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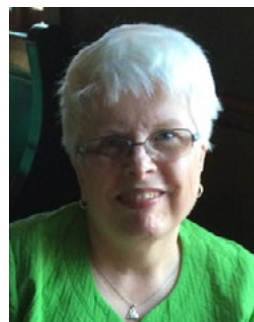
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You can get the latest news about other Library Friend groups around the state and helpful reminders of resources useful for your own group.

www.facebook.com/FOMLLibraries



Hello FOML Family,

Welcome the return of Summer, and with it the restoration of Summer Reading Programs, activities, and Friends book sales to support our libraries. Practicing an abundance of caution, libraries have quarantined books borrowed by library patrons. Which raises an interesting question: have your Friends groups quarantined books and other items donated by patrons? Are you maintaining quarantine policies, or have you eliminated such policies? We'd love to hear how your Friends are reactivating services and reenergizing your membership!

In this bulletin, you will find information on awards and grants available to libraries and to Friends groups. The State Librarian's Award of Excellence is available for public libraries. The Harriet Larson Founders Grant will be awarded to new or reorganizing Friends groups who meet the criteria for eligibility.

Have a wonderful summer- we'll see you at the library!

Pat Orr
FOML President





Book Quarantine

Is your library still quarantining books and other materials? Does your library have safe handling guidelines?

Please share your library's protocols and recommendations.

State Librarian's Excellence Award

Application Information

The Library of Michigan Foundation's State Librarian's Excellence Award will be awarded to a library of any type (public, academic, school, special, tribal, etc.), including branch libraries, that exemplifies excellence in customer service. One (1) library in the state of Michigan will receive this prestigious award each year. The recipient library will receive a \$3,000 cash prize and a trophy for display in its public area. Two Library of Michigan Foundation Citations of Excellence will be presented and the recipient libraries will each receive \$1,000 and a small trophy for display.

Deadline

The absolute deadline for nominations is **Friday, August 13, 2021**. There will be no extensions. Submissions will be accepted online only.

Evaluation Factors

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.

Library directors, trustees, library users, administrators, or parent agency representatives may make nominations.

*Note: Nominations entered should be for the library, not for the library director.

Nomination Submission

Nominations may be submitted via the online application, linked below.

https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_5829?SA=SNA&FID=35054

Letters of Recommendation

Nominations must be supported by at least three letters of recommendation from the Library's constituency (patrons/customers, members of governing bodies, community organizations or groups, others you feel are relevant).

Selection panel representatives include the State Librarian, the director of the SLEA- winning library from the previous year, and representatives from the Library of Michigan, an academic library, a public library, a school library, and a special library.

The award recipients will be recognized by the State Librarian at the Michigan Library Association Annual Conference in October.

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FOML Harriet Larson Founders Grant

FOML awards up to two grants annually to help new or reorganizing Friends groups in their efforts to support, enhance and showcase their local library. Each grant is worth up to \$400.

For more information visit <https://foml.org/harriet-larson-founders-grant-2/>