



Spring/Summer 2019

# Friends CONNECT

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Institute for Museum and Library Services recently reported that more than 1 billion, 320 million visits were made to public libraries in the United States during the last year. That averages almost 4 million every day! Don't let anyone tell you that people don't use libraries anymore! Clearly, the public library remains an important part of the fabric of our democracy.

Friends play an important role in making this service possible. Kentucky has many small counties with limited tax base and some of our public libraries do not enjoy dedicated tax revenue. The revenue provided by Friends groups can make a huge difference for a public library. And vocal support of friends can be effective in influencing legislation to help public libraries serve their communities.

We have about 40 active Friends groups in libraries across Kentucky. These groups provide all types of assistance for the local library from sponsoring the summer reading club to acquiring artwork for the library to purchasing treats for staff appreciation. Friends of Kentucky Libraries is interested in starting new Friends chapters for libraries that do not already have a chapter and also helping to strengthen chapters that already exist. This spring we have met with several librarians and trustees who are interested in starting new chapters. If your library is interested in starting a Friends chapter, please contact me and we will be happy to discuss how we can help. Or if your Friends chapter needs assistance, let's talk about some ideas.

To support public libraries and Friends chapters, the Friends of Kentucky Libraries (FOKL) initiated two grant programs this year. FOKL offered four \$500 grants for public libraries and four \$500 grants for Friends chapters. We received 12 applications from public libraries and 9 applications from Friends chapters. You can read about these grants elsewhere in this newsletter. We were very pleased with the quality of the applications and the wonderful programs and activities that were proposed. I wish we could have funded all 21 of the proposals, but we were happy to be able to fund 8 projects in 8 different counties. We are confident these projects will advance the work of public libraries and help strengthen the Friends chapters that applied. With your support by renewing your membership, we hope to fund even more great projects next year..

We hope all library Friends enjoy a great summer. Be sure to visit your library, participate in the library's Summer Reading Club, and enjoy some of the other wonderful library services. In the fall, you will be receiving notice of our annual meeting along with membership renewal information. Thanks for joining us in our most important work of supporting our public libraries!

BY WAYNE ONKST

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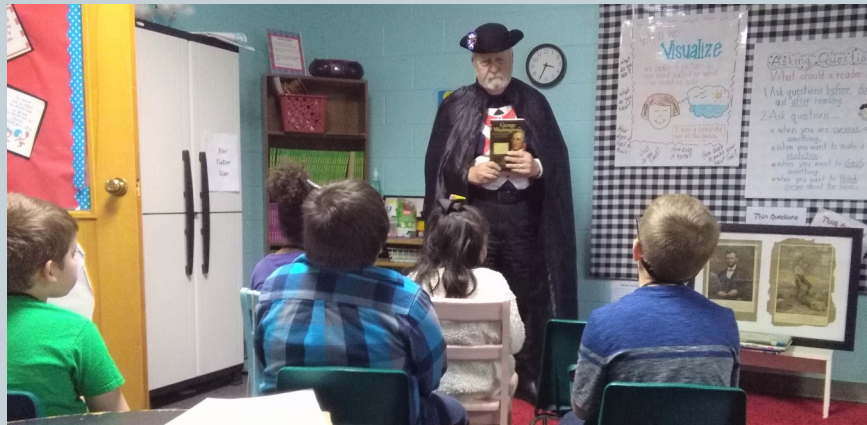
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## PRESIDENT'S DAY 2019

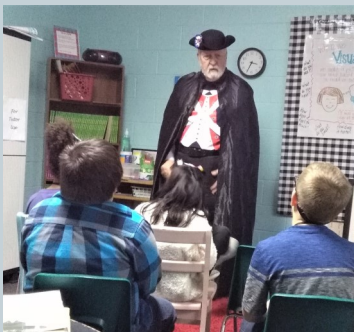
Our beloved Jim Weise (Hardin County) addressed three groups, a total of approximately 100 children, at Mission Hope for Kids and at an Elizabethtown elementary school, about two of our famous US Presidents who were born in February: President George Washington (22 Feb) and President Abe Lincoln (12 Feb).

Lincoln, as you probably know, was born in Hardin County, KY, in 1809, although his birthplace is now in Larue County, which did not exist at the time.

Mr. Weise dressed as a member of the Virginia Militia during the Revolutionary War. Please note the book he is holding is about George Washington. He encouraged the child to "Read, Read, Read!"



*Photo credit to Melissa Neary*



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*Photo credit to Amber Cummings*

## FRIENDS OF KY LIBRARIES ISSUES FIRST GRANTS TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES

After careful consideration, The Friends of Kentucky Libraries initiated two grant programs to assist Friends Chapters and Libraries. The Grant to Public Libraries can be used for purposes deemed by the local library as appropriate for strengthening service, or increase its profile in the community.

After receiving a great amount of enthusiasm for the grant, at the May 2019 Board Meeting, we unanimously voted to increase the number of \$500 grants to be awarded to Kentucky Libraries from two to four. The four winners (in no particular order) are:

- Cumberland County Public Library in Burkesville plans to fund a series of programs and corresponding literature geared toward the teen and young adult audience that addresses the topics of the S.T.R.E.A.M.S. model. A library representative will make seven monthly visits to the local high school and middle school to introduce the students to literary genres and formats that they may not naturally seek.
- Fulton County Public Library in Fulton plans to re-purpose six old newspaper boxes as “Free Little Libraries” to be placed in locations throughout the county. These will promote literature and encourage reading for both children and adults in areas of the community that may not have easy access to the library. These will also offer an outlet for weeded and/or surplus books from the library collection.
- Pendleton County Public Library in Falmouth plans to purchase a vinyl cutter with supplies. This will be available for the library staff to create displays and signage for the library. The library will also offer this service to the community thus increasing their customer service portal for the community.
- Powell County Library in Stanton plans to re-purpose the library’s old inoperable bookmobile. It will be moved to Clay City to serve as an annex to the library. This will offer library services to the patrons, primarily school age children and the elderly, who do not have transportation to the main library. This will also serve as a location to hold library programs and monthly events.

We thank all the libraries who submitted proposals. We look forward to reading the reports describing the results of the winning projects!

BY PAULA FRANKLIN

## SUMMER READING 2019—THEMES ACROSS THE STATE OF KENTUCKY

Summer reading programming is in full swing across Kentucky, and it’s not too late to enroll. Studies have consistently shown that not reading during the summer months can lead to a decline of fluency by 25%, and decoding skills of 45%! Encourage your friends and family to join the libraries summer reading program! The KDLA has great information available on [their website](#) showing the benefits of summer reading.

**MULTIPLE COUNTIES—*A Universe of Stories***—multiple programming options for readers of ANY age, including adults. Special events planned all summer. Prizes available for all who complete their programming!

**CAMPBELL COUNTY—*Blast Off with Reading***—multiple prizes for children up to age 11 who complete the program.

**MCCRACKEN COUNTY—*Summer of Space***—Celebrate 60 years of NASA’s achievement in space exploration, and 50 years since the Apollo 11 Moon Landing!

**KENTON COUNTY—*A Universe of Stories***—Earn books, free t-shirts, and enter raffles for a grand prize at the end of the programming schedule

**LFPL (Jefferson County) - *Be a Monster Reader***—every child or teen who completes the program earns a Monster Reader pencil pouch, as well as a cultural pass.

Check out the website for your local library to see their summer reading programs!

## SCREEN TIME ADDICTIONS HAVE A LIFETIME AFFECT

In 2016, an article by Dr. Nicholas Kardaras in the NY Post declared screens are “digital heroin”, dampening developmental processes turning young children into addicts, which can have lifetime effects.

In 2018 the American Academy of Pediatrics changed their recommended time limits of screens to no more than one hour per day for ages 2 to 5. The Mayo clinic reports that “children younger than age 2 are more likely to learn and remember information from a live presentation than they are from a video.” Too much and poor quality screen time has been linked to obesity, behavioral problems, loss of social skills, and violence.

## Four Friends Groups Selected to Receive Initial Friends of Kentucky Libraries Grants

Friends of Libraries organizations across the state of Kentucky are very active and have some both ingenious and amazing ideas for helping their libraries. The decision was difficult, but four of the Friends groups were awarded \$500 grants to use during the upcoming year.

**Friends of the Corbin Public Library** in Corbin, Kentucky plan to purchase an artistic display system that will be used in the new library annex. The Friends group will be highlighted during the opening of the new addition by displaying a history of their services. The new annex is scheduled to open in the fall. Later the display system will be used by the library to highlight various events.

The **Friends group of the George Coon Public Library** in Princeton, Kentucky is helping to improve the children and youth section in the library. The Friends group plans to purchase two computers to provide better library services to children and teen patrons. Money from this grant will be used to aid in purchasing the second computer. They plan to have these added computers installed by August.

**Friends of Mary Wood Weldon Memorial Library** in Glasgow, Kentucky plan to use the grant money to purchase books for their local Bookmobile TOTE program. The bookmobile delivers books to eight public elementary, three private schools, and twenty-six preschool classrooms in Barren County each month. The added books will be ready for circulation when school begins in the fall.

**Friends of the Spencer County Public Library** in Taylorsville, Kentucky plan to hold an Author Faire & (Silent) Quilt Auction. Twelve Kentucky authors from various genres will participate in the author faire. They will talk about their books and meet with fans. Books will also be available to purchase. Quilters and crafters will offer items for the silent auction. Grant money will be used to purchase a display system – first to display the quilts and later the library will use the system for other library and Friends events.

From the grant proposals, it is evident that Friends groups across the Commonwealth truly love their libraries. Some indicated that many of their ideas for projects came from sharing ideas with other members at the Friends Annual Meeting.

BY PAULA FRANKLIN

### ALSC PUBLISHES 2019 SUMMER READING LISTS

The Association for Library Services to Children, a Division of the American Library Association, has some handy printable PDF lists of new titles available for free download on their website: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/publications-resources/book-lists/2019-summer-reading-list>

Sorted by age groups, you can download a list for Birth-Preschool, Kindergarten—Grade 2, Grade 3-5, and Grade 6-8.

For more booklists from the ALSC, you can also visit <http://www.ala.org/alsc/booklists>

## HARDIN COUNTY FRIENDS ART CONTEST

*The Friends of the Hardin County Public Library (FOL) recently held an art contest for Hardin County middle and high school students. Each winner was awarded a cash prize. The winners were:*

*First Prize--"Shelf of Books to a Whole New World" by Robbie F. Downard of Faith Home School*

*Second Prize--"A Day Spent at the Library" by Hailey Turiczek of St. James School*

*Third Prize--"Untitled" by Lola Hackle of Central Hardin High School*



*Left to Right--FOL Art Contest Organizer Deb Weise, Lola Hackle, Hailey Turiczek, Robbie Downard, and FOL President Nancy Shores.*

*A copy of the First Prize picture was made into a puzzle, and pieces were sold by FOL members. Wayne Onkst, President of the Friends of Kentucky Libraries, won the drawing to take home the original art work of the First Prize winner, and promptly donated it back to the Hardin County Public Library. The top three pictures are now on display at the Main Branch of the Hardin County Public Library, 100 Jim Owen Drive, Elizabethtown. The FOL made several hundred dollars from the puzzle event.*



*FOL meets the 4th Thursday of each month at the Main Branch at 6 PM and all who are interested in helping our Hardin County Public Library are invited to attend and join our membership. If you have any questions, please call Deb Weise at (270) 766-1073.*

*Jim Weise of the Friends of the Hardin Co, Public Library presented the original picture to Wayne Onkst in Frankfort on May 28, 2019*

## MEMBERSHIP

By Lois Schultz

Our mission is to advocate for libraries on the national, state, and local levels and to provide support for the formation and success of local Friends chapters. We would like for you to join in our effort to support the libraries of Kentucky. By receiving this newsletter you may already be a member; if so, ask a friend to join. It may be that it is time to renew your membership. The categories of membership are Individual, Local Library Friends Chapter, Library Board of Trustees, and Business.

Benefits of membership are:

- Subscription to email listserv for Kentucky Library Friends
- Subscription to quarterly emailed newsletter
- Volunteer opportunities: short-term projects and long-term activities
- Opportunity to apply for grants and awards for more activities at your local library

A membership form can be downloaded from the Friends of Kentucky Libraries website located at:

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

Dues can be mailed to:  
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### *THANKS TO FKL LIFETIME MEMBERS*

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brings you:

- a network of library supporters across the Commonwealth sharing ideas and 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 member \$10.00
- \_\_\_ sustaining member \$100.00
- \_\_\_ lifetime member \$250.00  
(payable one time only)

### Annual Friends Chapter Membership

- \_\_\_ fewer than 150 members \$25.00
- \_\_\_ 150-200 members \$35.00
- \_\_\_ more than 200 members \$50.00

### Would You Volunteer to?

- \_\_\_ work on a committee
- \_\_\_ work on a short term project
- \_\_\_ serve on the board

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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### 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. Email me directly at [emerfi@gmail.com](mailto:emerfi@gmail.com).

Thank you,

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