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A Happy New Year's Checklist

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Happy New Year, Michigan Friends of the Library. As the year moves forward, we hope you will once again confirm your commitment to the service activities of the Friends of Michigan Libraries (FOML) through your membership renewal and financial support. Your membership is important and helps FOML maintain its level of services to the community of Friends.

It's also a good time of year to take a close look at your own Friends organization and evaluate whether your group is achieving its own level of support for your community library. How well does your Friends group perform on the following checklist?

- ✓ **Mission and Bylaws.** Our Friends have a clearly defined mission and carry out that mission as specified in our bylaws.
- ✓ **Technology.** Our Friends understand the usefulness of technology in helping us achieve our mission.
- ✓ **Best Practices.** Our Friends continuously examine our practices and procedures and determine whether there is a need for updating them to meet our goals.
- ✓ **Marketing.** Our Friends have a well-established system for "getting the word out" about the value of libraries and the importance of Friends supporting libraries.
- ✓ **Advocacy.** Our Friends voice their support for libraries by speaking to local elected officials and state legislators about the value of libraries and the financial support needed to maintain them.
- ✓ **Business and Finance.** Our Friends carry out sound business practices and allocation of resources with the financial support of community members and donors.
- ✓ **Enthusiastic Volunteers.** Our Friends are volunteers from different age groups who are eager to carry out the tasks at hand and welcome the opportunity to be of service.

FOML hopes 2018 is a year of wonderful successes for your Friends. And remember that FOML is here to offer its help and support as we move forward in our mission of service to the Michigan library community.

Support Your Local Library!



[National Library Legislative Day](#) is a two-day advocacy event that brings hundreds of librarians, trustees, library supporters, and patrons to Washington, D.C. to meet with their members of Congress and rally support for library issues and policies.

Participants will receive advocacy tips and training, along with important issues briefings prior to their meetings.

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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 ongoing 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.

FOML Membership Fee Change

Several changes in FOML membership services have taken place in the past couple of months. First, it's now easier to pay for your membership on the FOML website (www.foml.org) using either PayPal or a credit card. FOML encourages membership renewal using PayPal, since those electronic payments are sent directly to MMLC (our financial services provider) and to Island River Digital (our office manager service). PayPal even accepts credit card payments without having to have a PayPal account.

The second change was an increase in membership fees, effective December 1, 2017, for the 2018 membership year beginning January 1, 2018. As a value-added benefit to members, your \$45 group membership payment will now include website access to the latest edition of *A Manual for Michigan Friends* (A Guide to Creating and Nurturing an Effective Friends of the Library Organization). Print copies of the manual are no longer available but anyone with a paid FOML membership will have access to the 180-page electronic copy.

These changes reflect FOML's continued commitment to its mission as an information resource and support group for all its members.

Michigan Library Cooperative News

*By Roger Mendel, Director
Northland Library Cooperative*



Michigan's 11 Library Cooperatives have been busy this past year providing support services to the member libraries. The Cooperative Directors Association members meet every other month to keep current on the issues affecting libraries in Michigan and serve as a conduit to the Library of Michigan. As part of their commitment to their members the Cooperative Directors Association participated this year with the Library of Michigan, Midwest Collaborative for Library for Library Services, Michigan Library Association and the Michigan Academic Library Association to present a seminar devoted to safety in Libraries. Two sessions were held, one in Gaylord where over 50 libraries were represented and one in Dearborn where over 100 were in attendance. Featured speaker was noted author and lecturer on this topic Dr. Steve Albrecht. Plans are now underway to hold another collaborative program in 2018. Watch for details.

Two cooperatives had director changes in 2018. Lakeland Library Cooperative Director Sandra Wilson retired and will be replaced this spring. Superiorland Library Director Pam Christianson left her position in December and the cooperative has launched a search to replace her.

Cooperatives play an important role in the delivery of services to library users. If you or your Friends group is unfamiliar with the services your local library receives from the Cooperative take some time during one of your meetings to have your library director or the Cooperative director indicate the services received.



Friends of Michigan Libraries
Spring Workshop and Fred Ruffner Symposium
Southfield Public Library
Thursday, March 8, 2018

AGENDA

“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?

- 8:30 am Registration and breakfast refreshments
- 9:00 am Welcome and attendee introductions: Allison Arnold, FOML President
David Ewick, Director, Southfield Public Library
Yolanda Haynes, President, Friends of the Southfield Public Library
- 9:05 am FOML Annual Membership Meeting and Board Election
Allison Arnold, FOML President presiding
- 9:10 am 2017 FOML Merit Award Winners announcement
- 9:20 am Keynote Speaker - Fred Ruffner Symposium
“The Library Bill of Rights: Why is it important? What you need to know”
Dr. Robert Holley, Retired Professor of Library Science, Wayne State University
- 10:15 am *Morning Break*
- 10:30 am “Successful Friends: The Troy Public Library Experience”
Cathy Russ, Director, Troy Public Library and
Sue Matthews, President, Friends of the Troy Public Library
- 11:45 am Lunch with Information Sharing and Optional Library Tours - provided either by the
Friends of the Southfield Public Library or the Outreach Department of the SPL
- 12:45 pm “Course Correction: How to Navigate Choppy Seas”
Rebecca Higgerson, Director, Brandon Township Public Library
- 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

The morning and afternoon refreshments are provided by the Friends of the Southfield Public Library



**FOML Spring Workshop and
 Fred Ruffner Symposium registration**
Thursday, March 8, 2018, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm
Southfield Public Library
 26300 Evergreen Rd
 Southfield, MI 48076

Registration deadline is Friday, Feb 23, 2018 ~ No refunds after March 2, 2018

	# Attending	Fee	Sub-Total
<i>“Best Practices: Key Steps to Improving Your Service as a Library Friend”</i>			
With keynote speaker Dr. Robert Holley	FOML Members	_____ x \$20 =	\$ _____
Retired Professor, Wayne State University	non-members	_____ x \$30 =	\$ _____
Not a FOML member? Sign up at our membership page		TOTAL	\$ _____

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.

Friends group's library affiliation

Name(s), email and phone number of those attending workshop:	Dietary issues? (diabetic, vegetarian, etc.)
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Please make check out to “Friends Of Michigan Libraries” and mail with registration form to:

Friends of Michigan Libraries c/o Janet Newell
PO Box 503, Grosse Ile, MI 48138

Questions or concerns: email janet@foml.org or call Janet at 734-506-8410
 You will also find more information about FOML, membership and the workshops at www.foml.org



Friends of Michigan Libraries Trustee Alliance Workshop
“Best Practices: Key Steps to Improving Your Service as a Library Trustee”
Southfield Public Library
Friday, March 9, 2018

AGENDA

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?

- 8:30 am Registration and Breakfast Refreshments
- 9:00 am Welcome: Allison Arnold, FOML President, Dave Ewick, Director, Southfield Public Library and Euni Rose, Southfield Public Library Trustee
Speaker Introduction: Shirley Bruursema, FOML Trustee Alliance Representative
- 9:10 am “The Power and Limitations of Library Trustees: What is being a Trustee All About?”
Josie Parker, Director, Ann Arbor District Library
- 10:00 am *Morning Break*
- 10:15 am “Knowledge is Power – Lessons Learned About Trustee Governance: a library duet”
Josie Parker and Shirley Bruursema
- 11:30 am “What Do You Need to Know About Library Law?”
Clare Membiela, Library Law Consultant, Library of Michigan
- 12:00 pm Lunch with Optional Library Tours - provided either by the Friends of the Southfield Public Library or the Outreach Department of the SPL
- 1:00 pm “Talk About Trustees”: What knowledge about governing your library can you share?
What questions do you want answered?
- 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

The morning and afternoon refreshments were provided by the Friends of the Southfield Public Library.



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Institute of Museum and Library Services.**



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Friday, March 9, 2018 ~ 8:30 am to 3:00 pm
Southfield Public Library
26300 Evergreen Road
Southfield, MI 48076

Registration deadline is Friday, Feb 23, 2018 ~ No refunds after March 2, 2018

	# Attending	Fee	Total
<i>“BEST PRACTICES: Key Steps to Improving Your Service as a Trustee”</i> <i>With special guest speaker Josie Parker</i>	FOML Members _____	x \$20 =	\$ _____
	non-members _____	x \$30 =	\$ _____
	TOTAL		\$ _____

Contact name

Contact email

Contact Phone #

Library affiliation

Name(s) of those attending workshop:

Any dietary issues? (diabetic, vegetarian, etc)

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_____	_____

Not a Trustee Alliance member?
Sign up on our [membership page](#)!

Please send registration form and check made out to:
Friends of Michigan Libraries FOML
ATTN: Janet Newell (FOML)
PO Box 503, Grosse Ile, MI 48138

Questions or concerns: email janet@foml.org or call Janet at 734-506-8410.

You can also register online, find more information about the FOML Trustee Alliance, and membership at
www.fomltrusteealliance.org



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The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 122,000 libraries and 17,500 museums.

The Institute's mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas.

Friends Activities From Around the State

*By Jennifer Kundak
Chelsea District Library*

[Friends of the Baldwin Public Library](#) are accepting gently used purses, handbags, and wallets to sell at their upcoming Books, Bags and Bagels sale on Sunday March 18, 1-4pm. Shop for gently used handbags and totes priced at \$5 and up. Enjoy bagels and coffee while browsing through a collection of books on women's topics and by female authors for \$1.

[Friends of the Brighton District Library](#) learned that a local elementary school held a Read In where students were allowed to spend the afternoon reading in a comfy spot. It sounded amazing so they planned an adult event for January 19, 6-8pm, for the chance to enjoy uninterrupted reading time, along with enjoying a hot beverage and snacks.

[Friends of the Dexter District Library](#) were mightily thanked by the library director in their newsletter for a long list of contributions of time to hosting monthly book sales, significant work to sort a large amount of book donations, and funding many special projects such as the new terrace in Mill Creek Park.

[Friends of the Detroit Public Library](#) want everyone to know about the Detroit Book City's Juneteenth Books Poetry and Art Fair on Saturday, June 16, 2018, from noon-5pm. It will be held at Northwest Activities Center on Meyers Road, Detroit. There is a call for black authors, spoken word artists, visual artists and artisans. While not an actual Friends event, it reflects the theme of strong community building as a shared value. For more information visit www.detroitbookcity.com

[Friends of the Jackson District Library](#) recognized that the Holiday Dessert Tea had fewer Friends able to attend because of the time of year it's been held. To make certain as many JDL Friends possible can participate, they decided to hold an "Honors Tea" to spotlight all their Friends during National Library Week in April 2018. Also the JDL Friend of the Year Award will be announced and celebrated at that time.

[Friends of the Troy Public Library](#) recently announced that they will no longer accept for donation or sell VHS tapes in their shops. They've been clearing space for more new, gently used items.

What's happening with your Friends? Please send your newsletters and/or information to us anytime of the year: newsletters@foml.org. And please keep updating your Facebook page, expand your networking by "liking" lots of other library Friends Facebook pages. We all can help grow ideas and share more fun!



Grants Committee 2017 Report

The Grants committee is responsible for awarding the Outstanding Friends Merit Award and the Harriet Larson Founders Grant Award to deserving Friends groups during the year.

The Outstanding Friends Merit Award was given in spring of 2017 at the annual workshop. The award for Friends groups serving under 12,000 went to the Friends of the Henika Library and the award for larger libraries went to the Orion Township Friends group.

The Harriet Larson Founders Grant was awarded in October 2017 to the Friends of the Elk Rapids District Library for their planned work in increasing their Friends group and assisting the library in a future millage campaign.

A Little Free Pantry at the Northville Township Area Library

Have you or someone you have known ever experienced a time when putting food on the table seemed impossible? Perhaps you have seen kids or teenagers go longer than they should without food. These are problems we see every day at our library.

Additionally, basic hygiene items such as tooth paste, soap, and feminine products are not covered by state and federal assistance. Food banks are helpful but most are only open for limited hours and require people to travel to these locations. I have always believed that a strong community is one that cares for each other, and in that spirit, our library wanted to do our part. But how?

After reading an article about a Little Free Pantry I was inspired to try it at our library but unsure if it would catch on. That's when I got my first glimpse of the spirit behind the Little Free Pantry. While at the circulation desk, I asked a co-worker if she would be willing to help keep the Little Free Pantry stocked. A patron who overheard me was excited about the idea, and she and her kids graciously volunteered to purchase the materials and build the Little Free Pantry. Their enthusiasm and willingness to give their time for something that could help others foreshadowed what has since transpired. Our Little Free Pantry has been open for a year and a half and very rarely do we have to stock it ourselves. To our delight, but not surprise, our community has been extremely generous and helpful. In fact, the only issue we've faced is not enough room for all of the donations. They forced us to create overflow storage in our maintenance closet.

The Little Free Pantry is for "neighbors to help neighbors," reveals the true spirit of a community, and it isn't limited to only food. There are many things that can be put into the pantry helpful to kids and families (e.g., hygiene products, school supplies, etc.). The Little Free Pantry is a way for a community to show that it cares by aiding those in need in a manner that reveals the best in who we are.



Your FOML Board of Directors

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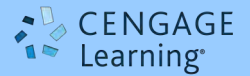
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We appreciate your
ongoing support of Michigan Friends!

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, February 7

FOML Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 7

FOML Board Meeting

Thursday, March 8

**FOML Spring Friends Workshop and Fred Ruffner Symposium,
Southfield Public Library**

Friday, March 9

**FOML Spring Trustee Alliance Workshop,
Southfield Public Library**

Wednesday, April 4

FOML Board Meeting

April 8-14

National Library Week - "Libraries Lead"

May 8

National Library Legislative Day, Washington, DC

June 21-26

ALA Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana

Fall of 2018

FOML & Trustee Alliance Fall 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](mailto:president@foml.org) (president@foml.org) requesting conference