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Incoming President: Paul Snyder



An active member of the Friends of Michigan Libraries since 2009 Paul Snyder has served on various committees and was elected Vice-President at the 2012 Annual Membership Meeting. He is

currently a Project Archivist at the Burton Historical Collection located in Detroit Public Library's main branch. Snyder earned his Masters of Library and Information Science Degree and a Graduate Certificate in Archival Administration from Wayne State University. He was awarded his Bachelors of Business Administration degree from Northwood University as he finished his 30-year career at Ford Motor Company in 2003. Snyder was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Northville District Library in 2010. His other affiliations include the Michigan Library Association, the Michigan Archival Association, and the Society of American Archivists. An avid reader, Snyder joined the Between the Lines book club at the Northville District Library (NDL) soon after he moved to Northville with his wife and stepson in 2004. He joined the NDL Friends group and became its President in 2008. Although resigning his Friends Board position after being elected to serve as a NDL Trustee, he continues to work as a volunteer with the Friends in their Used Book activity and delivers books to patrons who cannot visit the Library due to mobility issues.

Message from the FOML President: Geek for Friends

Charles D. Hanson

Library Director, Kettering University

We've all heard about "computer geeks," those enthusiastic folks who seem to know everything about computers and who spend hours devoted to computer use. Now there's a new use for "geek," part of a national campaign to increase awareness of the value of public libraries. The website

(www.get.geekthelibrary.org) describes the campaign as follows:

"[Geek the Library](http://www.get.geekthelibrary.org) is a community awareness campaign designed to highlight the vital role of public libraries and educate the public about the critical funding issues many libraries face."



*Charles Hanson,
courtesy of Jamie Niehoff.*

As FOML President my commitment to "geek the library" is directed to Friends of the Library.

As I prepare to turn over the FOML President's role to Paul Snyder at the FOML annual membership meeting in April, I plan to continue my commitment to Michigan Friends and to the FOML organization. I enjoy being known as someone who is a "Friends of the Library Geek." Thank you to all Michigan library supporters and Friends who have helped shape the Friends of Michigan Libraries during the years of my presidency. It has been my honor to work for such great Friends! (and I will continue to "geek Friends of the Library")

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Board 2013

The FOML Nominating Committee, consisting of Paul Snyder, Chair, and Denise Hooks and Ann Ingles, have prepared the following slate of officers and changes in board members status for 2013. This slate will be voted on at the FOML workshop and annual membership meeting on Thursday, April 18th.

To Be Elected

President	Paul Snyder
Vice-President	Linda Sickles
Newsletter Assistant	Jennifer Kundak
Director	Gerald Furi

Changes to the Board

Past President	Charles D. Hanson
Advisor	Harriet Larson
Advisor	Betty Newton

Upcoming Friends of Michigan Libraries (FOML) Workshops



The Fremont Area District Library.

FOML will hold two workshops in April 2013 at the Fremont Area District Library.

The first workshop is for Friends on Thursday, April 18, with the theme "Being There: The Value of Friends in a Library's Growth and Development." FOML's annual membership meeting will also be conducted at this workshop, with the election of FOML Board officers at that time.

The second workshop is for Trustees (FOML Trustee Alliance) on Friday, April 19, with the theme "All Things Considered: What Every Trustee Needs to Know About Library Governance."

Workshop registration information is posted on the FOML website:
http://www.foml.org/fomlworkshop_2013april.php

Outstanding Michigan Friends of the Library Award Winners 2012

The Friends of Michigan Libraries (FOML) Board of Directors congratulates the winners of the 2012 Outstanding Michigan Friends of the Library Award.

The FOML Membership and Public Relations Committee has selected the Kingsley Friends of the Library as the winner for a library serving a population less than 12,000 and the Friends of the Petoskey Library for a library serving a population greater than 12,000. The committee was impressed with the successful and distinctive activities that these Friends groups carried out in 2012.

The winners will be presented with their award and a \$400 check at the FOML Workshop on Thursday, April 18th, at the Fremont Area District Library, and they will make a brief presentation on their 2012 activities.

Michigan Friends groups who have an interest in applying for this award can find a description and further information on the Award of Merit link on the FOML website: www.foml.org.

FOML Bylaws: Changes

The following is an abstract of the proposed changes to the FOML Bylaws. Additions are in green letters. Deletions are in red letters. Sections with no changes at all have been deleted for space constraints. These proposed changes will be voted on at the annual membership meeting on Thursday, April 18, 2013.

ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP

Membership categories are:

(f) Corporate.

ARTICLE II: DIRECTORS

Section 1. The FOML shall be governed by a Board of Directors, consisting of at least ~~ten~~ (10) twelve (12) elected members.

Section 2. ~~Members~~ Directors are elected at the annual meeting.

Section 3. ~~Members~~ Directors serve for a term of two years, with renewal of each two-year term at the annual meeting.

Section 4. Any ~~one~~ director retiring from the Board shall deliver ~~to their~~ to his/her successor, or to the President in the absence of a successor, all moneys, accounts, records, books, papers or other property belonging to the organization.

Section 6. No later than six (6) months prior to the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors shall devote adequate meeting time to discuss succession planning for the coming year. The president may appoint a nominating committee.

Section 7. The ~~FOML Board~~ President, with Board approval, may choose to appoint individuals from various constituencies as Board Advisors. Such advisors will serve a one-year term, renewable at the ~~FOML~~ Annual Meeting, and will be non-voting members of the ~~FOML~~ Board.

Section 8. The Board shall maintain a standard operating procedures document, where procedures for election and succession are detailed.



ARTICLE III: POWERS AND DUTIES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall have the following duties and powers:

(6) To ~~approve the~~ appointment of committee chairs and perform such other functions as the bylaws prescribe, and act on behalf of the FOML for all statutory purposes;

(10) To accept or reject on behalf of FOML any contribution, gift, service, ~~or~~ device, ~~or~~ bequest.

FOML Bylaws (cont.)

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 2. The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of FOML and of Board meetings of FOML and of the organization's Board of Directors. The President shall:

With Board approval, name Committees and their chairs, and shall serve as an ex-officio member of all such committees;

Section 4. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the funds, and maintains the records of FOML. The Treasurer shall:

Make an annual report financial review of the financial condition of FOML in writing to the membership and also prepare a financial statement for the Board of Directors at each Board meeting See also III,1,8;

Section 6. The terms of office for all officers shall be two years. Each officer shall hold office until his/her successor is elected, or until he/she dies, resigns, or is removed by the Board. If the office of any officer becomes vacant, the Board of Directors may elect a successor from their members the Directors on the Board who shall hold office for the unexpired term, or appoint a successor from the membership. No officer shall hold the same office for more than three successive complete terms.

ARTICLE V: OTHER BOARD AFFILIATES

Section 1. The FOML President, with Board of Directors approval, may appoint Board Advisors to assist the Board with specific tasks and duties.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

ARTICLE VIII:IX: INDEMNIFICATION

ARTICLE IX: PERMITTED ACTIVITIES

ARTICLE XI: DISSOLUTION

In the event that FOML should dissolve, any funds will go directly to the Michigan Library Association. In the event the Michigan Library Association is not in existence, the funds will be dispersed on the recommendation of the President, with the approval of the Board.

Revised: January, 2013

Approved:

Library Advocate's Handbook

"Isn't Amazon.com going to put public libraries out of business?"

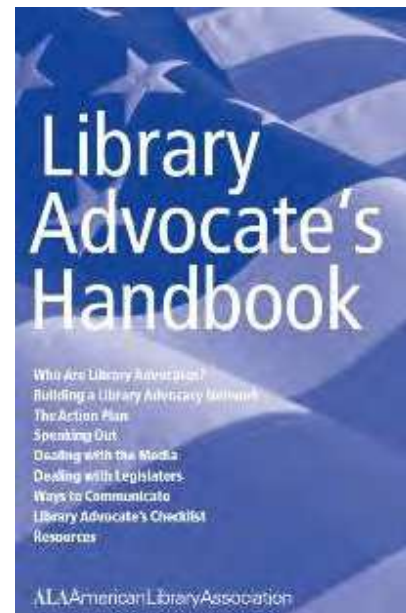
"Why do school libraries need money for books when everything is online?"

"Why do we need a campus library when students can do their research on the Internet?"

Technology has vastly changed the way most of us access information, and it has greatly enhanced library and information services. It has also raised some unsettling questions.

Library advocates have a critical role to play in answering these questions. In schools, on campuses, in neighborhoods, and on Capitol Hill, library advocates are the voice of America's libraries.

The American Library Association's advocacy trainings, including the Advocacy Institutes, are designed to support librarians, library staff, and library advocates in delivering the library message to legislators; the media; and campus, community and school officials who shape public opinion and control support for library services.



The Library Advocate's Handbook covers basic techniques that work, whether you are seeking an increase in funding, campaigning for a new building or dealing with controversy on social networking or the USA PATRIOT Act.

Used in conjunction with training at state, regional and national library conferences, the Library Advocate's Handbook has reached thousands of library advocates, enabling them to increase public awareness and support for library services. But our efforts are far from over. In the information age, library advocates continue to have a crucial role to play in educating our communities about why libraries and librarians are essential in an information society. To be effective, they must speak loudly, clearly and with a unified voice. Democracy needs libraries. And libraries need advocates.

Download the [Library Advocate's Handbook](#) (PDF) now!

FOML Listserve is Now Available

The FOML Listserv is an e-mail resource created specifically for current members of the Friends of Michigan Libraries to share information about Michigan Friends.

The FOML Listserv is designed to provide you with:

- * News about current and future projects
- * Upcoming events, announcements and more.

As a list member, you will receive all emails sent to this list. You are also able to respond to e-mail postings. When you reply to an e-mail from the list, it is sent to the individual by default, not the list. Please keep in mind, when you post to this list, it is sent to FOML Listserv subscribers.



Go to this link to subscribe to the FOML listserv: <http://inform.palnet.info/mailman/listinfo/foml>

Special thanks to PALnet for hosting the listserv!

Friends Activities From Around the State

Linda Sickles

- Friends of the **Sterling Heights** held a raffle during December. If one purchased \$2 or more in their used book store, they were entered into a raffle for a \$25 Target gift card. A drawing was held weekly for four weeks.
- **Jackson District Library** Friends celebrated the holidays with a Friends Holiday Dessert Tea in December, including music and a presentation of the Friend of the Year Award. It was a chance for all the branch Friends to network and talk about their activities.
- Friends of the **Rawson Memorial District Library** are hosting a trip March 3rd to see the musical, “Hair”, in Detroit and held a holiday sing-a-long in December.
- Friends of the **Flint Public Library** participated in the Flint Cultural Center Holiday Walk, providing programs and refreshments at the library.
- The **Helena Township** Friends of the Library presented a film series, “Off the Wall during 2011-12, complete with themed meals. In February, they are hosting a program on Papua, New Guinea.
- Friends of the **Robert J. Parks Library** just published their first quarterly newsletter — Congratulations! They are selling used books through Amazon.com Market Place and doing quite well.
- Friends of the **Hope Borbas Okemos** Public Library are actively involved in a large fundraising effort — “Renew the Okemos Library-It’s Overdue” — for the renovation of the library. They are planning to raise \$100,000 for that purpose. In November they sponsored the 41st Annual Friends Show and Art Sale and in 2013 a Friends Winter Film Festival. In each newsletter, they give a “Tip of the Hat” to Friends members who have given outstanding service.
- Friends of the **Lewiston Public Library** held their Ninth Annual Holiday Gala with appetizers, cash bar and sit down dinner with a drawing for a pontoon boat ride and a silent auction as well as a basket raffle.
- The **St. Clair Shores** Friends of the Library are sponsoring a poetry workshop in addition to a Family Movie Matinee Series as well as a book discussion group. They purchased two early literacy computers and give financial support for the library newsletter.
- Friends of the **Otsego County** Library provide volunteers to deliver library materials to the homebound and partnered with Zonta to provide book bags to new mothers.
- Friends of the **Dearborn Public Library** are hosting a free film series in January and February and a program, “The Civil War and Underground Connection” in February.

It is truly amazing how creative our Friends groups are when it comes to raising money for their libraries and promoting the great things libraries do by funding programs, events and newsletters. Friends enrich libraries and we owe these loyal volunteers kudos for their dedication. If you have news of activities from your friends group, please let FOML know and we can spread the word to other groups who may be inspired by your efforts.

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It's unfortunate we don't have space to include all the wonderful pictures of the transformed children's room at the **St. Clair Library**, with its ceiling to floor murals and three dimensional art. It was a collaboration of the Friends of the Library, the Public Art Committee of the St. Clair Art Association, as well as some private donations and a variety of local artists. A real inspiration for us all!

Michigan Library Cooperative News

Roger Mendel, Director

Northland Library Cooperative

On February 15 the Michigan Cooperative Directors Association met for one of the bimonthly meetings at the Library of Michigan in Lansing. The eleven cooperatives in the Michigan were all represented at the meeting which is chaired by Jim Pletz, Director of The Library Network. The eleven cooperatives represent every geographical area of the State and provide support services for public libraries primarily with some providing services for area school libraries, academic and special libraries.

At the February meeting the directors met with Gail Madziar, the new Executive Director of the Michigan Library Association. Among the many topics discussed high on the

agenda was the topic of Advocacy. With economic situations in many libraries becoming dire the cooperative directors are working with MLA to be sure that libraries are not "shortchanged" in regard to the issues surrounding the Personal Property Tax reform and tax capture issues. Also in keeping with providing for excellent continuing education offerings for libraries Cooperative Directors Association and MCLS are sponsoring a Management Institute on March 7 and 8 at the Holiday Inn in Flint. It is expected that over 100 will be attending the Institute. This is the first of many collaborations with MCLS to bring quality instruction to library staff. The Cooperatives continue to assist their member libraries with special discounts for materials and media and assist members in keeping updated on state issues related to libraries. Friends groups may wish to schedule a program with the cooperative their library is affiliated with and get a firsthand account of what services are available to their library by the Cooperative.

Friends of Michigan Libraries (FOML) Board of Directors

President, ALA/United for Libraries Liaison: Charles Hanson, Kettering University Library

Vice President: Paul Snyder, Northville District Library

Director/Secretary: Ann Ingles, Petoskey District Library

Director/Treasurer: Sandra Brown Gellis, Flushing Area Library

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Director/Archivist: Jim Doyle, Livonia Civic Center Library

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Director: Mary Hill, Lincoln Township Public Library

Director: Denise Hooks, Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative

Director: Roger Mendel, Director, Northland Library Cooperative

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Director: Avery Weaver, Emery-Pratt

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Advisor: Harriet Larson, Livonia Civic Center Library

Advisor: Mary McCormack, Petoskey Public Library

Advisor: Lee Ann Messimer, Escanaba Public Library

Advisor: Betty Newton, Livonia Civic Center Library

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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 contact information, grants, the Trustee Alliance, and photo galleries. You can help build this website by sending us a photo of your library for inclusion on the website.

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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.**

Renewal Notice: If you wonder why you recently received a renewal notice for your 2013 FOML membership, you should be aware that membership in FOML is for the calendar year and therefore all memberships (Friends groups, individual, etc.) need to be renewed in January. The electronic mailing (link) to the FOML newsletter and other FOML information are sent to only those whose membership status is current for 2013. Likewise, FOML requires a 2013 membership for any grants or awards that might be given to a Michigan Friends group in 2013. FOML welcomes your membership as we carry out our mission of support, information, and advocacy for Michigan Friends.

Mark Your Calendar!

Wednesday, March 6, 2013	FOML Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 3, 2013	FOML Board Meeting
Thursday, April 18, 2013	FOML Friends Workshop, Fremont Area District Library
Friday, April 19, 2013	FOML Trustee Alliance Workshop, Fremont Area District Library
Wednesday, May 1, 2013	FOML Board Meeting

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 in these meetings should send an email to the FOML President requesting conference call information.