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FoKL POINT Newsletter — January 2024



Your FoKL Membership Matters!

FoKL membership is a way to join a community of friends who, like you, believe libraries are vital to our quality of life in Kansas. Membership in FoKL gives you access to:

- Challenge Grants (up to \$500 matching funds to support special projects)
- Recognition of exemplary efforts through the Outstanding Individual and Outstanding Friends Group Annual Awards
- Advisory support from the FoKL board
- Ways to stay in touch with the entire community of Friends of the Library groups through FoKL Point newsletter and "First Friday with Friends" events, our interactive forum on Zoom where successful programs and ideas are shared

Your dues also support Start-up Grants to help establish new Friends groups.

Watch your mailbox for your renewal membership letter. New to FoKL? Find sign up forms at www.fokl.net.

KLA invites FoKL Members to Advocate for Libraries



KLA Legislative Day is Wed., January 31st at the at the Topeka Statehouse. You can participate by scheduling an in-person visit with your legislator that day, or may choose to write them a letter. [Click here for more information about this event and KLA's 2023-24 Legislative priorities.](#)



FoKL Grants & Awards: Crafting a Strong Application

Friday, February 2
9am Central / 8am Mountain

Join us for our First Friday session in February when Board members will discuss the application and nomination process for the 2024 grant and award cycle. Take part in the discussion and learn to strengthen your application for success.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88484969231>

Focus on Friends

Cardinal Friends of the Wetmore Library

FoKL extends a hearty welcome to the newly-formed Cardinal Friends of the Wetmore Library, who received a FoKL start-up grant in October, 2023.

Although the Goff/Wetmore service area is small (population 500), Wetmore has an attractive, active public library that is prized in the community. A golf tournament, expansion and improvement of the Library Park, outdoor movies, as well as Storytimes and other in-library activities are just a part of what makes this a welcoming hub.

The Cardinal Friends formed to assist and further the programs, to provide a volunteer base, and to conduct fundraising efforts for the library. Janet Suther said in the start-up grant application, "As of this fall, Wetmore has lost its school so it is more important than ever that the library step up to play a vital role in the community." The application asked for funds to send out a mass mailing to the community asking for membership and support for the Friends group.

Since then, the group has been busy. One of the first actions was to form a board, which includes Janet Suther (President), Joe Claycamp (Vice-President), Mark Goodman (Treasurer), Regina Mayer (Secretary), Alex Lara-Thompson (Creative Director), Anne Rowland, Callie Bloom, Katie Heinen, and Kristina Rice (Director, Wetmore Public Library).



Focusing on the business side, the group has applied for and received an EIN number and has also applied for 501(c)(3) status.

The process of recruiting members is ongoing. In addition to the mailing, the group has created an inviting and attractive Facebook Page that says "Join us as we raise money for Wetmore Public Library programs, budget, and collections." They also set up a membership recruitment table at the community "Miracle on 2nd Street" event after Thanksgiving.

In February, the group will host a Trivia night with Linda Boyd as Guest Emcee.

FoKL wishes the best of luck to Cardinal Friends for a successful 2024!

TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH @ 7:30 PM

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM

American Legion Hall, Wetmore, KS

\$120.00 PER TABLE - LIMIT OF 8 PER TEAM
PAYMENT DUE UPON REGISTRATION
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Info at www.fokl.net



Does your Friends Group have a Facebook page? **We would like to follow YOU!** Message us on our Facebook page: Friends of Kansas Libraries (FOKL).

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#6 Open for nominations

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