FLS Announces New Scholarship!

The Friends of Libraries Section Executive Board is proud to announce a brand new scholarship named for its President Emeritus Randall Enos. The scholarship will provide $500 each for two FLS members to attend the NYLA Annual Conference in odd-numbered years.

A task force of FLS board members explored the possibility of creating a scholarship to be offered in the years that FLS members are unable to apply for a Dewey Fellowship. (FLS members may apply for the Dewey in even-numbered years.) It was determined early on that the scholarship be named in recognition of Randy Enos for his outstanding efforts on behalf of Friends in New York State. Not only is Randy a founding member of the Empire Friends Roundtable of NYLA (now FLS) in 1992, but he has been a continuous member of this organization and its Executive Board. He has also served as its president for at least six terms. His steady hand in the leadership of FLS is more than worthy of this honor.

Once the naming of the scholarship was determined, the task force went on to determine who would be eligible to apply, what should the criteria be, how could FLS pay for this, how many recipients could be named each time, and what should the procedures be? These details were all worked out and with the full support of the Executive Board the FLS Randall Enos Conference Scholarship was established at their meeting in December, 2018.

Applications are now being accepted. The Enos Scholarship will be given to two members of FLS to attend the NYLA Annual Conference this year. Applicants must also be active in a local Friends of the Library group. One scholarship will be awarded to a first-time attendee at the conference and the second award will go to someone who may, or may not, have previously attended.

Casey Library Advocacy Award Call for Nominations

Would you like an opportunity to honor an active library supporter, Friend, or Friends of the Library group? The Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award is sponsored by NYLA’s Friends of Libraries Section. Given annually since 1993 (through the precursor of FLS, the Empire Friends Roundtable), the award honors a volunteer member or group from the library community whose efforts have contributed to the growth of libraries or Friends of the Library organizations.

To learn more about Daniel W. Casey and to find the nomination form, go to www.NYLA.org/Friends > Awards & Scholarships. The deadline to submit nominations for this prestigious award is Monday, July 1, 2019. This year's award recipient will be announced at the FLS annual membership meeting in Saratoga Springs on Friday, November 15 at the NYLA Annual Conference.

Nominations must include all relevant information outlined on the application form. Make sure to describe the contributions of the nominee (group or individual) to library service in detail; i.e., positions held, years of service, accomplishments, successful fund-raisers, etc.

Please submit the nomination form and all supporting materials (clippings of press releases, promotional materials, etc.) to Marie Bindeman via email at mariebind1955@gmail.com, or mail three copies to Marie Bindeman, 5498 Hartford Drive, Lockport, NY 14094. Mailed copies will not be returned.

If you have any questions, please contact Marie Bindeman at mariebind1955@gmail.com or call 716-433-0548. Thanks for your interest!
Strong Advocacy, Stronger Fund-Raising
A Message from FLS President Lisa C. Wemett

I suspect that if I ask any Friends group what their purpose is, they might reply “raising money for the library.” Another purpose that we sometimes overlook is being advocates for the library. Simply put, “talking up” the library, promoting its programs, services, and facilities to our personal friends and neighbors.

But also, beyond telling everyone how wonderful we are, Friends must be willing to express the library’s needs to the community at large and their elected officials. The underlying message is Strong Libraries = Strong Communities. Ultimately, we must be prepared to ask for support to make necessary improvements and reach more people in the library’s service area.

If you haven’t yet become a Library Champion, head to www.nyla.org/advocacy and sign up to receive Library Advocacy Action Alerts from NYLA. Then take action by sending personalized pre-drafted advocacy messages to your State Senator and Assemblymember. Your two-minute investment of time can make a huge difference in NYLA’s advocacy efforts on behalf of libraries of all types across the state.

Attending a recent webinar on the topic of fund-raising put these two purposes together for me. Libby Post, President of Communication Services, presented the webinar “Strong Advocacy, Stronger Fund-Raising” for the New York State Library. One aspect of the webinar explored ways to take community supporters and turn them into donors.

Essentially, your champions become your fund-raising base.

As was evidenced by the standing-room only crowd at the FLS program in Rochester, “Fund-Raising Without Book Sales,” all Friends groups are looking for ways to raise money that do not necessarily involve this customary event. Internet book selling, raffling gift baskets, and soliciting memorial gifts can be productive revenue streams. Online giving with prominent “Donate Now” buttons on the library’s website are useful tools to keep funds flowing.

Sue Hall with The Friends of the St. Paul (MN) Public Library reminds us that “effective fund-raising is about relationships first, money second.” Our daily interactions and transactions in the library, strong networks in the community, and a solid base of volunteers raises our visibility and can move us closer to our fund-raising goals. “Libraries are places that have real emotional appeal, and that appeal … can motivate people to give.”

Creating valuable relationships—between the library and its patrons, between the Friends leadership and its members—will inspire people to give, because they care about our cause. Donors receive personal satisfaction from their contributions because they believe in our mission and want to give back to their community.

Whatever money you raise for the library, always remember that United for Libraries, the national association of library trustees, Friends, and foundations, recommends that, after operating costs are met, 80-100% of those funds raised each year should be given to the library. Friends should be regularly supporting the “extras” not normally covered by the library’s budget, not building up a bank account. Ask the library director and staff for their “wish list.”

Thank you for actively supporting New York’s libraries! Keep it Friendly out there!

"Love Your Library Fund" to Support NYS Summer Reading
Please Promote and Donate, Too!

The NYS Tax Law was amended in 2017 to permit taxpayers to make contributions to the state "Love Your Library Fund" when they complete their annual tax filings. This is the first year that this check-off has appeared on the NYS tax forms.

Contributions will benefit the "Summer Reading at New York Libraries" program, which helps more than 2 million young learners maintain their literacy skills over the summer months. The literacy, arts, music, and other enrichment opportunities offered by local libraries make it easier for children and teens to return to school in the fall better prepared for the year ahead.

NYLA has developed a poster and bookmarks for libraries to use to promote donations. Both items can be downloaded from the NYLA webpage. Please see the NYLA February 2019 eBulletin for more information and download links. www.nyla.org > News & Events > eBulletin > Current Issue. (After April, see “Archive” and select February 2019.)

April 15 is coming soon! Please promote this opportunity within your Friends group, among your friends, and at your library. Thanks in advance for your help in getting the word out and for your donation.
Applicants for the Randall Enos Conference Scholarship must be personal members of FLS/NYLA or registered with NYLA as the primary contact or an elected officer of a Friends group that is a current organizational member of FLS/NYLA. Whether a community volunteer or library staff member, applicants must be currently and actively involved in a local Friends group at any type of library in New York State. Members of the FLS Executive Board or student members of NYLA are not eligible to apply. Individuals may only receive one scholarship or Dewey Fellowship from FLS in their lifetime.

The recipients of the Enos Scholarship will be chosen on the basis of a personal letter outlining why they wish to attend the NYLA Annual Conference plus a letter of recommendation from the library director or an officer or committee chair of their Friends group. The application asks for statements of accomplishments as a Friends member, library and community volunteer experience, and personal contributions to the library community.

Two scholarships will be awarded; one to an individual who has not previously attended a NYLA Annual Conference and one to someone who may, or may not, have attended previously. The recipients will also be entitled to attend a half day pre-conference continuing education seminar on strategic planning sponsored by FLS on Wednesday, November 13 at no charge.

The FLS Randall Enos Conference Scholarship will pay a maximum of $500 of the cost for each of two recipients to attend the 2019 NYLA Annual Conference scheduled for Saratoga Springs from Wednesday, November 13 through Saturday, November 16. Reimbursements include: registration, tickets for events and meal functions, lodging, and travel.

Completed scholarship applications must be received before 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 15, 2019. An application packet is included as the centerfold of this newsletter. You may download the application packet at www.NYLA.org/Friends > Awards & Scholarships > Enos. The Enos Conference Scholarship Committee will review all eligible applications and notify recipients and applicants during the summer.

To submit an application please complete the form and email it, along with any accompanying documentation, to Anne Andrianos, FLS Scholarship Coordinator, at anne.andrianos@gmail.com. As an alternate option, you may submit three copies of the completed form along with three sets of any supporting materials by mail to Anne Andrianos, 4340 Young Road, Syracuse, NY 13215. Please submit your nomination in one format only (electronic or paper).

The scholarships will be underwritten through an endowment funded by contributions to FLS on the occasion of Randy's retirement from the Ramapo Catskill Library System on February 1st. For those wishing to make a donation in Randy's honor, the form is available at www.NYLA.org/Friends > Awards & Scholarships > Enos.

Who is Randall (Randy) Enos?

Since 1988, Randy Enos has been a Friend of the library. He retired in February wrapping up a nearly 45 year career in service to libraries. FLS Scholarship Coordinator Anne Andrianos recently conducted an interview with Randy. Here are some excerpts from that conversation.

**How would you like to see the recipient use the scholarship?**

It is my understanding that the scholarships will be used for attending the NYLA Annual Conference. It's really important for people to meet others from different communities to learn, get inspired - and perhaps see their own communities and community work in a new light. For librarians and library staff, attendance at the NYLA conference is usually subsidized by the library organization. This isn't the case for Friends, so I'm glad the FLS Board came up with a way to give some Friends an incentive to attend the conference - and I'm thrilled that my name is attached to it.

**As a professional librarian, how did you get, and stay, so involved with Friends?**

Some people are drawn to bars, some to church groups, I was drawn to the library! The director of the Middletown Thrall Library asked me to start a Friends group. It was not only a life-changing experience, it made me look at my job as a librarian differently. My involvement with the Middletown Thrall Friends was personally rewarding in that I made lifelong friendships. I was also doing something positive for the community. To build support for a new library, the Friends (including me) went door-to-door asking residents what they thought about a new library building. Everyone I talked to favored a new library and eagerly told...
Mark your calendar for Friday, June 7 and get a car pool together to travel to DeWitt for FLS’s “Keep It Growing” workshop. FLS is partnering with the Central NY Library Resource Council (CLRC) and the Friends of the Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville to offer a free two-hour class for Friends, library staff, and trustees. Community volunteers who want to grow an established Friends group, to maintain and continue their work for the library, are encouraged to attend.

“Keep It Growing! Strengthening Your Friends of the Library Group” will be held on June 7 from 10 a.m. until noon at the Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville, 5110 Jamesville Road, DeWitt NY 13078. Registration will be open starting May 1 at www.clrc.org. Discussion will center on revitalizing the core members of the Friends to carry out their crucial advocacy work for their community libraries. Continuing to develop your library’s Friends group is vital to sustain the organization long-term. Get tips on how to constantly work on membership recruitment and engaging volunteers with the library and Friends.

Other groups that would like to offer this workshop may contact Lisa C. Wemett at lisawemett@frontiernet.net. A small fee ($50) is required to the Friends of Libraries Section. Reimbursement for travel and lodging for the presenter is requested. The workshop can be hosted by individual libraries, Friends of Library groups, or library systems that are organizational members of NYLA and FLS. Details on hosting are available at www.NYLA.org/Friends Events > scroll to Host an FLS Regional Workshop.

**Bridging the Tech Gap**
by Lisa C. Wemett

Katie Egan has become a little bit of a celebrity in the Rochester area. The teenager has appeared on the local PBS radio affiliate to tell her story, spoken at a breakfast for elected officials held by the Monroe County and Pioneer Library Systems, and most recently found her photo on the front page of her hometown newspaper. What is so compelling about Katie? She doesn’t have Internet at home. That’s it. Her family is part of the “digital divide” because they cannot afford a monthly Internet connection.

But there’s more to this than Katie wanting to play games online, watch a YouTube video, post on Facebook, or set up a Pinterest account. The Canandaigua City School District communicates with families through various online portals, teachers put up assignments, and grading and report cards are posted. Katie has homework to do and it must be submitted online. Now there’s her problem in a nutshell, a situation which at times has seemed like a brick wall to a motivated student.

The solution: mobile Wi-Fi Hotspots for check out. Wood Library has partnered with the school district to help students have access to the technology they need to complete their schoolwork. Beginning in the 2016-17 school year, the library was able to purchase 11 devices to loan with financial assistance from a $1,500 grant from the Pioneer Library System. The library works with school counselors to identify middle and high school students who could benefit from this service. Each Wi-Fi Hotspot has a data plan than can be accessed by the student’s Chromebook (loaned to them by the school district).

Some libraries in New York City, Chicago, and Kansas City have had Wi-Fi lending for several years. Your Friends group could help library patrons, including students in your community like Katie, by underwriting the cost of a Wi-Fi Hotspot program. Each device costs $80 plus $120 for a service plan to connect to the Internet. And of course, beyond homework, patrons could use the Wi-Fi Hotspots to take an online class, apply for jobs, or just check public transportation schedules in the area.

Katie Smith, Teen Services Librarian at the Wood Library, says “I think this program would be an amazing option for a Friends group to fund. It’s definitely a big project, but manageable if you start out with a few and work your way up!” For more information on the Wood Library’s Wi-Fi Hotspot service, see the article “Bridging the Digital Divide” published on January 2 in the Wayne Post at www.WaynePost.com. Further questions can be directed to Katie Smith (ksmith@pls-net.org).

Katie Smith, Teen Services Librarian at the Wood Library

Learn more about Wood’s supplier, Mobile Beacon, which works with nonprofit and educational organizations nationwide to provide low-cost Internet access at www.mobilebeacon.org. Help bridge the Internet gap in your community.
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**What will the scholarship cover?**
The FLS Randall Enos Conference Scholarship will reimburse costs associated with attending a NYLA Annual Conference including conference registration, travel, and lodging up to a maximum amount of $500 for each recipient. This scholarship will be awarded in odd-numbered years, alternating with the FLS Dewey Fellowship offered in even-numbered years. In addition, the recipients will be entitled to attend a pre-conference continuing education workshop sponsored by the Friends of Libraries Section at no charge.

**Who is eligible?**
The FLS Randall Enos Conference Scholarship recipients are chosen based on the following criteria:

- A community volunteer (or staff member) who is *currently and actively* involved in a local Friends of the Library group; one who has *not* previously attended a NYLA Annual Conference and one who may, or may not, have attended previously.
- The applicants must be members in good standing of NYLA and FLS. Membership types include:
  - personal members (e.g. Friend, Retiree, Trustee, Regular, or Organizational Associate)
  - individuals registered with NYLA through a Friends Group organizational membership including the primary contact for the group (voting member of NYLA) and the elected officers of that Friends group (non-voting members of NYLA)
- Individuals holding FLS Board-appointed positions are eligible to apply, with the exception of the FLS Scholarship Coordinator and Scholarship Readers.
Restrictions:
- Members of the FLS Executive Board who hold elected positions are not eligible for this scholarship.
- Student members of NYLA are not eligible to apply for this award.
- Individuals may only receive one FLS Scholarship or FLS Dewey Fellowship Award in their lifetime.

How to apply:
- Complete the scholarship application form and include the requested documentation and letter(s) of recommendation as outlined below.
- A letter (not to exceed two pages) that includes the following:
  - Why do you wish to attend the NYLA Annual Conference?
  - How do you plan to integrate your conference experience into your work with your Friends group?
- A statement from your local Friends of the Library organization to verify your membership in your local Friends group
- At least one letter of recommendation from an officer or committee chair in your Friends of the Library group or the library director

Additional details:
- The FLS Randall Enos Conference Scholarship recipients will be notified during the summer so that they may register for the NYLA Annual Conference in a timely manner. The recipients will be reimbursed for conference registration, travel, and lodging expenses not to exceed $500.
- FLS will provide clear instructions to the recipients regarding the process for reimbursement of acceptable conference expenses. Mileage will be reimbursed at the current NYLA approved rate.
- Recipients will be expected to attend the FLS Annual Membership Meeting during the conference.
- Recipients should attend as many FLS-sponsored programs as possible.
- Post-conference, recipients will submit an article to the FLS newsletter highlighting their reflections on their conference experience, their takeaways, and their action plan.
- Recipients may be asked to evaluate the scholarship application process and procedures.

What’s the deadline to submit the application packet?
Application packets must be submitted to the FLS Scholarship Coordinator by 06/15/2019 before 5:00 p.m.

To submit an application please complete the form and email it, along with any accompanying documentation, to Anne Andrianos, FLS Scholarship Coordinator, at anne.andrianos@gmail.com. As an alternate option, you may submit three copies of the completed form along with three sets of any supporting materials by mail to Anne Andrianos, 4340 Young Road, Syracuse, NY 13215. Please submit your nomination in one format only (electronic or paper).

Questions?
Please direct questions to Anne Andrianos at 315-382-4768 or anne.andrianos@gmail.com
FLS Randall Enos Conference Scholarship Application

Name

Home address

Telephone numbers: Home Cell

E-mail address

Public Library System in which you reside

FLS/NYLA Membership

_____ Personal member of NYLA (member type if known) ________________________________
  Membership expiration date ________________

_____ Contact Person for a Friends Group Organizational Member of FLS/NYLA

_____ Registered Elected Officer in a Friends Group Organizational Member of FLS/NYLA
  Name of Friends Group
  ________________________________________________________________
  Membership expiration date ________________

Friends of the Library group(s) of which you are currently a member
  ________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address of the Friends Group

Mailing Address of the library if different than above

_____ I have never attended a NYLA Annual Conference.

_____ I have attended a NYLA Annual Conference; last attendance year/location ______________

_____ I have not received the FLS Dewey Fellowship or the FLS Enos Conference Scholarship.

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___ At least one letter of recommendation from an officer or committee chair-person in your Friends of the Library group, or the library director

___ This completed and signed application
Your experience(s) with your Friends of the Library Group and the library community (add pages as necessary):

Number of years of personal experience as a Friends of the library group member (this group or others) _____

Accomplishments as a Friends member:

Additional library volunteer experience (beyond the Friends Groups) if applicable:

Other professional, educational, or community associations of which you are a member:

Contributions to the library community (locally or statewide):

Signature _________________________________ Date _______________________
July 14, 2018 was a Winner!
By Anne Andrianos

The Friends of Onondaga Free Library hit a home run last summer with a spontaneous baseball game fund-raiser. In early June, one of our members and her business partner who own a franchise, the Onondaga Flames, in an organization known as the Collegiate Baseball League (CBL) had an idea. They offered to promote the Friends at a baseball game in mid-July and donate half of the gate proceeds to our Friends group. Kids could meet players on the night of the game, get autographs, and chase and keep foul balls! How could we go wrong by taking on that exciting challenge?

The CBL allows for an extension of the college spring season. CBL uses wooden bats similar to those used in the major league and encourages development of different skills. Players can be scouted during the summer, too. The league is comprised of several teams in the Northeast. For more information about CBL, Google "Collegiate Baseball League."

We only had six weeks in which to publicize, sell tickets, and do whatever else we could do to draw attendance to this event. Lucky for us, student interns associated with the Flames prepared great posters for display locally and on social media. We were fortunate to have a local sportscaster come out to the field to film the players and promote the Friends game on television!

Another great part of this fund-raiser was a special relationship that developed over the summer called "Read Around the Bases." Players came to Onondaga Free Library and sat with children (and their parents) to read stories and talk about the importance of reading. The players were studying at colleges across the country and were majoring in accounting, pre med, and French. It was a learning opportunity for kids and for their parents to meet and hear from student athletes.

Back to the game. As it turned out, there was a good deal of rain that afternoon. The coaches were about to call off the game when the rain stopped and the players took the field. Throwing out the first pitch was one of our own Friends and she nailed it! More good news: 100% of the gate was donated and the baseball game raised over $500.

The Friends can’t thank the Onondaga Flames organization enough for their interest, support, and enthusiasm for Onondaga Free Library and the Friends.

"Caps for Sale” Fund-Raiser
by Marcia Weinert

A Webster Public Library (WPL) staffer spotted an intriguing fund-raiser at the public library in Falmouth, Maine, based on the children’s book by Esphyr Slobodkina entitled Caps for Sale. She described it to the hard-working Friends of WPL, who decided to replicate it. Locals were invited to donate new, handmade hats for the library to sell, with all proceeds to benefit the Children’s Department.

Several dozen handcrafters convene weekly at WPL, so the group was invited to create hats to sell. They invited the local knitting guild and senior center crafters to join in, as well. Within seven months, almost 350 hats had been donated to the project, from preemie sizes up to those suited for large adults.

Advertising displays erected two weeks prior to the sale dates received enthusiastic public interest. We regretted not considering that patrons might be impatient to purchase hats as soon as they became visible! It was agreed to wait until advertised dates to begin sales in order to be fair to all potential buyers.

The library regularly displays a “mitten tree” during December, where patrons donate warm items to be distributed to those in need. We made a point of erecting this tree prior to the hat sale, so that patrons could benefit both the library and locals in need at the same time by purchasing a hat to place on the tree.

Adult hats were priced at just $10 and kids’ hats were only $5. On two November dates, volunteers manned display tables with hand mirrors and charts of typical hat sizes at the ready. Almost 200 hats were sold, raising over $1,400 for the library. Remaining hats were donated to local hospitals, homeless shelters, and other charities. The Friends of WPL are eager to repeat this event in the future.

On behalf of the FLS Executive Board, thank you for your membership in and support of the Friends of Libraries Section of the New York Library Association.
We don’t exist without you!!
2018 FLS Daniel W. Casey Award
Presented to Bonnie Shannon
by Marie Orlando

On Sunday, October 21, 2018, the Friends of the Kinderhook Memorial Library hosted a reception to honor its Vice-Chair Bonnie Shannon as the recipient of the 2018 FLS Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award. On hand to present the award were FLS volunteers Joyce Laiosia and Jean Sheviak. The reception, with 70 people in attendance, was held in the library’s new meeting room. In her presentation remarks, Joyce pointed out how Bonnie’s leadership had guided the Friends through the years and most recently, in its support of the just-completed building expansion.

The event also celebrated the final phase of the Friends’ pledge to the library’s capital campaign. Friends of the Kinderhook Memorial Library Chair Marie Orlando presented the library’s Board of Trustees with a check for $7,000, bringing its total donation to $25,000. A delightful surprise occurred when Library Director AnnaLee Giraldo announced that an anonymous donor had just sent the Friends a gift of $2000 in honor of Bonnie and all her years of dedication to the library. A truly joyous day!

Visit www.NYLA.org/Friends > Awards & Scholarships. The deadline to submit nominations is Monday, July 1, 2019.

Volunteer Resources Online

New York State’s regional library councils have developed a partnership that retains an attorney to offer their members timely input on legal issues that can impact library operations. Once reviewed and approved for submission by the library council’s director, questions submitted to the service are answered at no cost to the council’s member libraries. “Ask The Lawyer” provides Friends groups with an opportunity to get a question answered that will benefit their libraries and in turn, the library community.

Friends work with their library director to submit a question, providing that the library is a member of a participating library council. The director would complete the “Ask The Lawyer” form on their council’s web site. If the library council approves the question to be answered, the attorney will answer the question and the library council will send the response to the library director.

The attorney’s responses may also become part of the “Recently Asked Questions” (RAQ) portion of the WNYLRC web site (https://www.wnylrc.org/ask-a-lawyer/raqs). (All identifiers of the library that submitted the question are first removed). Before making a submission, members are encouraged to use the search function on the web site to see if there are any answers already posted that would help with the question at hand.

Please keep in mind that the Ask The Lawyer service is not legal representation. It is meant to provide general guidance for concerns of a non-critical nature, offering an opinion for decision-making purposes. Alert your institution’s legal advisor for issues that need immediate action. Remember that the FLS officers are always willing to take your questions on “all things Friends” and provide resources and guidance on best practices. Contact us at FLS.NYLA@yahoo.com.

"Beat the Winter Blues"

Here’s an idea to capitalize on Seasonal Adjustment Disorder! The Way Public Library in Perrysburg, Ohio, held an initiative “Beat the Winter Blues at the Way Library.” Their Foundation and Friends funded two stationary bikes that could hold books or laptops while patrons read and rode them in-house. They also purchased two sunlight-imitating lamps ("HappyLights") so patrons could try light therapy. A Winter Reading BINGO game allowed adult readers a chance to win their own HappyLight. Community tables were set up with jigsaw puzzles and a chess set. Publicity emphasized "Enjoy Winter With Us" and the ensuing press included a TV story filmed at the library and a feature article in the local paper. A wonderful promotion to encourage patrons to "get out of the house!" and enjoy their community library.

Editor’s note: Are you looking for new and different things to loan at your library? The Way Library’s "Beyond Books" webpage may help. It lists many interesting items, including Hotspots, to consider for your library. Visit their webpage at http://www.waylibrary.info.
me how much they loved libraries. This was such an eye-opener to me as a librarian. I knew people who use libraries are passionate about them, but I was totally unaware that the general population was so passionate. This is one small example of how being involved with the Friends has given me a different perspective on my profession.

Friends are a special kind of people. They care about the community and each other. They work together for the community good. I've been very fortunate that all the Friends groups I've worked with have been so wonderful - you just want to do the most you can for them.

What Friends memory brings a smile to your face?

The brightest Friends "moment" would easily be the opening of the new Middletown Thrall Library which was the fruition of a lot of advocacy and blood, sweat and tears. The opening of the library is one of the best things that ever happened in downtown Middletown. The library moved into a greatly expanded space in a formerly abandoned, but beautiful, train station. It was a real win-win situation - for the community, for the library staff, for the history (by saving the building) and for everyone involved. I am really proud that our Friends group, that I helped form, made it happen. It not only makes me smile, it makes me beam!

What outcomes for scholarship recipients do you envision?

My hope is that someone who might not have attended NYLA otherwise will take advantage of the scholarship and not only get inspired about their work with their local Friends, but also be inspired to get involved in FLS and NYLA advocacy activities. I would love it if - in the future - a scholarship recipient ends up being FLS President.

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