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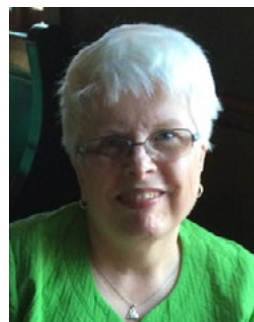
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You can get the latest news about other Library Friend groups around the state and helpful reminders of resources useful for your own group.

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Hello FOML Family,

April has been a very busy month for the Friends of Michigan Libraries! In this newsletter you will see summaries of the April 7th Annual Membership Meeting and the election of officers. There is also a link to the excellent presentation by our speaker, Cordelia Anderson.

Connect with Friends returned April 21st, with morning and evening sessions. Seventy of our members joined us on Zoom to share ideas for fundraising other than book sales, as well as how to recruit new members for their groups and for Boards. Everyone acknowledged how challenging it is to recruit new members and how rewarding new members can be.

New sessions of Connect with Friends will return later this summer. We welcome your suggestions for topics for discussion!

Please email your suggestions to friendsofmichiganlibraries@gmail.com

Pat Orr
FOML President





FOML Annual Membership Meeting

On Thursday, April 7, 2022, FOML held its annual membership meeting by Zoom. Fifty-five Friends members registered for the event. Members approved the 2022 FOML Board officers and board members.

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New Board Members

Bryonna Barton, *Hillsdale Community Library*
 Dr. Jeffrey G. Charnley, *Leslie Public Library*
 Rebekah Craft, *Baldwin Public Library*
 Stephanie Reinhardt, *Public Libraries of Saginaw*
 Kristin Shelley, *East Lansing Public Library*

FOML Board of Directors Members (continuing service)

Kate Pohjola Andrade, *Woodlands Library Coop*
 Gerald Furi, *Farmington Community Library (retired)*
 Yolanda Haynes, *Southfield Public Library*
 Jill Sodt, *Mott Community College*
 Sara Tackett, *Jackson District Library*
 Lisa Waskin, *Superior District Library*

FOML Board Advisors

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

FOML Board Members Leaving the Board

Sandra Brown Gellis, *Flushing Area Library*
 Jaema Berman, *Addison Township Library*
 Eva Davis, *Canton Public Library*
 Rebecca Higginson, *Brandon Twp Pubic Library*
 Marcella Kinsey, *Ypsilanti District Library*
 Jill Mason, *Albion College*

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*

Cordelia Anderson Keynote Speaker

The keynote speaker was Cordelia Anderson, CEO of Cordelia Anderson Consulting, who gave her presentation entitled "How Library Friends Can Be Super Supporters."

You can view her Powerpoint presentation at this link: tinyurl.com/52s3buf4



Access to United for Libraries for Michigan Libraries

Michigan has partnered with United for Libraries to provide all library staff, Friends Groups, and Foundations with the benefits and resources of statewide access to United for Libraries.

Benefits include online training, webinars, publications, tip sheets, best practices, discussion forums, and more.

This project is supported by the Library of Michigan with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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3. Scroll down to Michigan
4. Click Register to create your own profile
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FOML Merit Awards

The FOML Awards Committee reviewed applications for the 2021 Merit Award for a Michigan Friends group that carried out a successful project during the time when libraries limited onsite visits because of the COVID pandemic. Congratulations to the winners of the awards: the Friends of the Shelby Area District Library and the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library.

Each library will receive a \$400 award from FOML for their outstanding project.

Shelby Area District Library

The Friends of Shelby Area District Library hosted their annual Celebration of the Trees. In 2019 they celebrated their 25th year of that holiday. Last year, they decided to bring back those fundraisers. The Celebration of the Trees has brought in \$5,000-\$6,000 annually. Last year they set lower expectations, scaled back the fundraiser and limited participation due to pandemic concerns. The award helps with some of their losses in revenue.



Grace A. Dow Memorial Library

The Grace A. Dow Memorial Library was honored for their creative and innovative services in 2021 involving the Friends, the library and the community during a challenging time, including COVID restrictions and a flood that hit Midland, requiring new approaches to providing resources and community support.

Despite not being able to hold book sales, the Friends decided to offer "Books on Wheels," starting with setting up carts of books outside, and then moving into the lobby as the lobby became usable. With this effort, they were still able to raise over \$10,000 in sales of used books.



Share Your Stories

If you have a story for the Focus on Friends bulletin you would like to share with Friends, please email it to friendsofmichiganlibraries@gmail.com

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.