



Friends News and Notes

Friends of Libraries Section — A Network of Library Advocates in New York State

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Please Vote in the FLS Election

The FLS Executive Board approved the following slate of candidates to be placed on the FLS ballot. The election will be held online from June 1 through June 15 in conjunction with NYLA's annual election. Don't miss your chance to vote in both the FLS and NYLA elections. **Please note:** In order to vote in these elections you will need to be registered with NYLA for the 2026-2027 membership year by May 31. Renew your NYLA/ FLS membership or join now – don't forget to select FLS as your included, or an added, Section! <https://www.nyla.org/membership>. See page 2 for membership information.

The 2026 candidates are:

First Vice President/President-Elect

Nicole Scherer - Bayport | Term Expires November 2029

Councilor-at-Large FLS

Jerrie Grantham* - Corona | Term Expires November 2029

Treasurer

Terry Mulee* - Rochester | Term Expires November 2028

Members At Large (vote for three) | Term Expires November 2028

Jennifer Allen* - Ballston Spa

Marjorie Focarazzo - Henrietta

Meg Sgombick* - Florida

(denotes: * incumbent)

Candidate profiles and position statements are on pages 3- 6 of this newsletter.

Watch for email notifications from NYLA about voting beginning on June 1.

The FLS Board thanks these candidates for their willingness to serve the Section by sharing their time, talent, and expertise.

FLS in 2026 Events and Dates

- ✓ Application and Nomination packets for the [FLS Randall Enos Conference Scholarship](#) and the [FLS Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award](#) are online now. Time is running out to apply for this \$1000 scholarship to attend the 2026 NYLA Conference, or to nominate a deserving individual or organization for exceptional service to the library community. The submission deadline is June 1. See [page 6](#) for more information.
- ✓ The FLS Friends Group Meet-up is June 5th at the Vestal Public Library from 2:30-4:30 pm. See the article on [page 7](#). This is a great opportunity for Friends to get together to talk shop and share ideas. Networking is how we learn from each other.
- ✓ National Friends of Libraries Week is October 18-24, 2026. It's not too soon to think about celebrations, activities, or a membership drive during that week. Find resources [online](#) at ALA's United for Libraries.
- ✓ Mark your calendars now for #NYLA2026. The annual conference is November 4-7 at the Saratoga Springs City Center. (Don't forget about that scholarship opportunity!) There will be many programs featuring Friends topics.
- ✓ FLS will hold its annual membership meeting Wednesday, November 18 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Watch for details about this event in the fall.

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FLS creates a network to connect and inspire Friends groups in all types of libraries to support the New York library community.

FLS, a unit of NYLA, embraces and promotes diversity and inclusion in all their forms.

A Message from FLS President Meg Van Patten

Greetings,

FLS has a mission to “create a network to connect and inspire Friends groups in all types of libraries to support the New York library community.” One of the ways we make the mission come alive is with an annual in-person Meet-up. Board Advisor and Immediate FLS Past-President Chris Lund has planned this event to be held June 5th. Details are on page 7. We would love for folks to join us that afternoon and get to know other Friends and share ideas.

There is a song where the first lines are “We are many parts, We are all one body, And the gifts we have, We are given to share.” How true it is with libraries – there are many individuals with various gifts that we share for the betterment of libraries. Trustees, library staff, librarians, and library Friends working together make some awesome libraries. Like a jigsaw puzzle, if one piece, or group, is

missing then the library is not complete. Thank you for all you do to make libraries complete. Your time, hard work, support, advocacy, and support of intellectual freedom is immeasurable and critical. FLS is here to support your work. Let us know if you have additional ideas as to how we can provide that support. We are here for you.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Meg".

FLS and NYLA Membership Join/Renew Notes and Reminders

- NYLA membership is a fixed year and runs June 1 - May 31
- Open enrollment begins each year in mid-April
- You must join or renew by May 31 to be eligible to vote in the NYLA, FLS, and other Unit elections
- A Friends Group Organizational Membership (\$150) includes up to **five** individuals, each with their own login and membership benefits. For the best value, use all five registration slots available. You may register additional members for \$60 each.
- A personal Friend membership is \$60
- Your NYLA membership entitles you to select one included Section.
 - In order to be a part of FLS, you must manually select FLS as your included Section (“None” is preselected) or include it as an added Section for \$15. For a fee, you may add as many Sections and Roundtables to your membership as you desire.
- NYLA member benefits include voting privileges in NYLA elections. For individuals who register as member types of Friend, Trustee, Retired, or Student, and the members registered as part of a Friends Group Organizational Membership, a discounted NYLA conference registration rate is available.
- Unit memberships (like FLS) entitle you to vote in Section or Roundtable elections and access areas of the NYLA website that are behind a paywall including archived FLS newsletters. See <https://www.nyla.org/membership-benefits> for additional benefits.
- Only FLS members are eligible to apply for the [FLS Randall Enos Conference Scholarship](#).
- During the Join/Renew process, you can double check your registration choices on the summary page and use the “previous” button to make changes or additions. If you selected FLS, it will show on your summary.
- Other helpful webpages:
 - For information on pricing and types of membership, see <https://www.nyla.org/membership-categories>
 - For renewal FAQs, see <https://www.nyla.org/member-renewal-faqs>

If you need help determining whether a Friends Group Organizational Membership or a personal membership is the right choice for you and/or your Friends group, please email FLS.nyla@yahoo.com

FLS is grateful for your membership in the Section, whether it’s your first year, or your 34th year. You are a valuable supporter within the library community. The more Friends, community volunteers, library staff, and trustees that join in, the more we can do with and for the libraries that we all hold so dear.

“Friends Helping Friends” is the motto that keeps this Section fueled and ready to do the hard work of supporting each other. Thank you again for your membership in FLS.

FLS 2026 Slate – Candidate Profiles

Please Vote Online, June 1-15



FLS Vice President/President-Elect

Nicole Scherer

Assistant Director, Nassau Library System, Uniondale, NY

Lives in Suffolk Cooperative Library System

Education:

- Advanced Certificate in Public Library Administration, Long Island University
- Master of Library and Information Sciences, Long Island University
- Bachelor of Arts, SUNY Geneseo

Work History:

- Outreach & Engagement Manager, Nassau Library System
- Head of Teen Services, Fairfield (CT) Public Library

Volunteer Experience:

- New Yorkers for Better Libraries steering committee
- Co-chair, Fairfield County Teen Services Roundtable via Connecticut Library Consortium
- Jury Chair, Books for Teens grant program via YALSA

Candidate Statement

I am pleased to be a candidate for the position of Vice President/President-Elect of the NYLA Friends of Libraries Section. Throughout my career as a library worker - first as a Teen Librarian and now as a public library system staff member - I have been fortunate to work with outstanding Friends groups and witness their passion for helping their hometown library services be the best they can be. It would be a true privilege to support these groups as they pursue their mission in changing times, advocate for the development of Friends organizations across the state, and to serve the Section in its vital work in support of all who treasure their libraries.



FLS Councilor

Jerrie Grantham (incumbent)

Assistant Director of Civic Engagement, Queens Public Library, Queens, NY

Lives in Queens Public Library System

Current Position(s) with FLS:

- 2022-2023 FLS Member At Large
- 2023-2026 FLS Councilor

Education:

Empire State University - Bachelor's

Work History:

I have worked for Queens Public Library since 2017 in a variety of departments spanning public service and community affairs. I have been the Assistant Director of Civic Engagement since 2024 where I oversee the Friends of QPL, civic literacy, leadership development, and volunteerism.

Volunteer Experience:

- Library Worker Support Network - Peer Leader
- Queens Public Library - LGBTQ+ Allies Committee, Sustainability Programs Committee

Candidate Statement

I have managed the Friends of Queens Public Library for eight years and have been a member of FLS for five years. I am always amazed by the dedication and impact that Friends bring to libraries. Their hard work, creativity, and commitment continually strengthen our communities and support lifelong learning for all. Working alongside so many passionate individuals has been inspiring, and I look forward to continuing to advocate for Friends and celebrate the vital role they play in our libraries.

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FLS 2026 Slate – Candidate Profiles continued



FLS Treasurer

Terry Mulee (incumbent)
Lives in Monroe County Library System

Current Position(s) with FLS:

- 2022-present FLS Treasurer
- 2013-present EFR/FLS Web Liaison
- 2012-present EFR/FLS Newsletter Editor
- 2017-2018, 2023-present FLS Representative to NYLA Communications Committee
- 2023-present FLS Representative to NYLA Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee

Education:

- Nazareth College of Rochester (now Nazareth University) B.A. in Religious Studies, Provisional Elementary Education Certificate
- Numerous training and environmental education certifications

Volunteer Experience:

- 1977-2010 Girl Scouts of Genesee Valley in adult training, programming, environmental education, and the council libraries
- 1997-present Order of the Silver Trefoil (Girl Scout Alumni Group)
- 2010-2013 Friends of the Walworth-Seely Public Library Board Member
- 2010-2016 St. John's Home Auxiliary Board Member

Candidate Statement

I have the privilege of being a Friend helping Friends. Our unit Mission is "FLS creates a network to connect and inspire Friends groups in all types of libraries to support the New York library community."

As a member of the FLS Board (and the precursor Empire Friends Roundtable) since 2012, I've met and worked with library Friends, library staff, and civic leaders across the state. All these people have one common goal: to ensure that libraries thrive!

I'm looking forward to another term as FLS Treasurer to continue this work with the FLS Executive Board, Auxiliary Volunteers, state-wide Friends, and library workers. There is so much that we can do together - and the more Friends we have, the better!



FLS Member At Large

Jennifer Allen (incumbent)
Executive Director, Friends of the Saratoga Springs Public Library
Lives in Southern Adirondack Library System

Current Position(s) with FLS:

- 2024-Present FLS Member At Large
- 2025-present FLS Coordinator for Trade Show Booth

Education:

- MS Education, Sage Graduate School
- BA Communications, Minor Advertising & Marketing, University at Buffalo

Work History:

2019-2022 Director of Development & Marketing, Saratoga Independent School

Volunteer Experience:

- Board Member, Saratoga PLAN
- Board Member, New York State Ski Racing Association
- President, Alumni Board, Leadership Saratoga (Graduate, Class of 2016)
- Past President, Children's Museum at Saratoga
- Past Board Member, Saratoga Foundation for Innovative Learning
- Past Event Committees: Franklin Community Center, Code Blue, Saratoga ARTS/YMCA First Night 5K

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FLS 2026 Slate –Candidate Profiles continued

Jennifer Allen, Candidate Statement

I am the Executive Director of the Friends of the Saratoga Springs Public Library, where I oversee strategy, fundraising, membership, operations, and community engagement for a growing nonprofit organization. In this role, I have led significant growth in both revenue and participation, implemented new fundraising initiatives, and expanded the organization's visibility and impact within the community.

My professional background spans nonprofit leadership, development, marketing, and organizational strategy. I have experience working closely with boards on governance, planning, and goal-setting, and I bring a strong understanding of how to align mission-driven work with sustainable funding and effective operations.

I am particularly skilled in building relationships, creating engaging programs and events, and developing strategies that drive both community involvement and financial support. My approach is collaborative, strategic, and results-oriented, with a focus on strengthening organizations from the inside out.

Through my work, I have developed a deep understanding of the role Friends organizations play in supporting libraries and enhancing community access to resources and programming.



FLS Member At Large

Marjorie Focarazzo

President, Friends of the Chili Public Library

Lives in Monroe County Library System

Current Position(s) with FLS:

2025-present FLS Representative to NYLA Legislative Committee

Education:

- Associate, Health Information Management, Monroe Community College
- BS, Organizational Management, Roberts Wesleyan University, Rochester, NY
- MS, Adult Education, Buffalo State College

Work History:

Former educator in higher education:

- Found clinical placements for master level nursing students, URMC
- Instructor, Medical Assistance Program, Bryant & Stratton College
- Academic Counselor, Monroe Community College

Volunteer Experience:

- Osher Institute of Lifelong Learning at RIT; Past Treasurer, current Council President
- Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270, Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, Past President
- Volunteer with Sons and Daughters of Italy in America; Local Lodge scholarship committee, Events Coordinator, Past trustee and vice-president; State Lodge district scholarship chair, CSJ liaison to District VIII Newsletter competition judge, Past arbitration commissioner; National Chair, Leadership Development Committee, Chair, Honors and Recognition Committee, Italian Festa Committee, Cultural Committee, Scholarship Committee, Awards Committee, Charities Committee
- National Funeral Consumers Alliance, past secretary, and current Vice President
- Funeral Consumers Alliance of Greater Rochester, past secretary and treasurer, current president
- Friends of Italian Genealogy, current president
- Served on local and county school boards for twelve years, served as vice president and president for both, legislative representative at local, state, and national levels; served on numerous local school district committees including search for superintendent twice, implementing school-based planning, change to block scheduling at the high school level.
- Involved with the Parent Teacher Association for 30+ years at the local, state, and national levels: local membership chair, building chair, Regional Reflections Chair, Regional Scholarship Chair, State Regional Director, State Legislative Chair, National Resolutions Committee
- 1998 to 2010 Served on the Brockport Central School Districts Board of Education and Monroe County School Boards
- Usher for numerous live theatres in Rochester area

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FLS 2026 Slate –Candidate Profiles continued

Marjorie Focarazzo, Candidate Statement

Serving as a Member At Large for FLS offers a unique opportunity to contribute to the organization's mission. This role provides diverse perspectives on decision-making, collaborating with fellow board members, and helping shape initiatives that benefit the broader community. Additionally, it is a chance to expand your professional network and be involved in governance and advocacy to protect our libraries and librarians. In addition, Members At Large often participate in committees or projects, ensuring that all voices are heard and that programs are inclusive and effective. Their involvement helps strengthen the sense of community and ensures that the organization's activities align with members' interests and goals. Members At Large act as representatives, bringing concerns and ideas from the broader membership to the leadership team. They help facilitate communication, advocate for member needs, and assist with organizing events and initiatives that benefit everyone in the group.



FLS Member At Large

Meg Sgombick (incumbent)
Library Director, Florida Public Library
Lives in Ramapo Catskill Library System

Current Position(s) with FLS:

- 2023-present FLS Member At Large
- 2019-present FLS Marketing Coordinator

Education:

BBA, St. Bonaventure University, 1987

Work History:

I began my career in libraries in 2009 at the Florida Public Library where I worked my way from part-time Clerk to part-time Library Assistant to part-time Library Assistant (Children's Services) to full-time Assistant to the Director, and finally, Library Director in

2021. After attending NYLA in 2019 and meeting Lisa and Terry, I volunteered to be FLS Marketing Coordinator, a position I still presently hold. I am also a member our Friends Group along with various library and community organizations. A mother of 5 grown children, my husband and I have lived in the Village of Florida for over 30 years. In my limited spare time, I enjoy reading historical fiction!

Candidate Statement

I am pleased to be nominated for this position. As a current Member At Large, I look forward to continuing to work with this dedicated group of library professionals.

As one of the first recipients of the FLS Randall Enos Conference Scholarship, I have FLS to thank for getting me involved with such a committed organization. As a member of my Friends Group, I appreciate their importance and look forward to continue assisting FLS in meeting their goals and plans for the future.

Last Call for FLS Award Nominations and Scholarship Applications - Due June 1



This year's FLS Randall Enos Conference Scholarship will be the first awarded since Randy's passing earlier this year. What a wonderful way to honor Randy. He was such a library champion - and gone all too soon.

This scholarship provides up to \$1000 in reimbursements for conference expenses including registration,

lodging, travel, and meals for an FLS member who is also a member of, or a staff liaison to, a local Friends of the Library group in any type of library in New York State. Additional [details and the application packet](#) are available

online. Please consider this valuable opportunity to learn more about Friends topics at the annual NYLA conference, November 4-7 in Saratoga Springs.

Also, don't miss your chance to honor a deserving individual or group/organization that goes above and beyond in service to libraries. The FLS Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award is a great way to recognize awesome accomplishments. Find the [details and nomination packet](#) online.

Don't miss the story about [Friendsgiving](#) (on the next page) hosted by the 2025 recipient of the FLS Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award, Friends of Ridgewood Library, Queens Public Library. This is just one of many library and community events for the group.

Join Us for the FLS Friends Group Meet-up on June 5th!

The Friends of Libraries Section will be hosting its in-person Friends Meet-up at the Vestal Public Library on Friday, June 5th from 2:30 until 4:30 p.m. Volunteers and staff working with Friends organizations are encouraged to come enjoy some Friendly conversation with FLS President Meg Van Patten and members of the FLS Executive Board.

All Friends are welcome; this event will be open at no charge to both FLS/NYLA members and non-members. Start thinking about specific topics you'd like to discuss with the other Friends groups – we are asking for your suggestions and will build our agenda around the most requested topics. In the past, we've had conversations about new fundraising ideas, best practices for book sales, growing and retaining your Friends membership, volunteer recognition, succession planning, social media use, and community partnerships.

FLS Board members will serve as mentors and moderators for this informal in-person discussion, sharing advice from their experience with Friends organizations from all across the Empire State. Any pearls of wisdom gathered will be

distributed in a future issue of the Friends News and Notes e-newsletter. We look forward to some Friendly conversation with you and sharing great ideas on June 5th!

Advanced registration is requested. Send a message to FLSregister@yahoo.com indicating your intention to attend. Put Vestal in the subject line. In the body of the message, please give the names of those attending, their library affiliation, positions (e.g., Friends officer, Staff Liaison to the Friends, library trustee, Friends committee chair, book sale coordinator), and email addresses for each participant.

FLS meet-ups offer a great opportunity for Friends of the library groups to gather in-person with other library civic leaders, to exchange ideas and make new contacts, all within a short distance from home! This session runs for two hours and will not be archived. Videoconferencing is not available to attend this meeting remotely.

We look forward to some Friendly conversation with you and sharing great ideas on June 5!

Friendsgiving in Queens

by Jerrie Grantham with Lisa C. Wemett

Editorial note: When we announced in the November/December newsletter that the Friends of Ridgewood Library, Queens Public Library were the recipients of the 2025 FLS Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award, we promised you more about the group's "Friendsgiving" dinner in 2024. The Friends have a rich history of service, and they offered this gathering for their Ridgewood neighbors for a second time in November 2025. The following is based on the Casey Award nomination for the group, which was submitted by Jerrie Grantham, Assistant Director of Civic Engagement for the Queens Public Library. We hope it may inspire you to consider hosting a Friendsgiving event for your own community.



financial or logistical reasons to still experience the warmth that many of us take for granted during the holiday season. The FORL transformed the meeting room with Friendsgiving decorations, all of which were purchased out of pocket by Friends members. Reservations were taken by the Friends to ensure crowd control and participants were assigned to tables, accommodating a total of 50 guests.

My favorite event that the Friends of Ridgewood (FORL) have ever done took place last November. Years in the making, they hosted a Friendsgiving for the community. A local restaurant catered a full Thanksgiving spread, including turkey breast with gravy, maple-glazed spiral ham, mashed potatoes, string beans, sausage stuffing, creamed spinach, sweet potato mash, garden salad, and assorted cookies and pastries for dessert.

Scheduled for the Thursday before Thanksgiving, the FORL wanted to provide a space for community members who may not be able to have a Thanksgiving meal due to

The meeting room became a mini restaurant with guests being greeted at the door and checked in at the "hostess" stand and then escorted to their table by the "waitress." After settling in, they were invited to the buffet line to be served whatever they wanted. I watched in awe as the room filled with individuals and even families who did not know one another. Still, it quickly became a beautiful scene of people coming together to share a meal and conversation.

One guest got up to leave after eating her dinner. We implored her to stay. There was still dessert and coffee to serve! She smiled and thanked us for the program, and then she took my hand and shared that she was homeless and had not had a hot meal like this in eight months. Since she was full, she could concentrate, so she'd like to go

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Messages From FLS Using the New E-List

by Terry Mulee



I want to try and explain how the NYLA E-lists work. These lists are the replacements for the previous listservs based in

Outlook. The new messages originate from within the NYLA membership system. Once logged in to NYLA, you get to Messages by going to "My Profile." Messages are created and/or accessed through the "My Features" or "My Community" tab and then selecting "E-Lists." Here you'll find the NYLA Units that you are subscribed to based on your NYLA membership selections.

Any member on a particular list can send a message using this system, or you can scroll through the Members List to find individual member emails. If you use the "Post a New Message" button, you can send an email to the entire FLS list. Your message will go out as an email, showing you as the sender, and also be accessible in the Messages tab.

Here's where it gets a little tricky. If you get a message generated from this system, it looks like it is coming from an individual. If you reply to it, everyone on the list gets the message. The sender of the most recent reply to the message appears in the "to" line in your email, but if you hover over that name, you'll see that "fls@nyla.memberclicks.net" is the recipient. If you want to reply just to the sender and not the whole list, you need to delete the memberclicks address in the "to" box and either find the member's email in their signature line, or look for it in the E-list Member List, or the NYLA member directory if you don't have the person's email in your address book.

The Memberclicks system does not indicate that a message is being generated by a listserv. When sending a message originating in the system, I suggest that you start the subject line with "FLS List - [your subject line]" as a heads-up to readers that this is from the list and not a one-person-to-another-person message. Taking this simple step in the original message will help flag it as being on the E-list.

The E-list is new for FLS and other NYLA units, so we are all learning how to use it in the most effective way. Please be patient as we all discover the benefits of this new communication tool.

If you have a specific question about FLS or for an FLS Board member, please use FLS.nyla@yahoo.com. This email is checked on a weekly basis.

Thanks for your understanding and your cooperation.

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upstairs and enjoy reading a book.

Jerrie reported that there were 46 people in attendance each year. There were six cancellations in year #2, but nearly 90% of those that registered for the event did attend to enjoy the food and community. The festive decorations were purchased or contributed by the Friends and in some instances, items from 2024 were able to be reused. The catering costs were about \$36 per person for a very sumptuous meal. The Friends covered the costs (\$1780) and in 2025, in a lovely addition to the feast, a local bakery contributed mini pumpkin spice cream pies!

In her Casey nomination letter, Jerrie continued, "Friendsgiving is a testament to what the FORL has been able to provide to the Ridgewood community. They frame all their activities with careful thoughtfulness, whether it's putting on costumes to engage with patrons on Halloween or educating the public on banned books and the national attacks on the freedom to read."

Jerrie further stated, "The FORL have evolved into a strong group supporting their neighborhood branch and become an inspirational advocate of Queens Public Library. Their advocacy is off the charts, and they consistently rise to the occasion, continually responding to the community and library's needs. The FORL has become a fixture with the library and community as a whole."

Let's give a collective round of applause for these events – the Ridgewood Library is truly thankful for this library support group!



Photos from Friendsgiving 2025 by Luis Aucapina QPL Photo & Content Producer



FLS Executive Board and Auxiliary Volunteers

Officers

President: Meg Van Patten
FLS Councilor: Jerrie Grantham
Vice President/President Elect: Geoff Kirkpatrick
Board Advisor: Chris Lund
Secretary: Circe McKenney
Treasurer: Terry Mulee
President Emeritus: Randall Enos (2015-2026)

Members At Large

Jen Allen
Elaine Dunne
Jim Foster
Erica Freudenberger
Mary Giardini
Meg Sgombick
Lisa C. Wemett

NYLA Committee Representatives

Awards Committee: Meghan Lenahan
Communications Committee: Terry Mulee
Continuing Education Committee: Geoff Kirkpatrick
Governance: Meg Van Patten
Intellectual Freedom Committee: Chris Lund
Legislative Committee: Marjorie Focarazzo
Membership Committee: Circe McKenney
Nominating Committee: Chris Lund
Sponsorship/Fundraising: Terry Mulee

FLS Auxiliary Volunteers

Voting Alternate for FLS Councilor: Meg Van Patten
FLS Casey Award Coordinator: Lisa C. Wemett
FLS Enos Scholarship Coordinator: Terry Mulee
Coordinator for Professional Development:
Lisa C. Wemett
Coordinator of FLS Trade Show Booth: Jen Allen
Coordinator on Friends Councils: Jim Foster
Marketing Coordinator: Meg Sgombick
Nominating Committee Chair: Chris Lund
NFOLW Coordinator: Paulette Quinn
Regional Workshop Trainers:
Joyce Laiosa
Lisa C. Wemett

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Visit the Friends of Libraries Section at
www.nyla.org/Friends

FLS is not publishing email addresses in an attempt to eliminate phishing scams. Please use the NYLA Membership Directory to find contact information or use the FLS email. Please indicate your email recipient. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Membership in a Minute

Starting last fall, FLS members received 30 installments of the email series "Membership in a Minute." Now we need your feedback.

Which of these memos worked best to engage your members? What recruitment techniques did you find most useful?

Please take five minutes to help FLS/NYLA improve this weekly service. Thanks.

Here's the link to our survey:
<https://forms.gle/WntsdQw6CEkjrTbA>

We appreciate your input!

Donate to the FLS Enos Conference Scholarship Fund

Please consider a donation to the FLS Randall Enos Conference Scholarship Fund to ensure this worthy scholarship well into the future.

To make a donation, log in to your existing NYLA account (or create one) at <http://www.nyla.org>. Once you have logged in, select "Make a Donation" from the Quick Links. Scroll down that page until you find the FLS Randall Enos Scholarship Fund and enter your donation amount. Then scroll to the bottom and select "next" to complete your donation. To use your credit card, select "Pay Now" and continue with your payment details. To send a check, select "Invoice Me" and complete the page. Once you receive the invoice via email, print it out and mail it to NYLA along with your check.

The family of Randall Enos is grateful to all who are donating to the RECS Fund in Randy's memory.

Thanks for your continued support of FLS and the Friends who help libraries across New York State.

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