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Do You Know a Library that Needs Friends?

Yes, it's a trick question – ALL libraries need Friends!

United for Libraries (The American Library Association's Division aimed at Library Board members and Friends Groups) can assist your library in Finding, Organizing, Keeping, and Motivating Friends!

This e-mail is going to introduce you to two features United for Libraries offers as part of the Friends pages. These features each provide Useful, Relevant, and Successful tools and information for Friends groups of any size or experience.

To access these features, go to <http://www.ala.org/united/friends> and click on the "Friends" button located on the upper right side of the site. You will then be taken to the Friends Site.

On the right navigation, see two options titled **"Idea Sharing"** and **"Organizational Tools."** Clicking on the small "+" sign next to each title will expand the list so you can see different offerings under each of these categories. Sample Friends/Library agreements, Outreach ideas from fellow libraries, and Recruitment and Membership suggestions are just a sampling of the available materials Friends can find within these two categories.

Friends Group members and officers can access this site directly via <http://www.ala.org/united/friends>. Most of the resources mentioned here are available without login, but there are other materials on the site that require a username and password.

The Library of Michigan, through LSTA funding, provides a statewide membership for all Michigan Libraries (and Library Friends Groups!) to United for Libraries.

To obtain the username and password for full access to the UFL site, Friends and Library Boards should contact their Library Director, their Cooperative Director, or The Library of Michigan at membielac@michigan.gov.

Any Questions?

Please contact me – Clare Membiela membieloac@michigan.gov, or 517-335-8132

Here's to a "Friendly" New Year!

FOML April 2019 Workshops

FOML will present two workshops in April 2019 at the Novi Public Library. The Friends workshop will be on Thursday, April 4 and the Trustee Alliance Workshop will be on Friday, April 5. The workshop theme is "Meeting the Challenge."

FOML is pleased to have a keynote speaker for both workshops – Jamie LaRue, most recently Director of the ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom. Jamie will address challenges facing libraries such as privacy, net neutrality, censorship, and First Amendment rights and responsibilities.

Information about the workshops and registration for the workshops can be found on the FOML and FOML Trustee Alliance websites, and within this newsletter.

To register for the FOML workshop, select this link: <https://fomlevents.org/events/spring-workshop-and-fred-ruffner-symposium/>

To register for the Trustee Alliance workshop, select this link: <https://fomlevents.org/events/trustee-alliance-workshop/>

FOML Archives Find a New Home

by Jim Doyle and Paul Snyder

For many years documents cataloging the history of the Friends of Michigan Libraries have been stored in several places. Initially, thanks to the generosity of the Livonia Public Library System and the foresight of founding member Harriet Larson one repository of our founding documents has been the Livonia Civic Center Library. For the years following many documents were stored at the Kettering University Library, and at the offices of the Library Network.

The FOML Board in 2016 initiated a project to gather and formally archive the important documents that tell the group's story. The organization's archivist, Jim Doyle assisted by board member Paul Snyder worked over the last couple of years to sort the existing documents, place them in a searchable order, write a finding aid, and find them a new home. It is our pleasure to announce that this project has passed a major milestone. The sorting completed the records were delivered to the Bentley Historical Library at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. With the help and guidance of the Bentley's acquisitions archivist, Mike Smith our archives were boxed and delivered with our finding aid to the Bentley last summer. The Bentley has process' for preparing documents and finding aids that conform with its own policies, so our records won't be available to the general public until that work has been done. In the meantime, FOML members will be the only persons allowed access to the records housed there. Once final processing is complete, with an un-restricted Deed of Gift, the Bentley will allow access to anyone wishing to research the documents that track the activities of the FOML since it's founding.

Processing of our companion organization, The Trustee Alliance, continues. A similar process should allow hard-copy records of Alliance activities to reside at the Bentley as well. Future record development will conform with born-digital archival practices and be housed online via the FOML website at foml.org.

FOML Committee Updates

Manual Committee

The Committee reviewed the Manual, and as a result made the following changes:

- Corrected the Table of Contents to identify the Preface.
- Clarified access of Friends groups to United for Libraries, a division of the American Library Association.
- Updated the publishing date to reflect the 2018 revision.

FOML Archives Committee

During 2018, the FOML archives and archives committee had a busy year. Over the last several years, the paper-based archives have been

organized, weeded, put into folders, and prepared for depositing. Starting this year, all archival material will be submitted digitally to Network Solutions via the webmaster.

The paper archives (from 1990 through 2017) will be housed at the Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mi. They will be available there and eventually digitized and available via the Bentley webpage.

The future role, if any, of the archives committee and the archivist will be discussed by the FOML Board. We extend our thanks to the Livonia Public Library for making space and storage of the archives available for the last few years.

Friends Activities From Around the State

By Jennifer Kundak

[Friends of the Calumet Public Library](#) sponsored a presentation with local professionals, Hospice Matters, on January 9, 2019. The free public program described what hospice is all about, managing patient symptoms, insurance coverage and where hospice can take place. Also on February 13, the Calumet Friends Red Jacket Readers (RJR) plan a book club discussion of the novel *Before We Were Yours*, open to all.

[Friends of the Manchester District Library](#) have planned the annual magazine sale for the month of January-February 20. Withdrawn issues of library magazines, offered at a very reasonable cost, are used to fund the Summer Reading Program.

[Friends of the Mt. Morris Library](#) recently purchased a subscription to the Mt. Morris/Clio Herald newspaper for the library, so that patrons will be able to enjoy all the local news when visiting.

[Friends of Niles District Library](#) offer a unique, specially produced Niles Historical picture postcard set of 12 historic markers in Niles, at an affordable cost. It is available at the library and other Niles locations. All proceeds from sales will benefit the FNDL. Also, the Friends no longer have set book sale dates and times. However they currently have a book sale cart located near the Circulation desk. All funds go back to the Friends.

[Friends of the Walled Lake City Library](#) held a Giving Tree fundraiser in November and December 2018. Patrons chose an ornament that featured a book or DVD that interested them, and then donated the cost of the item, so that the Friends could add it to the library's collection.

[Friends of the Wixom Public Library](#) will hold its Spring Used Book Sale May 8-11, 2019. Their Silent Auction, featuring a variety of items for bidding, runs from April 22-May 4. Over the years, FWPL have made nearly \$100,000 in special purchases for the library.

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!



The Friends of the Southfield Public Library Expand Popular Jazz & Blues @ Your Library

The Friends of the Southfield Public Library have sponsored the monthly live music series Jazz & Blues @ Your Library since 2005. This popular series brings the top names in local and national jazz and blues to our Southfield community.

In 2018 we booked several very popular acts with a big following and with the known ability to draw a large audience. The year culminated with Alexander Zonjic, an extremely popular, locally-based but nationally-known headline musician. This concert was also a very successful experiment, which we are certain will pay big dividends in the continued success of the Jazz & Blues @ your Library series.

We were certain that this concert would be a sell-out. So we felt that our usual procedure, where the audience simply shows up on concert night and pays cash at the door, would not work with the size of the crowd we expected. For the first time we instituted advanced, ticketed admission sales, with tickets sold, both in the library, and on-line through Eventbrite. All 210 tickets were sold in about 6 weeks, more than 2 weeks before the concert.

Friends members received a discount, not only giving members an added benefit to their membership, but also generating at least 10 new Friends of the Library memberships. The sell-out concert went smoothly. We offered free overflow seating with a live video feed and music through the wall to the auditorium to those who showed up without tickets. More than 25 people took advantage of this option.

In addition, the founder and coordinator of this program, SPL Friends board member Don McGhee, was just honored with the BLUES HORIZON AWARD: the highest non-musical honor given by the Detroit Blues Society. It is awarded to individuals that have made significant contributions to Detroit Blues. In addition

to supporting local musicians via our Jazz & Blues series, Don has served as President of the Detroit Blues Society and exemplifies its mission: "dedicated to the preservation, education, and advancement of the blues tradition" and serves to "promote a wider appreciation for the blues by the general public."



To learn more about Jazz & Blues @ Your Library, including upcoming shows, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/JazzBluesSouthfieldPublicLibrary/>



**Friends of Michigan Libraries
Spring Workshop
Novi Public Library
Thursday, April 4, 2019**

“Meeting the Challenge”

Synopsis: Libraries are viewed as open access organizations, providing information resources and materials to their communities without barriers to those services. Libraries have an obligation to provide materials and information which represent all points of view and which reflect diversity of opinion. What happens when a library is challenged about its selection of materials or its use of meeting room space? How does a library meet that challenge?

8:30 am – Registration and breakfast refreshments

9:00 am – Welcome and attendee introductions

Allison Arnold, FOML President

Julie Farkis, Director, Novi Public Library

President, Friends of the Novi Public Library

9:10 am – FOML Annual Membership Meeting and Board Election

Allison Arnold, FOML President Presiding

9:10 am – 2018 FOML Merit Award Winners Presentations

9:30 am – Keynote Speaker – Fred Ruffner Symposium

“Meeting the Challenge” Jamie LaRue, Past Director, ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom
(with time for audience questions and answers)

10:30 am – Morning Break

10:45 am – Reactor Responses to Jamie LaRue’s Presentation

“Library of Michigan Perspective on Challenges”– Clare Membiela, Library Law Specialist

“What Challenges Face Libraries in Providing Materials?” – Paul Beavers, WSU Librarian

11:45 am – Lunch with Information Sharing and Optional Library Tours

12:45 pm – “Friends and Library Staff: The Ultimate Challenge” – 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 Friends of the Novi Public Library



FOML Spring Workshop
Thursday, April 4 2019, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Novi Public Library
45255 W. Ten Mile Road
Novi , MI 48375

“Meeting the Challenge”

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, March 22, 2019 ~
No refunds after March 29, 2019

Members \$25 / Non-members \$35

Register online at:

<https://fomlevents.org/events/spring-workshop-and-fred-ruffner-symposium/>

**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
www.foml.org

Intellectual Freedom Champion James LaRue

James LaRue is the CEO of LaRue and Associates. Author of "The New Inquisition: Understanding and Managing Intellectual Freedom Challenges," LaRue was a public library director for many years, as well as a weekly newspaper columnist and cable TV host. In 2014, the Trustees of Douglas County (Colorado) Libraries named a library after him, and he's not even dead yet. From January of 2016 to November of 2018, he was director of the ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom, and the Freedom to Read Foundation. He has written, spoken, and consulted extensively on intellectual freedom issues, leadership and organizational development, community engagement, and the future of libraries.

The Freedom to Read Foundation

Twice a year, the [Freedom to Read Foundation](#) (FTRF) trustees and liaisons meet to discuss emerging intellectual freedom topics in our libraries, schools and government offices. Often these topics overlap with issues of privacy, censorship and the First Amendment. FTRF Developing Issues Committee reviews intellectual freedom topics, including:

- Privatizing government functions
- Guns in libraries
- Net neutrality
- Fake news and fake information
- Disappearing government information
- Attempts to repeal FCC privacy protections
- Email privacy
- First Amendment abridgement by law as it relates to protestors

"Emerging Issues in Intellectual Freedom" is an excellent opportunity for new intellectual freedom fighters who want to remain updated and vigilant on library issues, and for those interested in the First Amendment and current events.

Friends of Michigan Libraries Membership Guide

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THE MISSION OF THE FRIENDS OF MICHIGAN LIBRARIES IS TO SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF LOCAL MICHIGAN LIBRARIES AND TO BE ADVOCATES FOR LIBRARIES AT THE STATE LEVEL.

FOML serves as a clearing house and information center for all Friends groups in the State of Michigan by planning meetings to exchange ideas, by supporting a newsletter to go to member groups, and by offering workshops and speakers to help advance the goals of Friends working with libraries, whether as program planners, as volunteers, as advocates of library legislation or as a source of financial contributions and support.

FOML Mailing Address:

Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative
503 S. Saginaw St., Ste 711
Flint, MI 48503

For information:
734-506-8410

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

INDIVIDUAL

Individual Fee: \$20

GROUP

Group: \$45
Patron: \$100
Lifetime: \$500

CORPORATE

Backer: \$100
Patron: \$250
Lifetime: \$500
Supporter: \$500
Benefactor: \$750
Sponsor: \$1,000

- Annual membership begins upon completion of an online membership form and receipt of payment.
- Go to www.foml.org/ membership and select the desired level of membership.
- Annual membership term expires one year from initial membership start date.
- Notification of membership renewal will be automatically sent via email for upcoming year.

MEMBERSHIP 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 "A Manual for Michigan Friends" (digital publication on the FOML website)
- 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 involving Friends development and organization
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foml.org/membership

Joining Friends of Michigan Libraries Just Became Easier!

Now you can become an FOML member by signing up online using our easy, secure membership service.

1. On our website, go to foml.org/membership.
2. Select from the membership categories the one that best fits your library's needs. All membership categories are explained in detail on the membership webpage.
3. Fill in the requested information in the online form.
4. Select the method of payment. Payment can be made by credit card securely through Paypal. Or you can select Invoice and will be able to print out an invoice to mail in with your check.

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Your FOML Board of Directors

President: Allison Arnold, St. Clair County Library System
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Janet Newell, Island River Digital

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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 6
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Wednesday, April 3
Thursday, April 4
Friday, April 5
April 29-30

Wednesday, May 1
Tuesday, May 7
June 20-28, 2019
Thursday, October 10
Friday, October 11

FOML Board Meeting
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FOML Spring Friends Workshop, Novi Public Library
FOML Spring Trustee Alliance Workshop, Novi Public Library
Small Libraries, Big Impact: A Conference for Small & Rural Libraries, Gaylord, MI
FOML Board Meeting
Elections in Michigan
ALA Annual Conference, Washington DC
Talk About Friends, Charlevoix Public Library
Talk About Trustees, Charlevoix Public Library

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.