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FKL at KPLA

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Our Mission

- to advocate for public libraries on the local, state, and national level
- to provide support for the formation and success of local Friends chapters.



Mary Lynn Collins receiving the Kentucky Public Library Advocacy Award presented by the Kentucky Public Library Association at their spring meeting.



Friends Board members working the advocacy and membership table at the Kentucky Public Library Association Conference held in Bowling Green.



Authors at KPLA join FKL!
L to R. David Bell, Michael Morris
and Tina Brewster.

Why Your Membership Is Important By Judy Burdine

The Friends of Kentucky Libraries is an all-volunteer advocacy organization created to provide a unified voice of support for public libraries on the local, state and national levels. The more members we have, the bigger impact we have on the legislative process. We all know that the most successful advocates are the ones from the legislators' home districts. Therefore we encourage local friends organizations and/or local directors to host events at their libraries and invite their legislators to participate. Meet and greets that are held throughout the state have been one way that libraries have allowed their communities to meet their legislators. Other events can be successful as well. Summer reading programs provide an excellent venue for libraries to invite their legislators into the library to: read to the children, host a mini workshop on how to participate in the legislative process, pour tea at a tea party, present awards for reading the most books, and other such activities. We also advocate on the national level by sending one board member to participate in National Library Day in Washington, DC.



The other purpose for State Friends organization is to provide support for local Friends Chapters and encourage the growth of Friends Chapters in our state. We accomplish this in multiple ways. We provide grants through our Sisters Library Grants and our 501(c)(3) filing projects. We travel, when requested, to local Friends Chapters to provide organizational support and advice on many topics. We host an Annual Meeting in November, giving Friends Chapters the opportunity to come together and discuss ways they can improve support to their libraries on both the local and state levels.

The Friends of Kentucky Libraries depends solely on membership dues and donations for operation expenses. All of our board members are volunteers. They receive no compensation for their work or time. They are dedicated individuals who believe in libraries. Your membership is vital to the success of this organization. We are depending on you.

There are several types of memberships

Individuals:

Regular member—\$10.00
Sustaining Member—\$100.00
Lifetime Membership—\$250.00

Chapter Dues:

Fewer than 150 members—\$25.00
150-200 members—\$35.00
More than 200 members—\$50.00

Board of Trustee Memberships—\$25.00 or board members may choose to join individually.

Corporation or Business—\$25.00

If you have not paid your membership dues this year, please consider doing so and encourage your chapter to also join.

Dues can be mailed to:
Friends of Kentucky Libraries
P.O. Box 537
Frankfort, KY 40602

The membership form can be downloaded from the Friends of Kentucky Libraries website.

<http://friendskylibraries.org/membership.html>

Sister Library Grants 2016

The award for the joint Kentucky Public Library Association /Friends of Kentucky Libraries Sister Library Grants was presented to McLean County Public Library and Campbell County Public Library. The focus of their joint project will be young adult programming, specifically online games.

Minecraft is an extremely popular online game for tweens and teens. The Campbell County Library currently has a successful Minecraft program for its young patrons. They have the experience to know how to establish a successful program.

McLean County would like to reproduce these successes in its own county. The grant funds provided by the Friends will allow an employee from Campbell County to travel to McLean County and work with the McLean County staff, to set up a server, establish rules of conduct and host an event to begin McLean County Minecraft Club for young adults.



Photo from left to right: J.C. Morgan, Director, Campbell County Public Library, Judy Burdine, President, Friends of Kentucky Libraries, and Aimee Newberry, Director, McLean County Public Library.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

Friends Helping from Pulaski County

The Friends of the Pulaski County Public Library have started the year off with a variety of projects.

1. They provided funding for the Shamrock Shuffle, a fun run, for library patrons and others in honor of St. Patrick's Day
2. They provided funds for the library staff to purchase t-shirts to be given to all of the School Media Specialists in our county in appreciation for all of the support they give for Public Library Projects, especially the Literacy Bell project, which recognizes beginning readers.
3. They rented Jumping Jack Inflatables to help kick-off Summer Reading activities.
4. They pledged funding for the First Annual Staff and Families Picnic and Appreciation Day to be held sometime in August.

Funding for these and other projects benefiting the library comes from Book Sales.

Friends Helping Friends

When the Scott County Public Library began planning for an addition to their facility the Friends of the Scott County Public Library investigated the possibility of opening their own used book store. Previously used books, weeded from the collection or donated by community citizens, were sold by placing these books on designated library shelves, selling everything for one low price, and giving the library staff the responsibility of collecting the money from the sales.

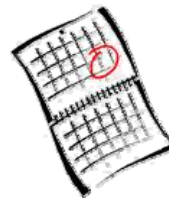
Friends of Kentucky Libraries believe in Friends helping Friends. And in this case Friends of the Paul Sawyer Public Library stepped up to share their success story of operating a book store in their public library. Co-managers from the Lilian Lindsey Bookstore met with representatives of the Friends of the Scott County Public Library who received detailed information of the ups and downs of book store operation.

The Scott County Public Library held their grand re-opening on June 4th and the Friends of the Scott County Public Library have embarked on a new book store adventure. Groups that are interested in learning more about operating a Friends bookstore may contact Mary Lynn Collins at marylynn41@hotmail.com.



From the Editor

We want to hear from you! "News from the Field" will highlight Friends' chapters across the state. Please submit articles about what your Friends group is doing to make a difference in your community. It's really ok to "Toot Your Own Horn" while sharing. You could be making a difference in another community by sharing your success through this newsletter.



Save the Date Nov. 5, 2016

Members of Friends of Library chapters will gather in Frankfort to talk about library advocacy and swap ideas on how to improve our organizations. This annual meeting is held in conjunction with the Kentucky Book Fair. More details to follow.



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