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FOML Back To School Syllabus

Welcome back from a wonderful summer!

Some people think of Fall as the start of a new year: back to school, back to work, back to our daily work and commitments. What better time to recommit to our libraries? Here is a list of FOML resources to get this "new year" off to a great start!

The Basics: Look to the [FOML web site](http://www.foml.org) to answer your questions about starting and maintaining a Friends group: [FAQs](#), [helpful links](#), and an organization [ready](#) to answer your questions and support your efforts!

Advocacy: Ready to make some noise for our libraries? ALA's [United for Libraries](#) provides suggestions, information, talking points, and more to make your voice heard.

Best Practices: the [FOML Facebook page](#) puts you in touch with your colleagues and the great work they do. You'll find the latest programs, events, and successes of Friends groups throughout the state. You can also inspire other groups by sharing your ideas!

Networking: Want a chance to interact face to face with Michigan Friends while learning the latest? [Register today](#) for the Fall Workshop at Delta Township District Library. Agenda and more information are on pages 4-5 of this newsletter.

FOML holds workshops twice a year to connect our members. To see what you may have been missing, check out [past presentations](#).

Cheers to a fantastic new year!

Advocate for Your Local Library!

It has become increasingly important for all of us as library Friends to become more aware of what's happening in Lansing and to talk with your legislative officials about library legislation that could have either a negative or positive impact on your library community.

Take the time to become more informed about your elected representatives and more engaged with your state Legislature:

<http://house.michigan.gov/>

<http://www.senate.mi.gov/index.html>

Be aware, be prepared, and speak out for libraries!

FOML Strategic Planning Meeting

The FOML Board completed its annual strategic planning meeting on June 6th. The meeting focused on FOML's continuing commitment to its mission of service to its members, especially getting the word out to the FOML membership about the value of Friends and continuing education through workshops. The board also looked at the challenges of keeping the organization financially healthy by keeping sustainable levels of membership and support from library-focused companies (e.g., Gale Cengage and ProQuest).

FOML will need to continue to explore solutions to some areas that present challenges to management of the organization: the lack of a central office, the archival history (and storage) of FOML materials, and membership training and education (and the costs associated with workshops).

At its business meeting that day, the board approved the formation of a new committee, the FOML Executive Committee Executive Committee which will be responsible for determining the items of business to come before the FOML Board of Directors.

Michigan Library Cooperative News

*By Roger Mendel, Director
Northland Library Cooperative*



The Cooperative Directors Association met in August for their annual meeting outside of the Library of Michigan. The Association meets six times a year, five of those meetings take place at the Library of Michigan conference room. The August meeting is held at various locations. This August the group met in Saginaw at the Montague Inn with the White Pine Library Cooperative as the host. Among the many issues facing the members of library Cooperatives in Michigan the status of penal fines has risen to the top. Although the state aid distributed to Michigan's public libraries is well over \$12million, penal fines represents a large chunk of money, last year over \$28million was distributed. Guaranteed in our State's Constitution as a funding source for libraries penal fines are always the subject of discussion as to what constitutes a penal fine, how effective county treasurer's are in distributing and accounting for the money as well as the education of District Court Judges who determine what part of a fine is considered a penal fine and what are court costs. The Cooperatives have embarked on a survey of their members to see the impact of penal fines, whether they are increasing or decreasing and coordinating with the Library of Michigan to see that libraries are receiving the maximum amounts owed them.

Another major concern of the Cooperative directors is to see that staff are receiving adequate continuing education. A collaborative effort with the Cooperatives, the Library of Michigan, Michigan Collaborative for Library Services, Michigan Library Association and the Michigan Academic Library Association will present in November a workshop entitled Removing Barriers: A Library Accessibility Workshop , at Grand Valley State University, November 9, 2018. The Cooperative Directors are also planning a mini conference geared to small and rural libraries for the Spring of 2019. The Cooperatives continue to assist libraries in providing excellent service to their users.

Friends Activities From Around the State

By Jennifer Kundak

[Friends of Bloomfield Township Public Library](#) provided pleasure to patrons all summer long with their lovely Friends Garden, plus offered a complete plant list at the library Welcome Desk.

[Friends of the Canton Public Library](#) have worked hard throughout the year with numerous fundraisers and a successful membership drive. Monies have been raised which helped the library with a new Play Kitchen, computer and work tables in the Children's Room, a new Book Display Case for the lobby, support for the Hoopla Program, museum passes, programs and so much more. After enjoying the various dishes at the June Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner, the Friends presented the Library Director, Sarah McCusker with a check for \$15,000. Gifts were given to several members of the volunteer organization thanking them for the services. While the official year is at an end for the Friends, their work is not over. The group is holding a Book Drive over the summer and getting ready for the Fall Book Sale which will be held on September 8th and 9th.

[Friends of the Ferndale Public Library](#) continue to design fun events, including a tasty Cake Off Membership Drive on Sept 30, 2-4pm. For details, visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/480560139023675/>

[Friends of the Morton Township Public Library](#) (Mecosta) currently sponsors two annual fundraisers: the highly successful book sale at the Canadian Lakes Alpine Haus on Labor Day weekend, and the eagerly anticipated Cookie Walk that is held the Friday after Thanksgiving weekend. Plus they maintain a bookstore which sells donations year round.

[Friends of the Presque Isle District Library](#) were able to participate in the Nautical Festival Parade, with thanks to the Millersburg Friends for loaning the float. The float featured a large board with an iconic image of Uncle Sam's contemporary patriotic message, "Uncle Sam Wants You To READ".

[Friends of the Saline District Library](#) were thanked by the library for funding the new Story Walk © this summer! It begins at the Little Reader and Girl with Flowers statue outside the library's main entrance. Then follow the signs to take a stroll and read a picture book. The new story, Hilda Must Be Dancing by Karma Wilson, is extra special, as it features Braille text.

The [Shepherd Community Friends of the Library](#) hosted their annual one-day motor coach tour in mid June. This year's destination was the Purple Rose Theatre Company production of Willow Run. The cost of the trip included deluxe round trip coach transportation, lunch at Common Grill, time on your own for downtown Chelsea shopping, and admission to Willow Run.

Please share what's happening with **YOUR** friends! Send your newsletters and/or information to us anytime of the year: newsletters@foml.org. Keep updating your Facebook page, expand your networking by "liking" all of your other Friends and Library Facebook pages, including the terrific [Friends of Michigan Libraries \(FOML\) Facebook](#) page. Help everyone to grow, learn and have more fun!





AGENDA
Friends of Michigan Libraries
Fall Workshop
Delta Township District Library
Thursday, October 4, 2018

“Best Practices: Key Steps to Improving Your Service as a Library Friend”

Synopsis: Service as a library Friend works best when all the elements of service fall into place and activities are carried out with well-functioning practices and organization. What are the key best practices that will help and guide you along your path to being a productive Friend serving your library and being an advocate for its services?

- 9:30 am Registration and breakfast refreshments
- 10:00 am Welcome and attendee introductions: Allison Arnold, FOML President
Mary Rzepczynski, Library Director, Delta Township District Library and
Jane Thomas, President, Friends of the Delta Township District Library
- 10:10 am “Friends of All Ages: Engaging with Youth Through Programming”
Cathy Lancaster, Youth Services Coordinator, Library of Michigan
- 10:50 am Morning Break
- 11:05 am “Are You Organized - or Not? Key Organizational Principles for Successful
Friends Groups”
Clare Membiela, Library Law Consultant, Library of Michigan
- 11:45 am “Friends as Library Advocates”
Gail Madziar, Executive Director, Michigan Library Association
- 11:55 am Lunch
- 12:45 pm “All Pumped Up: Strategies for Friends’ Public Relations & Possible Fundraising Too”
Trenton Smiley, Marketing + Communications Director, and Scott Duimstra,
Executive Director, Capital Area District Libraries
- 1:30 pm Talk About Friends: What Knowledge Can You Share?
Share Your Friends Success Stories and Other Information
- 2:00 pm Afternoon Break
- 2:15 pm What Knowledge Can You Share? (New Discussion Table)
- 2:45 pm Wrap-up & Workshop Evaluation
- 3:00 pm Adjournment / Optional Library Tour

**The morning and afternoon refreshments are provided by the
Friends of the Delta Township District Library.**



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Thursday, October 4 2018, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm
Delta Township District Library
5130 Davenport Drive
Lansing, MI 48917

“Best Practices: Key Steps to Improving Your Service as a Library Friend”

We encourage you to talk about one of your best projects.
Share your success stories with other Friends groups.
If you wish, bring handouts, pictures or any other presentation/display materials to share.

**Registration deadline is Friday, September 21, 2018 ~
No refunds after September 28, 2018**

Members \$25 / Non-members \$35

Register online at:

<http://foml.org/events/friends-of-michigan-libraries-fall-2018-workshop/>

Pay by credit card, or generate an invoice to send with your check after registering

Please contact Workshop Registration Coordinator
Janet Newell janet@foml.org
with questions

You will also find more information about FOML membership at
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Friends of Michigan Libraries Trustee Alliance Workshop
“Best Practices: Key Steps to Improving Your Service as a Library Trustee”
Delta Township District Library
Friday, October 5, 2018

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Synopsis: Service as a library trustee requires many important elements of decision-making and policy review and approval. What are the key best practices that will help and guide you along your path to being a knowledgeable trustee serving your library community?

- 9:00 am Registration, breakfast refreshments and attendee introductions
- 9:30 am Welcome: Allison Arnold, FOML President, and Jane Thomas, President,
 Friends of the Delta Township District Library
- Speaker Introduction: Shirley Bruursema, Trustee Alliance Representative
- 9:40 am “The Power and Limitations of Library Trustees: What is being a Trustee All About?”
 Josie Parker, Director, Ann Arbor District Library
- 10:30 am Morning Break
- 10:40 am “Knowledge is Power – Lessons Learned About Trustee Governance: A Library Duo”
 Josie Parker and Shirley Bruursema
- 11:30 am Gail Madziar, Executive Director, Michigan Library Association
- 11:40 am “What Do You Need to Know About Library Law?”
 Clare Membiela, Library Law Consultant, Library of Michigan
- 12:10 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm “Talk About Trustees”: What knowledge about governing your library can you share?
 What questions do you want answered? Table Talks
- 2:00 pm Afternoon Break
- 2:15 pm “Lest We Forget: Best Practices, Lessons Learned, and Knowledge Gained from
 Today’s Workshop”
 Josie Parker and Shirley Bruursema
- 2:45 pm Wrap-Up and Workshop Evaluation
 with Shirley Bruursema, FOML Trustee Alliance Representative
- 3:00 pm Adjournment/Optional Library Tour

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5130 Davenport Drive, Lansing MI, 48917

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FOML Membership

Levels of Giving and Benefits

INDIVIDUAL – Your personal membership helps support and develop FOML services to Friends across the state of Michigan.

GROUP – This membership level provides support for FOML services and offers eligibility for FOML awards and grants.

CORPORATE – This level of giving reflects a commitment to the value of Friends and libraries through the financial support of a business organization.

PATRON – This higher level of personal membership is a strong pledge of annual financial support for on-going FOML services to the Michigan library community.

LIFE - A Life Friend reflects a commitment to the continuing life time of the FOML organization and is a positive statement in support of FOML services and the value of their continuation.

All memberships are eligible for the following benefits:

- Access to information exchange about Friends groups throughout Michigan;
- An electronic copy of the FOML Newsletter which is filled with ideas and projects from Friends;
- Access to the *FOML Manual* (online publication);
- The opportunity to participate in FOML workshops at member rates;
- Opportunities to help develop the FOML website through your member contribution of library photographs and other material;
- Receive information about the FOML Board and its activities and plans;
- Eligibility for the Harriet Larsen Founders Award and the annual FOML Award of Merit;
- Assistance (upon request) from a FOML Board member about questions and concerns involving Friends development and organization;
- An opportunity to become a member of the FOML Board and work toward the improvement of Friends' services;
- Establish networking connections among Michigan Friends groups and participate in the FOML listserv.

NOTE: The Friends of Michigan Libraries (FOML) is a nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization with a strong commitment to its mission as an information resource and support group for Michigan Friends.

To learn more, become a new member, or renew, please visit [FOML Membership](#)

Your FOML Board of Directors

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We appreciate your
ongoing support of Michigan Friends!

FOML members are reminded to check the FOML website (www.foml.org) for the latest postings about Michigan (and other) library news and for FOML activities and events. On the website you will also find information about grants, the Trustee Alliance, contact information, and photo galleries. You can help build this website by sending us a photo of your library for inclusion on the website.

FOML MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Friends of Michigan Libraries (FOML) is to support Friends working on behalf of Michigan libraries, to serve as an information resource for Friends groups, and to be advocates for libraries at the state level.

With a Little Help From Our Friends

FOML is pleased to have so many Friends in the publishing world who have donated either money or supplies to help FOML carry out its services to Michigan Friends. For example, FOML has received financial contributions from Omnigraphics and Gale Cengage Learning. Others have supplied materials for our workshops: bags from Scholastic, pens from Doris Taylor (representing Quality Publishers), pens and note pads from Emery Pratt. Thanks to all who contribute! To quote from a Beatles song, we "get by with a little help from our Friends."



Mark Your Calendar!

Wednesday, September 5

Wednesday, October 3

Thursday, October 4

Friday, October 5

October 17-19

Tuesday, November 6

Wednesday, November 7

June 21-26, 2019

Spring of 2019

FOML Board Meeting

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FOML Fall Friends Workshop, Delta Township District Library

FOML Fall Trustee Alliance Workshop, Delta Township District Library

Michigan Libraries Association Conference, Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi

Election Day

FOML Board Meeting

ALA Annual Conference, Washington DC

FOML & Trustee Alliance Spring Workshops

NOTE: FOML Board meetings are conference call meetings and are held the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Any FOML member who wishes to participate should email the [FOML President](#) requesting conference call information.