecca, who introduced the FLS Board for 2017-18.

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Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve as NYLA Friends of Libraries Section president for 2018! I am honored and proud to lead the Section during this exciting time.

One thing that makes this time so exciting is the completion of the FLS 2018 – 2020 Long Range Plan. This document will guide the direction and actions of the FLS Board for the next three years.

Thank you to Long Range Plan Task Force members Lisa Wemett and Terry Mulee for working with me on drafting, revising, and presenting the plan to our board for approval. Anyone who has worked with a committee on long range planning knows that balancing the organization’s broad vision with actionable details can be laborious and stressful – but Lisa’s and Terry’s vision, creativity, and drive actually made the process fun as we looked at all of the possibilities for FLS.

To start this process, the Task Force reviewed surveys from meet-ups, regional workshops and conference programs to see what our members want and need.

We also reviewed our Section’s current activities, including our annual conference programs, Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award, Dewey Fellowship Award, tribute fund and honor roll, newsletter, meet-ups, regional workshops, and promotion of National Friends of Libraries Week. Using our mission statement and member feedback, and keeping NYLA’s Guiding Principles in mind, we created four Guiding Principles for FLS:

♦ FLS educates and supports its members.
♦ FLS strengthens the library community through membership and advocacy.
♦ FLS recognizes and encourages member excellence.
♦ FLS offers advancement through FLS board leadership.

Each Guiding Principle contains goals and action steps. Some of the action steps are current activities that will continue to grow and some are new initiatives that will begin in one, two, or three years. Each action step in the plan has responsible parties, time frame and measures of success.

Some of the new actions for 2018 include expanded online resources, which will make it easier for you to access sample policies, procedures and best practices from Friends groups across the state; a first-ever Section webinar for your Friends group to run an efficient and legally-compliant organization; an active member form to identify members’ strengths that can be used in Section leadership and volunteer opportunities; and additional opportunities for your Friends groups to advocate for the libraries we all love.

I invite you to read the Long Range Plan at www.NYLA.org/Friends and let me know your thoughts. It is very rewarding to meet Friends groups throughout the state, and I look forward to meeting many more of you as we work together as a Section to strengthen Friends support for libraries.

Rebecca

Regional Workshops Were a Great Success!

For the second year in a row, FLS has been on the move, presenting in-person workshops for Friends groups from Rochester to Watertown. The Friends of the Victor Farmington Library and the Friends of the Webster Public Library hosted Keep It Growing! Strengthening Your Friends of the Library Group in January and September, respectively. The North Country Library System’s headquarters in Watertown was the site for this workshop in May, also reaching two satellite locations (Oswego and Potsdam) with videoconferencing.

At the end of September, Training Coordinator Lisa Wemett and Second Vice President Terry Mulee presented in Webster where Keep It Growing was enthusiastically received. There were 19 participants representing ten different libraries in five public library systems in western NYS.

Friends and Fund-Raisers

In October representatives from several Friends groups met at the Mid-Hudson Library System to share their best fundraising ideas. After mingling over a pizza dinner, attendees heard from a panel, then each had a minute to describe their most successful recent fund-raiser.

"Dine Out for the Library" featured thirteen restaurants which committed 10% of their mid-week, low-season profits to the Roeliff Jansen Community Library (www.roejanlibrary.org). The Friends of the Butterfield Memorial Library (www.butterfieldlibrary.org) sell raffle tickets all summer for some spectacular gifts, then hold one drawing a day during the month of September. Riffing off the popularity of The Great British Baking Show, the Friends of the Staatsburg Library (www.staatsburglibrary.org) hold The Great Staatsburg Bake Off, soliciting bakers and judges and selling the desserts after the judging. They also hold a
Friends & Trustees Building Community When Disaster Strikes followed the meeting with four members of the Friends of the Moffat Library of Washingtonville (Ramapo Catskill Library System). The Moffat Library story included a natural disaster (Hurricane Irene), the effort for restoration, and expansion of the historic building. They discussed the successful referendum vote in March 2015 for a $6.9 million bond and the Friends highly profitable Meet the Authors Luncheon.

The restored library reopened in September 2017 with a new wing for youth services and state-of-the-art meeting room space. Over 1,500 new library cards have been issued in less than three months! Other improvements have made the building fully handicapped accessible, added a teen gathering area, and improved access to technology. The slogan, “Restore. Renew. Reimagine,” has been met with this new facility.

The Get Out the Vote campaign involved the Friends, the Teen Advisory Board, and many community volunteers both calling and writing to support a YES vote; the measure passed 72% to 28% in favor. The Friends gave the proceeds of the previous three years’ author luncheons to the building fund. The 2017 springtime luncheon was the 11th annual event. It was generously underwritten by the project’s general contractors, architects, and many local businesses eager to have the 1887 landmark library reopened to serve the community.

FLS is grateful to the Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library for their financial support of this program as well as Choose Your Own Leadership (see page 5).

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**Community Fund-Raisers**

Friends groups seem to be on an eternal hunt for fund-raisers that will support their libraries’ needs. Two libraries developed projects that were unique to their villages—one a chance discovery and the other driven by community camaraderie.

A fortuitous find in the basement of the Kinderhook Memorial Library has led the Friends to offer giclee prints from a long-forgotten sketchbook donated to the library in the early 1900s. *Limericks by H.V.S.* was the work of Harold Van Santvoord, a writer and editorial staff member of The Albany Times Union. When his sketchbook surfaced, the Friends sought the assistance of a local gallerist for his professional assessment. Prints were made and shown in the gallery, highlighting the charming artwork which also reveals social attitudes in post-Civil War America. Another local resident donated his service to narrate a brief video, “The Long-Lost Limericks of Harold Van Santvoord” which was shown during the conference session. (It can be viewed at: bit.ly/oklimericks.) A committee of Friends including presenters Warren Applegate and Hollis Seamon has worked on the Kinderhook Folk Ark Project for two years. All proceeds of the prints (which are made to order) will support the library.

Elly Dawson, former director of the Newark Public Library, presented Mining Local Resources for Long-Term Success. A $75 investment in a murder-mystery-in-a-box set initially netted the library $1,000 when several brave patrons joined Elly in offering an evening of entertainment for the community. Then Elly’s creativity really kicked into high gear as she developed additional scripts on her own, where she featured high-profile community members in the cast. With one performance each year and limited rehearsals, the players had a great time. They created their own costumes and hamming it up was encouraged. The written script was always nearby—no need to memorize your lines!

The village engineer, schools’ choral director, the building code inspector, and school superintendent were among those who gamely stepped up to participate in the fun. A Saturday evening’s entertainment was $25 per person, including food (all contributed by the Friends of the Library and local businesses); 100% profit for the library. Patrons went beyond their annual book sale fund-raiser, giving the group more exposure. Elly’s tips: select cast members known throughout the town; always have food; pace the evening (Act 1, food, Act 2, break, audience members sharing their guesses of whodunit and why, followed by the reveal); involve other community groups (the local ARC drew and painted paper sets to decorate the library spaces throughout the building); have fun! Another positive outcome: many of the community cast members eventually became involved in the library as trustees; they found the library’s goals really resonated for them!

Editor’s Note: Handouts and resources from all of the conference programs may be found at www.nyla.org. Click on News and Events, then Conference and Trade Show, and then the Presentation Archive button.

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Recapping the NYLA 2017 Annual Conference

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Revitalizing a Friends group is hard work and the library needs to find hard workers to carry out the tasks involved. The Avon Free Library and the Onondaga Free Library were both extremely fortunate to have willing volunteers step up and tackle the revival of their respective Friends groups.

The standing-room-only crowd in Saratoga Springs attested to the need for this session, which attracted over 70 people. As difficult as it is to restart a group of volunteers to support the library, the effort is worth it in many ways. Our speakers shared their situations and insight into their process to make their newly energized Friends organizations vital and successful.

Kitty Bressington had applied to serve on the Board of Trustees for the Avon Free Library which serves a rural, historic village south of Rochester. Because there were no current openings, the library management countered with “Would you consider getting our Friends group going again?” Without the financial resources to hire an attorney to handle the legal steps to secure the group’s 501(c)(3) charity status, Kitty gamely invested her time and business acumen in reading the directions, creating a series of logical steps, and got the group underway with two other team members.

Kitty stressed the importance of establishing a clear mission for the group with input from the library’s trustees. Next get everyone on the same page by adopting a Memorandum of Understanding with the library, drafting the Friends by-laws, and then a long-range plan. Kitty assured the audience that if the first year of the plan was “make the Friends official,” that was enough; start small. The Friends have already brought more visibility to the library, increased advocacy efforts, and raised funds (enough to pay back the library for the loan needed to file the application to the IRS).

Adrift without leadership, the Friends of the Onondaga Free Library were on the verge of folding when Anne Andrianos determined to attend a meeting of the group. As she said, “Within an hour, I was looking at becoming President!” Anne shared her journey with a nautical analogy. Turns out, the group had been foundering for nearly a year, so Anne’s first step was “stabilizing the ship.”

The library serves a population of 28,000 in Central NYS and is supported by three school districts. Anne worked to line up key supporters from those invested in the library and also recruited a mentor for herself, a Friends president from a neighboring community. It was important to understand how the group had gotten to this state and then work to avoid past mistakes as they charted their course. Both Anne and Kitty stressed the importance of a Board or President’s Book where all legal documents can be accessed; then keep it in a safe place in the library for the following administrations’ reference.

To re-set the compass, meetings need to be efficient and minutes are essential; evaluate your fund-raisers (is there something more lucrative in which to invest the group’s time?); make giving easier for donors with PayPal and Square for dues, book sale payments, etc. Respect your peers’ time, efforts, and contributions, including the library staff, trustees, and community volunteers. Anne made a spreadsheet of offers for help and then followed up with individuals, asking them “what are you interested to do for the library?”

Use the people-power you have and don’t burn them out with too many new initiatives. Nurture new volunteers and delegate, working toward an efficient transition and succession plan. Anne and Kitty both encouraged groups to join FLS/NYLA and continue to grow by taking advantage of online resources (www.NYLA.org/Friends), area meet-ups with other Friends representatives, and regional training and conference opportunities. To borrow Anne’s metaphor, “Smooth sailing ahead!”

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Best Practices of Friends Boards

What does it mean to be a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization? In “Best Practices for Management of Friends Boards,” Courtney Darts, Legal Director for the Pro Bono Partnership, provided insight into the role of board members, recent changes to NYS law that affect nonprofits, fiduciary responsibilities, and record keeping. The Pro Bono Partnership provides free legal assistance for nonprofit groups including libraries and their Friends groups in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut.

[To apply for their services, click on “Request Legal Assistance” on their Web page. www.probonopartner.org]

In forming a not-for-profit corporation, there are pros and cons to being a separate legal entity. But 501(c)(3) status allows the group to accept charitable donations, a key to fund-raising since donors, both personal and corporate, are attracted to the benefit of taking a deduction off their tax returns. Providing oversight for the Friends operations makes certain that these charitable resources are being used appropriately, to further the organization’s mission.

With nonprofit status, the group must file an annual tax return.
The leadership team of the Friends of the Clifton Park - Halfmoon Public Library (CPHL Friends) showed what it takes to persist in the face of adversity: when one team member could not appear on the conference panel at the last minute and another had laryngitis - no problem. Keep calm and carry on! Nearly two dozen audience members absorbed their message and engaged the speakers with an animated question and answer period on Saturday morning.

Whether a camel or donkey, we all can conjure up the iconic cartoon image of the animal’s legs splayed out on the ground when just one more box leads the animal to collapse. The President’s job description for the CPHL Friends was like this pack animal: it reached the point of too much for one officer to bear. What to do?

With professional guidance and a cohort of invested volunteers who wouldn’t let the Friends fail, the group emerged with a team of four officers they dubbed “the Quads.” The CPHL Friends has a membership base of 700+ individuals in a township serving more than 55,000 residents north of Albany.

How did they get here? The group had already changed their by-laws once to put a two-year term limit in place for the President and adding two positions, a President-Elect and a Past President, to provide additional support. Although this model was effective for two terms, when the next President-elect felt she could not assume the Presidency, the group reached a critical moment. And yet it was an opportunity to examine what the group was doing and why. The Friends always seemed to say “yes” to any new initiative suggested: a community-wide read, more sophisticated e-mail marketing, events that drew upon the cultural diversity of the community. It was getting to be too much and the group determined to examine what they were doing and why.

In seeking a solution for the future, the group selected a professional facilitator to initiate a process with longer-term vision. At this two-session retreat, they were able to prioritize the Friends current activities in relation to the library’s mission as well as examine the leadership crisis and how to address succession planning for the group. The consultant did not offer up the team model, but helped the officers to consider a new way of delegating oversight, one they could field test and fine-tune as they went. Would this work? Let’s find out, together.

The panel stressed the importance of taking time for an exploratory process, the value of a neutral facilitator who is a good listener, and the crucial role of flexibility and open communication. Embracing the idea of the new structure as a pilot project allowed for trial and error. This might not be the permanent solution, but let’s try. Collaboration is key; the Quads recognize each other’s strengths and expertise.

Now fully two years into the trial organizational structure, the Quads are functioning as a strong team overseeing a Board with 12 members and a tight committee structure. Volunteers provide assistance with the book sales (100 strong) and a plant sale (30 volunteers), just to mention two projects. Need bakers? The hospitality committee can draw upon 60 willing helpers. Bookmarks and posters let the public know specific ways individual volunteers can help the group: “Join us on the Social Media Committee!” or “Share your talents: be part of the Friends Board to manage a dynamic organization!” Becoming involved seems far less onerous. These Friends are going to be around for another 25 years, for sure.

Each team member’s areas of responsibility are outlined on the Friends website (www.Friendsofchplibrary.org). If you have general questions about this process, please contact the Quads at cphfriends@nycap.rr.com.

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**Best Practices ~ continued from page 4 ~**

return with the IRS; the exact 990 form to be used is driven by the size of the organization. The 990 must also be filed annually with the New York State Charities Bureau (a CHAR 500) since the group is soliciting money. Courtney advised that the organization’s by-laws should be reviewed regularly and most especially in light of new regulations in the New York Nonprofit Revitalization Act of 2013. For example, casting votes via e-mail is not permitted. (Action can be taken between meetings on a topic that has been resolved, once authorized by unanimous approval of the resolution by all members of the governing board.) Another aspect of the law requires the organization to have a written conflict of interest policy plus an annual disclosure statement signed by every elected officer.

Regardless of their size, Friends officers and board members are accountable for the governance and actions of the group. Good practices include clear agendas for all meetings, minutes documenting actions, a mentoring program for new members, and knowing when to resign when interest or participation wanes.

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**An FLS Shout-Out!**

Congratulations to FLS member Ned Davis, Executive Director of the Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library. In June 2017, Ned was elected to the board of ALA’s United For Libraries (the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations) for a three-year term. He says, “It’s exciting to represent FFRPL nationally while Rebecca represents us at the state level.”
More Murals at the Arnett Branch Library: Gifts from Our Dear Friends
by Bruce Tehan, Arnett Branch Manager

In recent years, patrons of the Arnett Branch Library have been greeted by lovely murals in our lobby and children’s area. Equipped with paints and brushes, drills and hardware, and even leaves and twigs, dedicated volunteers known as the Arnett Library Friends created garden images filled with whimsical characters for our patrons to delight in. The project was led by a local champion of the library, Susan Morehouse and a noted local artist, Richmond Futch. In early 2015, after the library asked its patrons for inspiration for an additional mural, Mr. Futch donated his time and talents again, giving our community a map of some of the wondrous places a library can take you.

This fall, another wonderful friends group, The Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library (FFRPL) funded our latest mural. Mrs. Karen D’Agastino, a lifelong patron of the Arnett Branch Library, made a monetary donation to FFRPL in loving memory of her mother Violet Keating for the creation of this mural. Mrs. Keating, besides being a dear friend to the library, spent over 30 years as a crossing guard in our neighborhood ensuring children traveled to and from school safely. This newest mural featuring spines of well-loved books was also created by Richmond Futch and his fellow artists Chloe Smith and Ebony Singleton. As with the previous works of art, it is already being cherished by library patrons of all ages and has won praise from our Mayor and City Councilmembers. Perhaps there will be even more donations to The Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library (www.ffrpl.org) enabling more book spines celebrating reading to appear!

Editor’s note: The Arnett Branch, located in southwest Rochester, is a part of the Rochester Public Library in the Monroe County Library System. To read more about the murals, check out the Arnett Branch Library on Facebook.

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Fund-raisers

Road Ramble Scavenger Hunt which is very popular with town residents.

Other ideas included a mahjong tournament (Pleasant Valley Free Library www.pleasantvalleylibrary.org), trivia night at a local brewery (Kingston Library www.kingstonlibrary.org and the D.R. Evarts Library in Athens www.drevartslibrary.org), a vintage and first edition book sale (Town of Esopus Library www.esopuslibrary.org), and the CLYNK recycling program in cooperation with Hannaford’s supermarket (Kinderhook Memorial Library www.kinderhooklibrary.org). Participants came away pumped to try some new approaches to raising money and creating good will in the community.

Regional Workshops

In all, 82 people from 39 libraries and seven library systems received training in 2017. The largest numbers of participants were volunteer officers or members of Friends groups, but numerous library trustees and library directors have also attended. When asked to rate the Keep It Growing workshop overall, 94% of audience members have given it an “outstanding”rating.

An upcoming workshop, Getting It Started: Creating and Sustaining a Friends Group for Your Library, will be offered for all interested community volunteers, staff members, and library trustees at the Pioneer Library System in Canandaigua on Friday, January 19, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. There is no charge to attend, but registration is required. PLS’s event calendar can be accessed at https://pls-net.org/event/friends-getting-it-started.

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, these workshops can be hosted by an individual library, Friends of Libraries group, or library system that is a member of NYLA and FLS. For more information about hosting, please contact Lisa Wemett at lisawemett@frontiernet.net.
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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.
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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With Gratitude to “Best Friends”

FLS expresses gratitude to LONG-TIME board member and past multi-term EFR President Betsy Sywetz who went off the board in November. Betsy is amongst the longest serving members of the EFR / FLS Executive Board. Thank you Betsy. Also leaving the board was Frank VanZanten, an EFR Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award recipient.

Thank you both for your support of and service to libraries throughout the years.

You have been added to Best Friends on the FLS Tribute Fund Honor Roll by the Executive Board.

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