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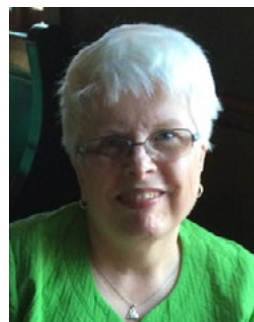
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You can get the latest news about other Library Friend groups around the state and helpful reminders of resources useful for your own group.

www.facebook.com/FOMLLibraries



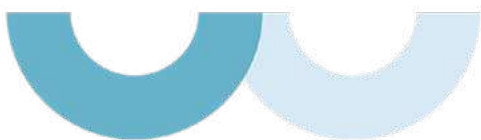
Welcome from Pat Orr, FOML President 2021

Hello FOML Family,

Welcome to the April issue of Focus on Friends. It is my pleasure to serve as the newly-elected President of the Friends of Michigan Libraries (FOML) and to work with Friends in carrying out FOML's mission of service to the library community.

I invite you to continue sharing your success stories as you work on your projects in support of your library. Keep up the good work, and I look forward to hearing about your activities during 2021.

Thanks for being a friend,
Pat Orr
FOML President





FOML Annual Membership Meeting

On Thursday, April 8, FOML held its annual membership meeting by Zoom. Fifty Friends members registered for the event. Members approved two agenda items: changes in the FOML Bylaws and the 2021 FOML Board officers and board members.

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New Board Members

Jaema Berman, *Addison Township Library*
 Dillon Geshel, *Portage Lake District Library*
 Lisa Waskin, *Superior District Library*

FOML Board of Directors Members (continuing service)

Jill Mason, *Albion College*
 Kate Pohjola Andrade, *Woodlands Library Cooperative*
 Gerald Furi, *Farmington Community Library (retired)*
 Yolanda Haynes, *Southfield Public Library*
 Marcella Kinsey, *Ypsilanti District Library*
 Jill Sodt, *Mott Community College*
 Sara Tackett, *Jackson District Library*
 Eva Davis, *Canton Public Library*

FOML Board Advisors

Mary Beall, *Southfield Public Library*
 Shelley Gach-Droz, *Huntington Woods Public Library*
 Ann Ingles, *Petoskey District Library*
 Jennifer Kundak, *Chelsea District Library*
 Michael Mok, *Library Consultant*
 Paul Snyder, *Friends of the Commerce Library*
 Shannon White, *Library of Michigan*
 Roger Mendel, *Library Consultant*

FOML Board Members Leaving the Board

Sandra Brown Gellis, *Flushing Area Library*

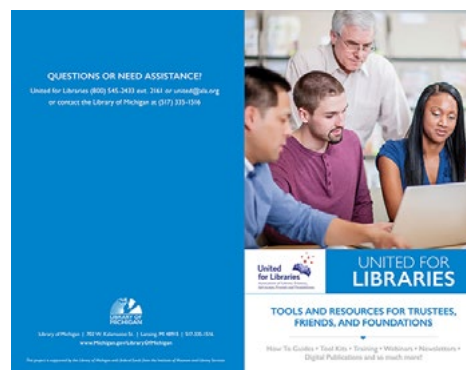
FOML Board Service Providers

Fiscal Agent: Mideastern Michigan Library
Cooperative: Eric Palmer, *Executive Director*
 and Irene Bancroft, *Administrative Specialist*
Web Developer & Membership Coordinator:
 Janet Newell, *Island River Digital*

United for Libraries Keynote Speaker

The keynote speaker was Beth Nawalinski, Executive Director of United for Libraries, who provided an overview of the UFL website with special emphasis on **access for Michigan public library Friends and trustees.**

Here is some important information from Shannon White, Library Development Manager, about access to the UFL website:



The Library of Michigan (LM) provides statewide membership for all Michigan public libraries in United for Libraries (UFL), a division of the American Library Association. This means that library Friends across the state can access members only resources provided by UFL.

This year UFL upgraded their online platform to allow individuals to access the resources with their own unique login and password. As a Library Friend you can now create your own account and unique login. To set up your account follow these steps:

1. Visit www.ala.org/united
2. Click on the STATEWIDE ACCESS FIND YOUR STATE blue bar
3. Scroll down to Michigan
4. Click Register to create your own profile
5. For future access you simply login to your account under MICHIGAN



This statewide membership includes resources such as those listed below and many more:

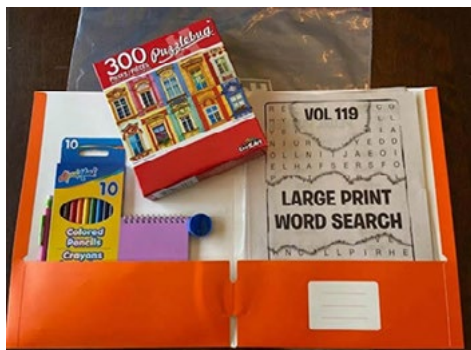
- Online access to *The Voice for America's Libraries* issued bi-monthly. Current and archived copies can be accessed online on the UFL site.
- Toolkits to help Friends of the Library obtain tax-exempt status, set up online bookselling, and understand the roles of Friends, Trustees, and Library Directors
- Monthly membership forums and online discussion groups to share ideas and learn from other library friends across the country.

Be sure to set up your access to the valuable members only information provided in this statewide subscription. This service is provided to you at no charge and is made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Library of Michigan.

If you have any questions about the UFL statewide membership contact LM at 517.335.1516 or whites29@michigan.gov

FOML Merit Award

The FOML Awards Committee reviewed seven applications for the special 2020 Merit Award for a Michigan Friends group that carried out a successful project during the time when libraries were closed to onsite visits because of the COVID epidemic. Congratulations to the winner of the award, the Friends of the Charlotte Community Library, for its project involving senior activity bags.



Seventy senior activity bags containing such items as a boxed jigsaw puzzle were delivered to the local Meals on Wheels organization for distribution to senior citizens in Eaton County who were serviced by their program. The bags were given to seniors at the time of their next meal delivery. The Friends believed it was important to reach out to seniors at a time when they were being overlooked.

The Friends of the Charlotte Community Library will receive a \$400 award from FOML for their outstanding project.

FOML has been presenting the Merit Award to Friends groups annually based on completion of a project which was successfully completed the previous year. Applications for 2021 projects will need to be submitted by Friday, January 14, 2022. Go to <https://foml.org/foml-merit-award/> for more details.



Join Us for the Upcoming Connect with Friends Virtual Series on Thursday, April 29th at 10am or 6pm

What are Friends planning with respect to used book sales, membership, fund-raising and Friends sponsored events? Hear from the FOML 2020 Merit Award applicants and share your ideas. This is a free event for FOML members only. If you are a current member, click on a link to register for the session of your choice.

Thursday, April 29, 2021, 10 am: <https://fomlevents.org/events/foml-connect-with-friends-april-29-10am-session/>

Thursday, April 29, 2021, 6 pm: <https://fomlevents.org/events/foml-connect-with-friends-april-29-6pm-session/>

Thank You!

Thanks for reading this issue of Focus on Friends and thanks for being an FOML member. We appreciate you and hope to provide you with helpful services and events.