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Secrets of Success – Friends of Winfield Library – March 2022

Sheryl Erickson, President of the Winfield Library Friends, was the guest speaker for the March 4th 1st Friday event. Her organization had won the Outstanding Friends Group Award for 2021 for libraries in their population category. Winfield has about 12,000 residents and they are about 45 minutes Southeast of Wichita.

Sheryl shared on several topics. The Winfield Friends have 9 meetings per year attended by three directors from the library and seven Friends Board meetings. They have been meeting via Zoom during the pandemic. They also held book discussions online.

Some of their other projects include: handmade soap made from goats milk, the Library Sweep game, curbside pickup, grand and go crafts, working out kinks with e-readers, tested the COVID procedures for the library before the soft reopening, small patio book sales and funding for the Summer programs. They have a column in the monthly library newsletter and stories in the local newspaper. They also have a Facebook page.

All of the community groups work well together in Winfield and the Friends help with the Folks Music Festival as well as helping with a Bond Issue for library

improvements.

If you missed the event you can find a recording of it on the FoKL website at <https://www.fokl.net/firstfriday/>

Visit Our Website



Sheryl Erickson, President of Winfield Friends did a great job sharing.



Watch for the monthly announcement of First Friday events by following FoKL on Facebook.

It is Time to Renew Your Membership

In September of 1982 the Friends of the Kansas Library, (FoKL), filed their Articles of Incorporation and were established. During the past forty years, FoKL has assisted in starting new Friends of the Libraries groups, benefitted Kansas Libraries, aided local Friends groups in completing projects for their library, recognized many outstanding Friends Groups and most important - recognizing those volunteers, who do so much to help our libraries. Later this year some bits from FoKL's past 40 years will be shared with you, maybe in the FoKL Point Newsletter.

Thank you for being a part of FoKL by your memberships and donations. It could not have happened without you.

Janet Schmidt
FoKL Membership

Print Out a Membership Form and Join Us

Every year we sponsor Awards and give out Challenger Grants to Friends groups working across the state of Kansas to assist their local libraries. Click the button below to find the forms and full explanations of these awards.

Awards and Challenge Grants

Help Your Library Understand The Library Bill of Rights.

Library Bill of Rights

The American Library Association affirms that all libraries are forums for information and ideas, and that the following basic policies should guide their services.

I. Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.

II. Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.

III. Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.

IV. Libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas.

V. A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views.

VI. Libraries which make exhibit spaces and meeting rooms available to the public they serve should make such facilities available on an equitable basis, regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use.

VII. All people, regardless of origin, age, background, or views, possess a right to privacy and confidentiality in their library use. Libraries should advocate for, educate about, and protect people's privacy, safeguarding all library use data, including personally identifiable information.

Adopted June 19, 1939, by the ALA Council; amended October 14, 1944; June 18, 1948; February 2, 1961; June 27, 1967; January 23, 1980; January 29, 2019.

Inclusion of "age" reaffirmed January 23, 1996.

Although the Articles of the Library Bill of Rights are unambiguous statements of basic principles that should govern the service of all libraries, questions do arise concerning application of these principles to specific library practices. See the documents designated by the Intellectual Freedom Committee as Interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights (<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill/interpretations>)

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