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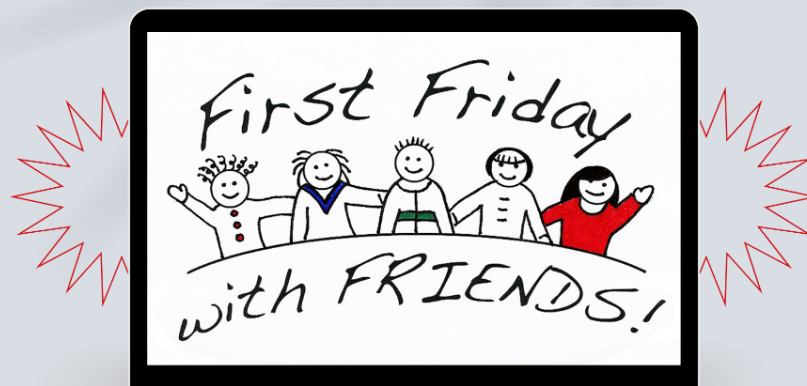
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March
2023

March First Friday was a great success.

SECRETS OF SUCCESS

“MARCH MADNESS: BUILDING YOUR TEAM”
WITH FOKL’S 2022 OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL
ERIN RAGAN



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

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

- 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](#)
- March 4, 2022: [“Secrets of Success: Friends of the Winfield Public Library”](#)
- February 4, 2022: [“Let’s Get Social: Using Media to Communicate with Friends”](#)
- 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?”](#)

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.

[Awards and Challenge Grants](#)

INTRODUCING A NEW FOKL BOARD MEMBER SHERYL ERICKSON

After a hip replacement surgery a couple of years ago, with a month of not being overly scheduled, I’m a new me-not sure all of what I am or will become but I’m on my way. Some of my life roles that are overlapping the old me and

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son who is a criminologist, researcher and assistant professor at Georgia Southern University, he's a good cook and good with plants/gardening-when time allows) a sister (one sister/ two brothers), a friend, and a lover (of books, reading and libraries). I believe education is about providing people with choices and 44 years of being an educator have certainly provided me with life experiences and choices I would have never imagined as a child.

I have lived in the Wichita, KS area my entire life. For my first 13 years my family lived on the west outskirts of Wichita, then we moved to Augusta. I lived in Augusta for 43 years and considered it my "home town". For the last 9 years I have lived in Winfield and it suits me well with not just a great public library but many other opportunities for music, art, theater, and fitness for all ages.



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