

Friends CONNECT

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

I hope you have had a fun summer with many visits to your local public library.

The annual meeting planning committee has been busy planning a great meeting for November 17, 2018. The meeting will be at Spindletop, a glorious mansion.

The luncheon speaker will be Crystal Wilkinson, a native of Casey County, who now lives in Lexington. She is the author of *The Birds of Opulence* (winner of the 2016 Ernest J. Gaines Prize for Literary Excellence, the Appalachian Book of the Year Award, the Judy Gaines Award and the Weatherford Award in Fiction), *Water Street* and *Blackberries*. Nominated for both the Orange Prize and the Hurston/Wright Legacy Award, her short stories, poems and essays have appeared in numerous journals and anthologies including most recently the *Oxford American* and *Southern Cultures*. She currently teaches at the University of Kentucky where she is Associate Professor of English. She had her partner, poet and artist Ron Davis, own Wild Fig Books & Coffee which is located in the North Limestone neighborhood in Lexington.

During lunch we will be entertained by Betsy Tipton-Gries singing. She will be accompanied on the grand piano by Dr. Susan Willis.

In the afternoon Martha Nest will lead an interactive workshop on practical tips on how to protect your financial assets. Martha is an Enrolled Agent whose practice is located in Bardstown Kentucky. She offers tax planning and preparation for individuals and small businesses all over the US and presently works with over three hundred clients in approximately 20 states. Martha was awarded the National Association of Tax Professionals most prestigious award, "Tax Professional of the Year" in 2012 recognizing her service to Community, Profession and NATP. She has been a member of NATP since 1998 and currently serves as Vice President & Education Chair of the Kentucky Chapter. Martha retired from the Coast Guard Reserve in 1993, opened her practice on a full time basis in 1997, and has been an Enrolled Agent since 2005. She is also the President of the Democratic Woman's Club of Nelson County, a member of the Democratic Executive Committee in Nelson County, serves as Treasurer of My New Kentucky Home Habitat for Humanity, is a Board Member of the Humane Society of Nelson County, a member of the NAACP, Kiwanis and the Nelson County Chamber of Commerce.

There are some new awards this year. The Outstanding Chapter Award has been split into three awards – chapter with 100 or more members, chapter with less than 100 members, and a chapter formed in the last five years. The award winners will be announced in the afternoon. I also heard there are going to be some terrific door prizes.

I am looking forward to seeing you on November 17 at 10:30 am. Registration begins at 10 am.

— LOIS SCHULTZ, President of the Friends of Kentucky Libraries



*Lois Schultz, President of
the Friends of Kentucky
Libraries*

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FRIENDS OF KENTUCKY LIBRARIES EIGHTH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2018

SPINDLETOP HALL, 3414 IRON WORKS PIKE, LEXINGTON, KY

10:00 am Registration

10:30 am Welcome

Lois Schultz, President of FKL

10:35 am State of Public Libraries in KY

Terry Manuel, State Librarian & Commissioner,
Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives

11:00 am Advocacy at its best

Ron Geoghegan, Legislative Agent, Kentucky Public
Library Association
& Dave Schroeder, Director of Kenton County Public Library

11:30 am Singing by Betsy Tipton-Gries accompanied on the grand piano by Dr. Susan Willis during lunch

12:15 pm Luncheon speaker -- Crystal Wilkinson, author of *The Birds of Opulence*

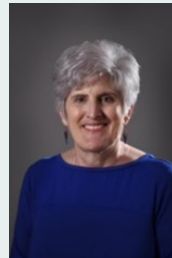
1:00 pm A Financial Literacy Primer for the Friends of Kentucky Libraries— An Interactive workshop exploring the internal controls appropriate for a very small nonprofit presented by Martha A. Nest, EA

2:00 pm Awards, Election of Officers, and Door prizes

There will be time before and after this meeting to attend The Kentucky Book Fair at the Horse Park



Crystal Wilkinson



Martha A. Nest

Thank you to our sponsors for the 2018 Annual Meeting:



REGISTRATION
FRIENDS OF KENTUCKY LIBRARIES
EIGHTH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2018
DEADLINE – NOVEMBER 3RD, 2018

To register, please complete this form and mail to:

Friends of Kentucky Libraries
PO Box 537
Frankfort, KY 40602-0537

Registration Fee: \$15.00 which includes a box lunch. Please circle a sandwich preference for each individual coming with your group:

- Option A: turkey, bacon, avocado club sandwich
- Option B: grilled veggie wrap
- Option C: chipotle pimento cheese and bacon sandwich

Questions? Please call or e-mail Lois Schultz 859-653-5859 or lois.e.schultz@gmail.com

Please circle a lunch choice for each individual registered below, and make a check equivalent to \$15.00 per person payable to Friends of Kentucky Libraries.

Friends Chapter _____

Name _____ E-mail _____ Option A, B, or C

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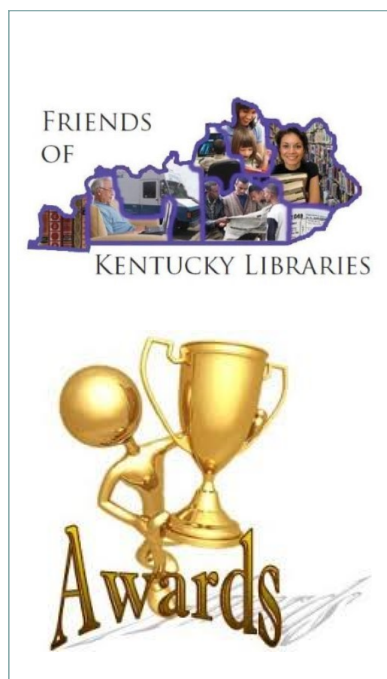
Name _____ E-mail _____ Option A, B, or C

If you need to register more individuals, please list their names, e-mail addresses, and lunch choices on the back of this sheet or on another sheet of paper.

Number registered x \$15.00 total Amount Enclosed _____

Thank you to our sponsors for the 2018 Annual Meeting:





LET US KNOW ABOUT YOUR OUTSTANDING FRIENDS!

Nominations for Outstanding Friend and Outstanding Friends Chapters are now being received by the Awards Committee of the Friends of Kentucky Libraries.

In addition to honoring the state's Outstanding Friend, FKL will recognize the Outstanding large Friends Chapter (more than 100 members), the Outstanding small Friends Chapter (less than

100 members), & the Outstanding new Friends Chapter (established 5 years or less), at the annual meeting on November 17, 2018 at Spindletop Hall in Lexington. Please see the criteria and applications for the awards <https://friendskylibraries.org/home/activities/awards/>

The 2018 Annual Meeting will honor the State's Outstanding Friend, as well as 3 Outstanding Friends Chapters—Nomination forms must be submitted by October 12.

FOKL OUTSTANDING FRIEND OF LIBRARIES AWARD—2018

Purpose: To recognize the contribution of an individual Friend who has performed outstanding service in the advancement of public libraries.

Criteria: Nominee must be a member of a Friends of Kentucky Libraries chapter.

Contributions made by the individual Friend to public libraries, including life-time achievements.

Rules: Nominations may be made by anyone – Friends, staff, trustees, patrons.

Nomination should be concise, responding to the criteria above. Submit no more than two pages of narrative with no more than three pages of supportive material (newspaper clippings, photos, etc.)

The information and the quality of the application shall be the sole basis of selection. Any application not meeting the criteria above will be disqualified.

The FKL Awards Committee will make the selection on the above criteria. The FKL Award Committee may choose to make no award in any given year if the quality of the nominations is not determined to be satisfactory.

No anonymous nominations will be considered.

FOKL OUTSTANDING FRIENDS CHAPTER AWARD—2018

This award will be given in three categories: Chapter with more than 100 members, chapter with less than 100 members, and chapter formed within the last 5 years.

Purpose : To recognize a Friends of Libraries Chapter that has performed outstanding service for a public library.

Criteria: Nominee chapter must be a member of the Friends of Kentucky Libraries, Inc.


Contributions made by the Friends chapter to its local library; Advocacy efforts made at local, state, and/or federal level.

Rules: Nominations may be made by anyone – Friends, library staff, trustees, patrons.

Nomination should be concise, responding to the criteria above. Submit no more than two pages of narrative with no more than three pages of supportive material (newspaper clippings, photos, etc.) The information and the quality of the application shall be the sole basis of selection. Any application not meeting the criteria above will be disqualified.

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KENTUCKY BOOK FESTIVAL

The 37th Annual Kentucky Book Fair will be Nov. 17 at the Kentucky Horse Park's Alltech Arena

The Kentucky Book Fair has expanded into a six day Festival of literary events in Lexington, from readings, school visits by authors, cocktail parties, and trivia, all culminating with the 37th Annual Book Fair on Saturday, November 17th. More information can be found by clicking the logo above, or on their events website at:

<https://www.kyhumanities.org/2018kentuckybookfestivalscheduleofevents.html>

The 37th Annual Kentucky Book Fair will be just minutes away from our Annual Friends meeting at Spindletop Hall on Saturday, Nov. 17. We hope you will visit our table before or after you attend the Annual meeting and chat with our Friends volunteers. Join the Friends of the Kentucky Libraries, or renew your membership while you visit if you haven't done so already! The Kentucky Book Fair is a free event open to the public, showcasing authors from across Kentucky.

FREE ADVERTISING FOR YOUR LOCAL BOOK SALE!

We will promote ANY Kentucky public library book sale (periodic or ongoing) on our website and through our Facebook page. To get free advertising for your next book sale or your continuous book sale from the Friends of Kentucky Libraries. Email lois.e.schultz@gmail.com and tell us: the name of the group holding the sale, name of the library, location of the sale (including street address for mapping), dates and times the sale will be open, name, email address, and phone number of a contact person (please indicate whether we may publish the contact information on our website).

FRIENDS OF MCCrackEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY'S ANNUAL SUMMER BOOK SALE—FOLLOW UP — BY JENNIE BOYARSKI

The Friends of McCracken County Public Library's (MCPL) Summer Book Sale was July 20-21. A first time shopper at the used book sale described the opening day as "Black Friday on Steroids!" The crowd was large and the displays were filled with more than 20,000 items arranged by subject or, in the case of audiovisuals, by format. Though 1200 boxes of books made up the sale collection, there were less than 30 boxes of remainder books at the close of the sale. The total income for the summer used book sale was \$18,171.91. The books sold mostly for \$1 or 50 cents.

The following Monday morning found a core group organizing empty boxes in preparation for sorting books for the winter sale set for February 1 and 2. The preparation for books sales is a year around commitment! Susan Baier, McCracken County Public Library Director says "The funds donated from this summer used book sale will be used for adult, youth, children, and technology programming." The donation check will be presented to Baier at the Friends' quarterly board of directors meeting in October.

Submitted by Jennie Boyarski, Public Relations Coordinator, Friends of McCracken County Public Library

MCPL Summer Used Book Sale 2018

Photos provided courtesy of Jennie Boyarski, Public Relations Coordinator, Friends of McCracken County Public Library





MEMBERSHIP in the Friends of Kentucky Libraries, Inc brings you:

- a network of library supporters across the Commonwealth sharing ideas & news
- assistance in creating or revitalizing a local Friends of the Library chapter
- a unified voice advocating support for your library and all Kentucky libraries

Who Should Join?

- ⇒ any friend of the library
- ⇒ groups and businesses
- ⇒ libraries
- ⇒ Trustees
- ⇒ library staff members

In other words... YOU!

ANNUAL INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

- _____ regular membership \$10
- _____ sustaining member \$100
- _____ lifetime member \$250 (*one time fee*)

ANNUAL FRIENDS CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

- _____ fewer than 150 members \$25
- _____ 150-200 members \$35
- _____ more than 200 members \$50

Would You Volunteer to?

- _____ work on a committee
- _____ work on a short term project
- _____ serve on the Board

ANNUAL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- _____ \$25

ANNUAL BUSINESS OR CORPORATION

- _____ \$25

Name: _____ County: _____

[if a chapter/board membership, please supply contact name] _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Would you like to be added to our electronic discussion list for Friends? ____ Yes ____ No

Occasionally, FKL may choose to thank and acknowledge our members by publishing their names in library related literature. If you do NOT want your name published, please check here: _____

Your contact information is confidential and will not be shared with any other organization or agency. Contributions above the basic membership level further support Friends of Kentucky Libraries' mission and are greatly appreciated. All membership donations and gifts to Friends of Kentucky Libraries, Inc, a 501(c)3 public charitable organization, are tax deductible to the extent of the law.

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ADVOCATING FOR YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY — BY WAYNE ONKST & JAMES WEISS

Advocacy for libraries is a team sport! Legislators and decision makers expect to hear from librarians, but the efforts of trustees and friends as they advocate for libraries are often more powerful. As a result of our efforts, advocates for Kentucky's public libraries enjoyed their most successful year in memory in 2018. During the 2018 legislative session, the budget proposed by the Governor, the budget adopted by the House of Representatives, and the budget adopted by the Senate eliminated per capita aid for public libraries. Every public library in Kentucky would have suffered and some would even have been forced to close. In addition, a bill was proposed to change the method of appointing library trustees for public library taxing districts that would have eliminated board nominations and given the fiscal court sole authority to select trustees. Citizen appointed boards would have disappeared and independence from political influence would have been threatened in many counties. Library advocates from across the state went to work calling, emailing, and meeting with legislators to restore funding and maintain the independent appointment process for library trustees.

In the final days of the legislative session, funding for public libraries was restored and the bill to change the appointment process failed. In his report on the final budget, the chair of the Senate Budget Committee specifically mentioned how much he had heard about the need to fund libraries. Your calls, emails, and contacts made the difference! It is very important, however, that we build on our success. While the 2019 legislative session will not deal with budget issues, we can expect the trustee issue to resurface and there are always surprises that we need to be ready to oppose or support. Here are some ways we can direct our advocacy efforts at this time:

1. Hold a Meet and Greet at your library—A great way for Friends groups to help libraries with advocacy efforts is to sponsor a Meet and Greet session at your library with legislators. Many libraries have invited legislators to the library to meet with Friends to make sure the legislator understands the needs of the library and also to demonstrate support for the library. Libraries have used a variety of methods to organize Meet and Greet sessions. Encourage your library to hold a session and offer the assistance of your local Friends group in the arrangements.
2. Discuss the library when candidates ask for your support—There are federal, state, and local elections in every county this fall. Many candidates will be asking for your support. Be sure to include the library in your discussion and inform them that you expect them to support the library when they are in public office.
3. Bring successful candidates to your library following the election—There will be many new legislators elected in November. If you have a new Senator or Representative, make sure they are invited to the library before the legislative session begins in January so they understand the needs of the library. It is much easier to communicate with legislators at home before the busy legislative session begins. Friends need to be involved in meetings with legislators at the library as their advocacy efforts demonstrate wide community support.
4. Join the Friends of Kentucky Libraries—The Friends of Kentucky Libraries regularly informs Friends and advocates around the state during the legislative session so they know about issues before the legislature. We provide information on when it is appropriate to contact legislators and what our message should be.
5. Get a READ Kentucky license plate—A rolling message from your car about the importance of libraries is a very strong advocacy statement. The colorful license plate draws attention to libraries and public officials notice when the parking lot is crowded with library license plates. By obtaining a READ license plate, you are also supporting scholarships for librarians across Kentucky!
6. Be prepared to act in 2019—Please watch for messages from the Friends of Kentucky Libraries and the Public Library Advocacy Committee during the 2019 legislative session. When the need arrives, be ready to call, e-mail, and meet with your legislators. We have heard directly from legislators that your contacts are effective. If they receive multiple messages regarding libraries, they pay attention.

Thank you for your work in 2018 that made a huge difference for public libraries. With your help our advocacy efforts will grow even stronger and we will build on our success in 2019.

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FROM THE EDITOR

We want to hear from you!

The Friends CONNECT Newsletter wishes to 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.

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