

Awards and Challenge Grants

WANTED: Your Friends' group applications

We hope 2020 is off to a fabulous start for you and your Friends group. As FoKL board members make plans to encourage and support new and existing local Friends groups and advocate for excellent library services, you are on our minds. We thank you for your past support to help us fulfill our Mission and we encourage you to continue to support FoKL during the coming year.

A few highlights from our 2019 Awards and Grants include the following three Challenge Grants: Rossville Friends of the Library for their teen space; Manhattan Library Association for their Board Books for Babies project; and Friends of Morrill Public Library to obtain a professional photographer for library marketing initiatives. Morrill Public Library Friends also received the 2019 Outstanding Friends Group Award. Diane James, a member of Friends of Pittsburg Library was recognized as the 2019 Outstanding Individual Award winner. We know our Friends groups are accomplishing wonderful things across the state. We encourage you to apply for a Challenge Grant, or nominate your Friends group or an individual member who made an impact in your area.

Kansas Library Association Conference, October 28-30

Join Friends of the Library at this year's conference, "The Big Think," to be held in Wichita. We are already in the planning stage to provide an engaging luncheon speaker who is sure to give attendees something to think BIG about.

If you weren't able to attend the 2019 KLA Conference in Overland Park, please note we will once again have our FoKL tote bags for sale at this year's booth. Totes can also be viewed on our refreshed website, www.fokl.net, as well as our Facebook page.

FoKL also unveiled a new look in 2019, with changes to our website, www.fokl.net, and a new logo. Our website contains information about FoKL, Awards and Grants, Current FoKL Members and Membership, and the FoKL Point Newsletter. You can follow us on Facebook, too, at "Friends of Kansas Libraries (FOKL)."

Please note our address has changed from the NEKLS office to Basehor Public Library, 1400 158th St., Basehor, KS 66007. We ask that you update your contact information for us.

We look forward to an exciting year supporting Friends groups and libraries. If you would like a FoKL representative to contact you about visiting your Friends group or library, please email us: friendsofkansaslibraries@gmail.com.

Friends of Kansas Libraries is a statewide organization of groups and individual members committed to helping libraries meet the need and expectations of their communities. It can provide startup grants to communities establishing new Friends groups or having unique program needs and provides technical assistance to local groups upon request. *FoKL Point* is the official publication of Friends of Kansas Libraries.

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