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Outstanding Individual Friend Awards

Three **Outstanding Individual Friend Awards** were presented at KLA Conference:

- Pat Kitterman - Friends of Derby Public Library
- Jan Boyd - Friends of Baldwin City Public Library
- Lydia and Roger Smith - Friends of Finney County Public Library



Derby Public Library Friends Jean Fisher (left) and Mike Brady (right) accepted the award from FoKL President Barb Mathews (center) on behalf of Pat Kitterman.



Jan Boyd (center), Outstanding Friend from Baldwin City Library, was joined by Roger Boyd (right) and FoKL President Barb.



Roger (left) and Lydia Smith (center), Outstanding Friends from the Finney County Public Library received their award from Barb (right).



FoKL says
Happy Holidays
to everyone
and their dog.

Thank you, Brenda Hough for your thought-provoking Advocacy Workshop at KLA. [Check out this great worksheet from Brenda](#) to spark a conversation about advocacy with your Friends group!

**Friends You Can
Count On:**
Library Advocacy in Action

Brenda Hough
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Carolyn Little, KLA Meritorious Service Award



Congratulations to FoKL Board Member, Carolyn Little, who was presented with the Meritorious Service Award at the Kansas Library Association annual conference. This award is presented to those who have provided exemplary library service.

The nomination read: Few names are as recognized in the Kansas library community as Carolyn's. She has worked in the public library system, a regional library system, and we are just getting to her work with Friends of Kansas Libraries. In 2002 Carolyn became a board member of Friends of Kansas Libraries. She continues to serve in that capacity today.

She has helped numerous libraries start a Friends group or helped them find ways to

rejuvenate their existing organization. When Carolyn retired from NEKLS, she asked that in lieu of gifts, donations be made to FoKL. With those dollars, the Carolyn Little Outreach Fund was created to help FoKL continue to serve Kansas public library Friends' groups.

Presently, Carolyn serves on the NEKLS Executive Board. She also serves on the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library Friends Board of Directors and has served as a volunteer for the library.

She is the go-to person for all things FoKL. I have much respect for Carolyn's contributions to the Kansas library community.

Thanking KLA for the honor, Carolyn said "KLA hosts the annual conference to bring us together to share ideas, to be inspired, to meet our challenges. Friends of Kansas Libraries is seeking to do the same: to share ideas that work, to provide support for new Friends of the Library groups, to advocate for our libraries."

Congratulations, Carolyn!

First Friday with Friends

First Friday with Friends is a monthly gathering of Friends Groups, Members, Librarians, and those who love libraries.

Join us on the First Friday of the month at 9:00AM Central/8:00AM Mountain) via Zoom.

Want to see a 1st Friday meeting that you missed? Find them on the FOKL website - [click here](#) to view!

Contact us!

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