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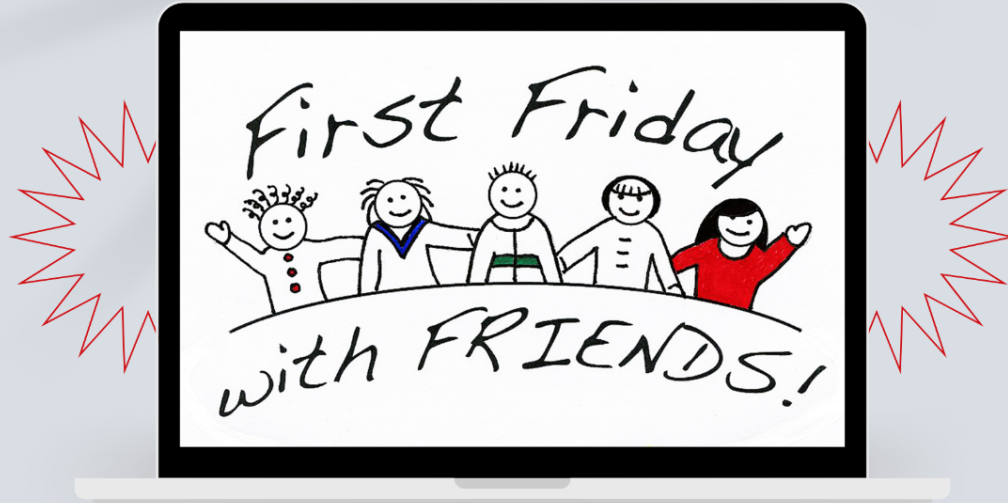
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SECRETS OF SUCCESS

“SUMMER WITH FRIENDS: HOW FRIENDS SUPPORT LIBRARY'S DURING SUMMER READING”
WITH FRIENDS OF THE MARY COTTON LIBRARY



FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 9:00 AM

INTRODUCING LAURA CARROLL, TREASURER FOR FOKL.

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Born and raised in Arkansas City, I have worked in libraries since my teenage years. I graduated from the University of Kansas with an education degree and Emporia State University with an MLIS. I am now the Assistant Director at the Bonner Springs Library. I previously worked at the Basehor Community Library as the Adult Services and ILL Librarian from 2008 until this year. And prior to that, I worked at the KU Libraries, Mabee Library (Washburn University), and the Johnson County Library.

My husband and I live in southern Leavenworth County and have two adult children. In addition to my board work with FoKL, I am also on the board of the Leavenworth County Humane Society, serving as the treasurer. In my free time, I garden with enthusiasm in the spring, not so much by July, and enjoy my cats.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

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. We will be reviewing the applicants for 2023 at our April Board meeting.

Awards and Challenge Grants

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Here is an ALA Link that might be helpful...

<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/advocacy-action-planning>

First Friday with Friends

First Friday with Friends is a monthly gathering of Friends Groups, Members, Librarians, and those who love libraries. It is held on the First Friday of the month at 9:00 am central (8:00 am mountain) via Zoom. To receive reminder emails and follow-up materials, please email FoKL Board Member, Amy Brucker, at director@syracuselibrary.info. Here is a list of previous sessions and you can check the link below to find them.

Want to see a 1st Friday meeting that you missed? They are on file on the FOKL website at <https://fokl.net/firstfriday/>

April 7, 2023: [“Summer with Friends: How Friends Support Their Library During Summer Reading” with Friends of the Mary Cotton Library](#)

March 3, 2023: [“Secrets of Success: March Madness, Building Your Team” with FoKL’s 2022 Outstanding Individual, Erin Ragan](#)

February 3, 2023: “Secrets of Success: Library Libations and Books, Beer and BBQ” with FoKL Board Member Cheryl Sylvester and Friends of the Ashland Public Library

January 6, 2023: [“Secrets of Success: Community Relationships and Bond Issues” with FoKL Board Member Amy Brucker](#)

November 4, 2022: “Secrets of Success: MOU’s” *whoops, we forgot to record!*

Friday, October 7, 2022: [“Secrets of Success: Community Partnerships” with Friends of Baldwin City Library and Wendy Conover](#)

September 2, 2022: [“Secrets of Success: Document Retention”](#)

August 5, 2022: [“Secrets of Success: ABC’s of Book Sorting and Sales” with Friends of the Salina Public Library](#)

July 1, 2022: [“Secrets of Success: Unique Fundraising” with Friends of Morrill Public Library](#)

June 3, 2022: [“Secrets of Success: Summer Library Programs” with Friends of the Andover Public Library](#)

May 6, 2022: [“Secrets of Success: Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner” with Friends of the Wamego Public Library](#)

April 1, 2022: [“Secrets of Success: Online Memberships and Payments” with Manhattan Public Library Association](#)

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January 7, 2022: [“Advocating for the Library at all Levels”](#)

December 3, 2021: [“Allocating Funds Raised”](#)

November 5, 2021: [“Open Mic: Bring Your Questions”](#)

[October 1, 2021: “National Friends of Libraries Week”](#)

September 3, 2021: [“Let’s Talk Friends, Foundations, and Libraries”](#)

August 6, 2021: [“Who’s On Fire? Preventing Burnout”](#)

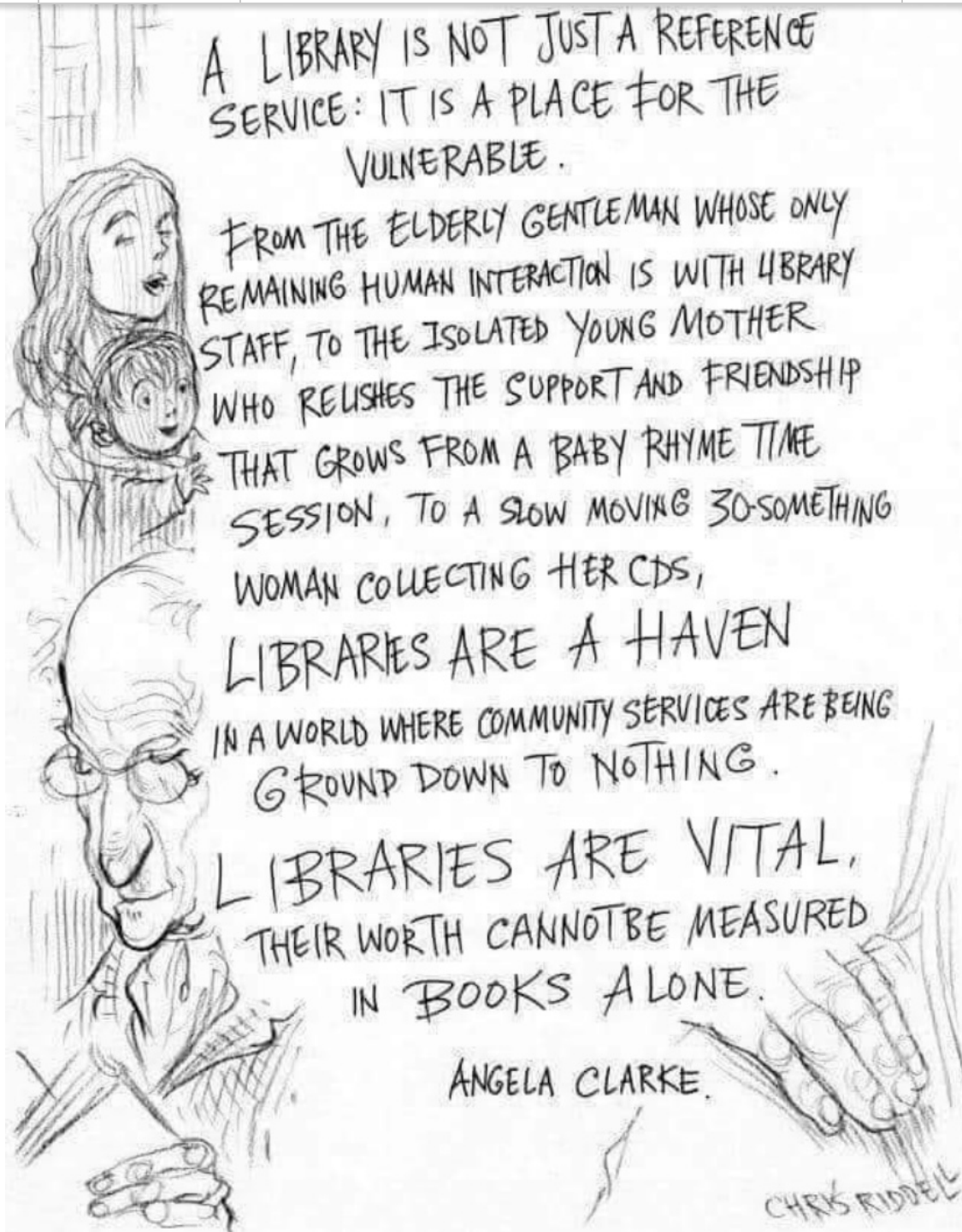
July 2, 2021: [“Going for the Gold: Be a Library Champion”](#)

[June 4, 2021: “Making Memberships Meaningful”](#)

May 7, 2021: [“Book Sales”](#)

April 2, 2021: [“Back to Business: Keeping Friends Safe”](#)

[March 5, 2021: “Friends: How are you doing?”](#)



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