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Our Mission

- to advocate for public libraries on the local, state, and national level
- to provide support for the formation and success of local Friends chapters.

Our Annual Meeting is November 5 – Please Come!

by Mary Lynn Collins

You will not want to miss our annual meeting this year—Miss Julia will be joining us for lunch! Or rather, Ann B. Ross, creator of the Miss Julia series, will be our luncheon speaker.

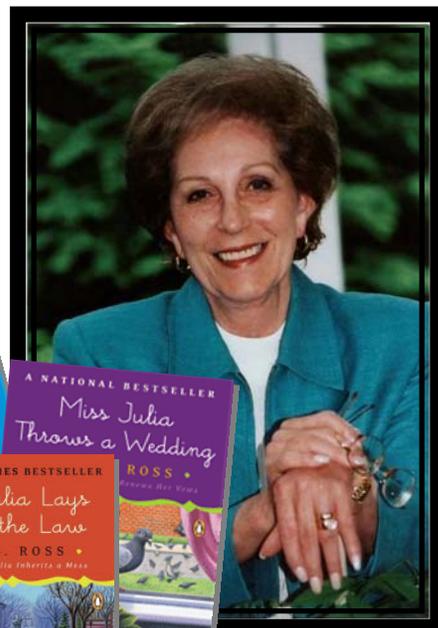
The annual meeting will be November 5, 2016, at the Capital Plaza Hotel, Caucus Room in Frankfort. Our meeting will be in conjunction with the Kentucky Book Fair. The meeting starts at 10:30 am and will wrap up at 2:30 pm, leaving you time prior to the meeting or afterwards to visit the Kentucky Book Fair which will be just a few steps from our meeting.

In recent years, attendance has grown for our annual meeting and we hope to see representatives from every Friends of the Library chapter there this year. This is an excellent networking opportunity. Because of the feedback from last year, we will again have a number of roundtable sessions, topics to include: special events, libraries and friends playing well together, tips on using social media, and book sales and bookstores. We promise you will leave this meeting with new ideas for your chapter!

And we hope to see trustees and other library advocates there as well and will devote the morning session to advocacy. Ron Geoghegan, legislative agent for the Kentucky Public Library Association, and Dave Schroeder, chair of the Association’s Advocacy Committee, will be talking about the upcoming legislative session and the importance of grassroots advocacy.

An important part of the annual meeting is recognizing some of the folks across the state who do so much for our libraries. We will give our annual awards for Outstanding Friends of the Library Chapter, Outstanding Friend, and Outstanding Advocate. We will also be making appointments to the Friends of Kentucky Libraries board and electing officers for next year.

You can find the meeting agenda and registration form on pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter. Special thanks to our sponsors: Hilliard Lyons and Codell Construction. We hope to see you November 5.





Sixth Annual Membership Meeting—A *Networking Opportunity*

Saturday, November 5, 2016
Frankfort, Kentucky
Capital Plaza Hotel 405 Wilkinson Blvd

10:00 am—Registration

10:30 am—Welcome and Introductions

Judith Burdine, President, Friends of Kentucky Libraries
Terry Manuel, State Librarian, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives

11:00 am—What Kentucky Library Advocates Need to Know Now

Ron Geoghegan, Legislative Agent, Kentucky Public Library Association
Dave Schroeder, Director, Kenton County Public Library,
Chair, Kentucky Public Library Association Advocacy Committee

11:30 pm—Lunch

12:15 pm—Lunch Speaker, Ann B. Ross

North Carolina author of the popular “Miss Julia” fiction series

12:45 pm—Awards and Election of Officers



1:00 pm—Round Table Discussions

Small group sessions of 20 minutes each. Participants may choose three:

Special Events—Elaine Wilson, Facilitator—Friends of Pulaski Co Public Library
Libraries and Friends Playing Well Together—Georgia de Araujo, Director
and members of Friends of Boyle County Public Library

Friends Using Social Media—Marcie Christensen, Compass Rose Works

Book Sales and Book Stores—Jane Pfarner—Friends of Kenton Co Public Library

2:20 pm—Wrap-up and Farewell

There will be time before and after this meeting to attend The Kentucky Book Fair in the civic center adjacent to the hotel and within convenient walking distance.

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REGISTRATION
Friends of Kentucky Libraries
Sixth Annual Membership Meeting—A Networking Opportunity
Saturday, November 5, 2016

To register, please complete and mail this form with payment by **October 21, 2016** to

Friends of Kentucky Libraries
PO Box 537
Frankfort, KY 40602-0537

\$15.00 registration fee includes lunch. On the form below, please circle a sandwich preference for each person in your group.

- Option A** chicken salad sandwich
- Option B** veggie wrap
- Option C** roast beef sandwich

Questions? Please call or e-mail Judith Burdine

606-274-4498
burdinefarm@windstream.net

Please circle a lunch choice for each person registered below, and make a check equivalent to \$15.00 per person payable to Friends of Kentucky Libraries.

Friends Chapter _____

Name _____ E-Mail _____ Option A, B or C

Name _____ E-Mail _____ Option A, B or C

Name _____ E-Mail _____ Option A, B or C

Name _____ E-Mail _____ Option A, B or C

Name _____ E-Mail _____ Option A, B or C

If you wish to register more people, please list their names, e-mail addresses, and lunch choices on the back of this sheet or on another piece of paper.

Total Amount Enclosed _____

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From the President By Judy Burdine

Summer is almost over and I don't know where the year has gone. The board has been busy with various projects since our participation at the Kentucky Public Library Conference in April.

In May, Mary Lynn Collins, our Past President, traveled to Washington, DC to represent the Friends during National Library Legislative Day. We feel it is very important that our legislators realize Friends play an important support role for libraries in their communities and your membership dues made this trip possible.

New Friends groups are in the process of organizing and old Friends groups are in the process of re-organizing. This month, we will be presenting a check to the Friends of the Mary Wood Weldon Memorial Library (Barren County) for successfully getting their 501(c)(3) status renewed. We have been in contact with other libraries who are thinking about applying for this grant in the near future. Your membership dues make these grants possible.

We will be represented at the KLA Conference in Louisville on September 22. Come by our advocacy booth that morning and get your membership at a discount of \$5.00.

Speaking of conferences, our planning committee has just finished the last details on our Annual Meeting set for November 5th in Frankfort. You can read about the details in this newsletter and watch for email reminders. We think you will be pleasantly surprised by our program. This event is made as affordable as possible by your membership dues and our corporate sponsors. Make plans to join us there. As you have probably noticed, membership is on my mind.

Our annual membership drive is currently underway. Please consider continuing your support of this organization by renewing your membership, making a donation, sponsoring a 501(c)(3) grant, or even becoming a lifetime member. Regular membership dues are only \$10 per year for individuals and membership forms are available at <http://friendskylibraries.org>.

Hope to see you soon! If you have any questions, you may call me at home at 606 -274- 4498 or email me at burdinefarm@windstream.net.



Dues can be mailed to:
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P.O. Box 537
Frankfort, KY 40602

The membership form can be downloaded from the Friends of Kentucky Libraries website.
<http://friendskylibraries.org/membership.html>

The 35th Kentucky Book Fair is November 5

by Mary Lynn Collins

We are excited to be partnering with the Kentucky Book Fair again this year, and we hope you will join us during the Book Fair for our annual meeting. Details for the annual meeting are included elsewhere in this newsletter—as well as the registration form.



2016 is the 35th anniversary of the Kentucky Book Fair, and it promises to be an exciting one! The Kentucky Book Fair is one of the oldest book festivals in the nation. For 34 years, a nonprofit board of volunteers managed the Fair, but earlier this year, the board and the Kentucky Humanities Council joined forces. For the first time in 2016, the Fair is under the management of the Kentucky Humanities Council and its incredible staff.

This year's Kentucky Book Fair will be Saturday, November 5, at the Frankfort Convention Center from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Over 170 authors will be at the Fair this year including: Wendell Berry, James Archambeault, Barney Frank, Craig Johnson, Mary Alice Monroe, Richard Taylor, Crystal Wilkinson, Frank X Walker, John Scalzi, Bobbie Ann Mason, Sharyn McCrumb, Gurney Norman, J.R. Ward, J.T. Ellison, Ann Ross, Bill Goodman, Gwenda Bond, and Juan Thompson (son of Hunter S. Thompson).

Since this is the 100th year of the Pulitzer Prize, there will be special events focusing on the Pulitzer. Pulitzer prize winners Maria Henson (1992 Pulitzer winner for editorial writing) and Joel Pett (2000 Pulitzer winner for editorial cartooning) will be featured.

The Friends of Kentucky Libraries will have a table on the Kentucky Book Fair floor. If you go, be sure and stop by. We are having our annual membership drive and you can join the Friends or renew your membership at a special rate of \$5 if you do it during the Kentucky Book Fair!

Deadline for Award Nominations is October 5

Each year at its annual meeting, the Friends of Kentucky Libraries present awards to an Outstanding Friend of the Library and an Outstanding Friend of the Library chapter. If you have an individual or chapter you would like to see recognized in this way, we hope you will submit a nomination. The deadline for receipt of nominations is October 5, 2016.

Nomination forms can be found at www.FriendsKyLibraries.org/awards.html.

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2016 Annual Appeal

By Linda Stith

Most of us have been involved with an organization (or two!) that sends out an "Annual Appeal." Usually money is involved and a contribution or pledge is requested. This article is my "annual appeal." I am looking for contributions of time, talent, and creativity as your pledge to hold a 2016 Meet and Greet (M&G).

Once again we are looking at a busy fall election season. In Kentucky, all 100 seats in the state House of Representatives will be up for election and 19 of 38 Senate seats. With a Presidential election in the mix, the turnout at the polls should be high and legislators will be looking for voters (and wins). Inviting candidates to your library provides an excellent opportunity for them to meet with interested constituents and to learn how libraries continue their role as important community partners.

Communication is the key to good relations with public officials. Keeping legislators and local officials informed about library concerns and successes is the best way to get and keep their support. Holding a M&G offers the personal, face-to-face interaction that is the basis of effective advocacy.

Friends of Kentucky Libraries (FKL) asks that your library consider this appeal and plan a 2016 M&G. Our goal is for EVERY Kentucky library and Friends chapter to participate. In some cases, combining efforts is best - partnering with a neighboring library within a legislative district. Depending on local situations, M&Gs may be simple receptions with refreshments; Open Houses with demonstrations of library services; or Forums for candidates to field questions and hear concerns. A M&G might be held in connection with a book sale or regular library program. In anticipation of your event, ask your users and supporters to tell why they love the library and post their responses. The choice is yours and the reward is great!

Talking points for this year's M&G might focus on the library's role in workforce development, job creation, and early childhood education. These are issues of great importance in our state and your library provides collections, programs, and services that are vital in today's knowledge economy. Your library serves as an access point for training and continuing education for job seekers or those seeking to upgrade their skills. Perhaps you are active in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) initiatives and programs.

Many of you are also involved in or planning for construction or expansion projects. You should never miss an opportunity to point out your needs as you face new and different demands. The library is a place where lives are transformed! And remember, too, to thank legislators for their past support!

Please say yes to this "appeal." Schedule your annual M&G now. Let me know your 2016 plans and contact me at bluelas@aol.com with questions or concerns. I will also be asking for your M&G dates, attendance numbers, and experiences. Thanks in advance!



Two New Friends of the Library Chapters—in Powell and Estill Counties

by Mary Lynn Collins

The Friends of Kentucky Libraries' mission is to advocate for public libraries and to provide support for the formation and success of local Friends chapters. We are very pleased to be working with library patrons in Powell County and Estill County to get a friends chapter in both libraries up and running.

As mentoring chair, I met with Powell County library advocates several months ago to discuss the steps involved in establishing a Friends chapter. The Powell County Library Director Julie Carroll is enthusiastic about her group and notes that "Having a Friends of the Library group will be like a shot in the arm for the library! We are in need of volunteers and advocates of our wonderful library to let the rest of the community know about us." The Powell County friends have already had a bake sale in support of the Summer Reading program and hope to have officers in place soon.

I also met with the Estill County Friends recently. This group is being led by President Beverly Richardson, and they are now at work on developing a mission statement and bylaws. Library Director Kathy Watson is "thrilled that there are community members who believe enough in the public library's mission that they are willing to give their time and talents to form a Friends of the Library group after years of inactivity."

There was a lot of passion in this group—as their Vice President Michelle Long says: "I am giving all that I can to see that our library grows in size, technology, resources, and outreach."

We are excited to have these efforts underway and will continue to work with both groups in the coming months.

In addition to our assistance in the establishment of local Friends chapters, we have recently fielded questions about revitalizing a Friends group, and starting a Friends bookstore.

If I can assist you, please let me know.

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Estill County



Powell County

National Friends of Libraries Week

By Linda Stith

October 16-22, 2016 is National Friends of Libraries Week. This time provides an opportunity to celebrate Friends. It is a great time to promote your Friends group, to raise awareness, and to encourage memberships. A sample Proclamation is below. Ask your local officials to recognize your group!

NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK SAMPLE PROCLAMATION – PUBLIC LIBRARIES

WHEREAS, Friends of the (insert name) Library raise money that enables our library to move from good to great -- providing the resources for additional programming, much needed equipment, support for children's summer reading, and special events throughout the year;

WHEREAS, the work of the Friends highlights on an on-going basis the fact that our library is the cornerstone of the community providing opportunities for all to engage in the joy of life-long learning and connect with the thoughts and ideas of others from ages past to the present;

WHEREAS, the Friends understand the critical importance of well funded libraries and advocate to ensure that our library gets the resources it needs to provide a wide variety of services to all ages including access to print and electronic materials, along with expert assistance in research, readers' advisory, and children's services;

WHEREAS, the Friends' gift of their time and commitment to the library sets an example for all in how volunteerism leads to positive civic engagement and the betterment of our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT (fill in name and title of official) proclaims October 16-22, 2016, as Friends of Libraries week in (city, country, state) and urges everyone to join the Friends of the Library and thank them for all they do to make our library and community so much better.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

Fundraising Beyond the Book By Susan Fawbush

The Friends of the Laurel County Public Library hosted their first Accessory Sale on Saturday, July 16, 2016. The accessory sale was designed to bring in an expanded audience to the library while offering a fun way of raising money for library programs.

The Friends of LCPL donated numerous new and gently used necklaces, bracelets, watches, ties, scarves and purses. Many of the popular purchases were name brand items. Several local businesses also contributed, donating new jewelry and purses to the silent auction portion of the sale.

"I was thrilled with the tremendous support we received from the community," said Susan Fawbush, board liaison for Friends of the LCPL. "We received beautiful donated items from local businesses and Friends of the LCPL. It was also exciting to see a line develop more than 30 minutes prior to the doors being opened," she continued.

Many Friends members came to work the sale, making the checkout line short and the customers happy. In under an hour, more than sixty necklaces were sold. Some customers went home and brought friends back with them later that day.

The Friends of the LCPL will have their regularly scheduled book sale in October and are discussing another accessory sale in the future. "It was such a fun and well-received fundraiser. We will be looking into scheduling another one," stated Tiffanie Martin, President of Friends of LCPL.



From the Editor

We want to hear from you! "News from the Field" will highlight Friends' chapters across the state. Please submit articles about what your Friends group is doing to make a difference in your community. It's really ok to "Toot Your Own Horn" while sharing. You could be making a difference in another community by sharing your success through this newsletter.

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