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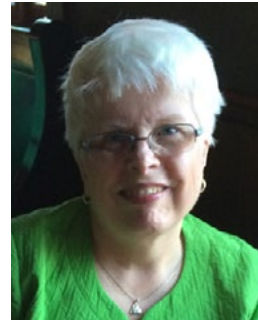
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You can get the latest news about other Library Friend groups around the state and helpful reminders of resources useful for your own group.

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Hello FOML Family,

It has been my pleasure to serve as FOML President over the past several years and to witness the growth and development of the organization.

FOML has adapted its services to include Zoom programs, Connect with Friends, which offer many important topics that Friends can use in support of their libraries; for example, Michigan Right to Read and Cordelia Anderson speaking at the 2022 annual FOML Membership Meeting about Friends as Super Supporters.

Another key step in FOML's development has been a revision of the Members Manual. The Manual is a resource guide for Michigan Friends to assist in the management of their organizations and will be available to FOML members on the FOML website.

Most of all I want to thank the FOML Board of Directors, our service providers, and our Friends members for your support for FOML over the past years! I expect that our past success can only lead to opportunities for further and greater successes.

Pat Orr
FOML President

FOML has been promoting libraries and sharing Friends activities for more than 50 years since it was founded in 1969.



Join Us for the Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, April 6th at 10am

This year's annual membership meeting will be held virtually on Thursday, April 6th at 10am. To register, visit fomlevents.org/events/2023-annual-membership-meeting/

The agenda is as follows:

Call to Order - Pat Orr, FOML President

Determination of Quorum of Members

Present at Meeting

Motion to Approve Roster of FOML Board Officers & Board Members 2023

Introduction of Guest Speaker - Kate Pohjola Andrade

Presentation by Peter Pearson, Library Consultant, "What is being a Friend of the Library all about?"

Questions for the Speaker

Information About FOML Services

- a. FOML Members Manual
- b. FOML Meetings (Virtual & Onsite)
- c. Focus on Friends

Open Mic: Questions from Attendees

Motion to Adjourn

Harriet Larson Founders Grant

FOML awards up to two \$400 grants annually to help new or reorganizing Friends groups support and enhance their local library. The deadline Harriet Larson Founders Grant applications is March 31.

[Click here](#) for more details.



FOML Membership Drive is Now Open

FOML's 2023 Membership Campaign is **Rebuilding Connections: Creating a Strong Community of Friends**. Membership benefits include:

- Access to information exchange about Friends groups throughout Michigan;
- Access to "A FOML Friends Manual" (digital publication on the FOML website);
- The opportunity to participate in FOML events at member rates;
- Eligibility for the Harriet Larsen Founders Award and the annual FOML Award of Merit;

In an effort to simplify and streamline the FOML accounting process, maintain accountability and move closer to a full virtual organization, FOML will be accepting electronic payments only for membership, either using Paypal or a credit card. Member benefit through secure payments, fraud protection, immediate receipts, and time saved writing and mailing checks. FOML uses PayPal to process credit card payments, but you are not required to have a PayPal account to pay with a credit card.

If your Friends group does not have a credit card, we recommend using the credit card of the library or a Friends member, then submit for reimbursement.

For information about membership and to access the membership forms, please visit:

<https://foml.org/membership/>

