



ILA Annual Convention: Trustees/Friends Friendly

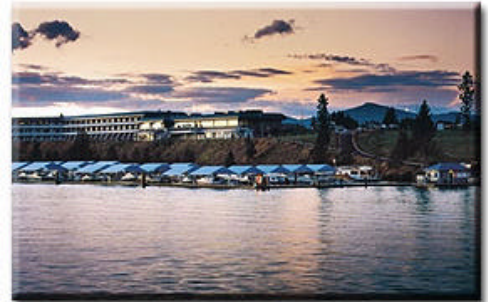
As a board member of a library or a friend it is a privilege to be able to attend the annual Idaho Library Association Conference. For the convenience of members, the location moves around the state. This year it is being held at the Red Lion Templins Hotel on the Spokane River, just west of beautiful Lake Coeur d'Alene.

Organizer Sandy Pratt has done a superb job of balancing the program for a well-rounded presentation with something of interest to all concerned. Special attention has been applied to the Trustee and Friend contingent this year. All the pertinent programs of interest to this group have been grouped on Friday so that you only have to attend one day if desired and still be able to derive a great deal of benefit from the program. The idea is for Friends and Trustees to share their concerns, ideas, and successes with peers from other institutions throughout the state and to learn about the latest developments in library technology to share

with fellow board members.

Attending the ILA Conference is perhaps one of the most productive things a library leader can do to further the interests of his or her institution. Just take a look at what is in store for you besides the Trustees and Friends Roundtable. If your library is thinking of expanding, you won't want to miss the Library Buildings Funding Ideas by Jan Wall. A role that libraries will find themselves in is publishing, especially with the new technology making electronic publishing so easy. Christina Crawford of **Mommie Dearest** fame will be discussing Independent Publishing and the First Amendment. You'll enjoy the humor and tales of author Chris Crutcher at lunch.

In the afternoon, you'll have a chance to learn about Fantastic Library Buildings from Anne Abrams, Electronic Lexicons from Tim Hillebrand, and Lessons Learned from the Virtual World from Janet Strong and crew. Learn about space planning in your library from Marj Hooper, and find out how to build a dream team for

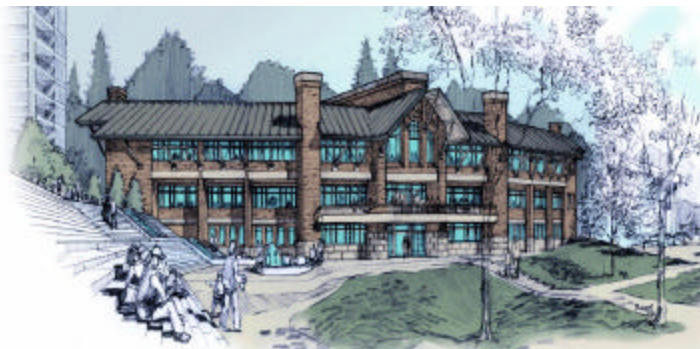


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your library from Denise Clark and associates. My suggestion is to bring a whole contingent from your library so that you can cover more than one concurrent event at a time. Then you can take back even more information.

The best part is that Trustees and Friends receive special discounted rates, and they need only pay for the day attended, not the entire conference. So, organize a gang of friends and trustees from your museum and head to Post Falls—there's great shopping there too.

Coeur d'Alene Library



In this issue we showcase the Coeur d'Alene Public Library as an example of what can be done with a vision and the cooperative power of a Friends Group and a Library Foundation. The mission is to construct a state-of-the-art, new facility costing approximately seven million dollars starting in 2007 with occupancy in 2008.

The library already has 1.6 million dollars but plans to acquire the rest through a series of fund raisers, grants, and contributions from individuals and businesses. The Friends of the Library own three lots adjacent to the current library, which together are worth \$600,000.

Last month a garden party fundraiser at the lakeside home of Duane and Lola Hagadone raised \$65,000 with the admission at \$500 per person.

The new library site will be located at Seventh and Front Streets across from City Hall. Architects West has designed a three-story structure con-

taining 54,000 square feet, featuring a 300 person meeting room and a café, in addition to ample space for collections and staff. Parker Toyota just donated \$75,000 toward the construction of the Shirley Parker Children's Theater.

While the Foundation will continue to raise the required funds, the Friends will provide the necessary support for the programs and activities. Together, their goal will certainly be reached in this exemplary case of a cooperative venture.

Keep up the good work, Coeur d'Alene!

Library Foundations

Thanks to the diligent efforts of Jan Wall, ISL regional representative, we know of the following libraries in Idaho with Foundations already founded. We may have missed some. If you know of others, please let me know (Tim Hillebrand, email chief@synergetics.org). Please feel free to use this list to share ideas and concerns.

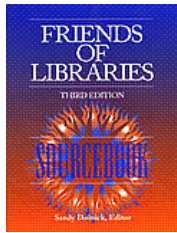
Foundation	Address	City/Zip	Contact	Phone
Boise Public Library	715 S. Capitol Blvd	Boise, 83702	Marilyn Poertner	208-384-4238
Buhl Public Library	215 N. Broadway	Buhl, 83316	C.L. Toppen	208-543-6500
Coeur d'Alene Public Library	201 E Harrison Ave.	Coeur d'Alene, 83814	Julie Meier	208-769-2315
Garden City Public Library	9115 Chinden #104	Garden City 83714		208-672-0433
Jerome Public Library	100 First Avenue E.	Jerome, 83338	Susan Jacobson	324-5427
Kootenai-Shoshone	8385 N. Government	Hayden 83835	Lee Starr & John	772-5612
Latah County Library Foundation	110 S. Jefferson St.	Moscow 83843	Janice McPherson	882-3925
Lewiston Public Library	428 Thain Rd.	Lewiston 83501	Dawn Wittman	743-6519
Marshall Public Library	113 S. Garfield	Pocatello 83204	Mike Doellman	232-1263
Twin Falls Public Library	434 Second St. E	Twin Falls 83301	Arlan Call	733-2964
Wallace Public Library	415 River St.	Wallace 83873	Bernie Ludwick	752-4571

Friends Groups

In our previous newsletters we have published a list of Friends groups, which we suspected was not a complete list. Since then several of you have come forward admitting to other Friends groups. So, this list is growing incrementally. Please, if you know of new friends groups, contact Tim Hillebrand (chief@synergetics.org). And do take advantage of this list to contact one another for purposes of collaboration. You can obtain the list by retrieving our last newsletter at the ILA Website.



Read This Book:



Friends of Libraries Sourcebook

Third Edition

Sandy Dolnick

Price: \$35.00

ALA Member Price: \$31.50

450 pages, 7" X 10" Softcover

ISBN: 0-8389-0685-0

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ILA Annual Awards

Wayne Gunter, chair of the Scholarships/Awards Committee, reports that there were quite a number of trustees and friends nominated for the annual recognition award. As you may recall, ILA is, for the first time this year, recognizing friends for outstanding contributions. Thank you all for your support. Wayne's not talking, so we're all going to have to wait to learn who will be the recipients for this year's awards at the conference next month in Post Falls.

Be thinking about who would be worthy candidates for awards next year, for it is important to give those who have worked hard for their libraries the recognition they deserve.

Friends Provide

Kids Call Home Phone

A good example of a Friends of the Library group coming to the rescue happened a while back at the Moscow Library when the telephone company removed the pay phone from the library because it was not generating enough revenue. This caused an immediate problem because that phone was used mainly by kids calling their parents to come pick them up. Now the kids were severely impacting the library's phone lines, and it was a problem. The Friends of the Moscow Library came to the rescue by installing and funding a local-calls-only phone for kids to use to call their parents. Problem solved, thanks to the Friends.

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As a library friend or board member, you need to subscribe to LibIdaho, an active listserve that will keep you abreast of what's going on in the library world, and it's a great way to get questions answered too. Go to the ILA Website to sign up.

<http://www.idaholibraries.org/>

Foundations vs. Friends

Because the roles and missions can be blurred between friends and foundations, it may be worthwhile to take a little space to clarify this issue. In some libraries where friends have taken on the role of a foundation and vice versa, it's really a good idea to assign appropriate roles to each organization so that there is no confusion down the road. Generally speaking, a foundation should be an IRS approved not-for-profit entity formed for the purpose of collecting funds for library improvement. While a Friends group is certainly designed for the betterment of the library, it is more in the form of volunteer work, and smaller fundraising projects, such as book sales as opposed to multi-million dollar undertakings, such as a building fund.

Here are some examples of a mission statement for a library foundation. The mission of the Lewiston Library foundation is to increase support for the Lewiston City Library by building partnerships which help the library achieve and sustain its goals. The Boise Public Library Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit corporation that was formed in 1985 to attract substantial support from contributions, directly or indirectly, from persons within and without the community to benefit the library. The Twin Falls Public Library Foundation's long-term goal is to fund the purchase of additional books and materials and other worthwhile projects, while continuing to seek growth for a permanent endowment fund for the future. As the endowment fund grows, the benefits will ensure the strength of the library for generations to come. The mission of the Missoula Public Library Foundation is to enhance the offerings of the library beyond the basic services funded by the taxpayers. This is accomplished through directed gifts and income generated by an independent endowment.

By now it should be clear that the purpose of a foundation is to raise the big bucks. The purpose of a Friends group should be more oriented toward providing volunteer services and funding smaller projects and library needs such as appliances, equipment, and perhaps some maintenance from time to time. One may look upon the division of roles as macrostructure versus infrastructure. Clearly, though, it is important for any library to have both kinds of structures for its good health. If your library does not have both with roles clearly defined, it is something to which serious consideration should be given. Come to the ILA Conference to learn more.





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JOIN NOW

Did you know that there is a special discount rate for board members who join Idaho Library Association? Go to ILA Website to join and begin reaping the benefits.

Useful Websites for Trustees and Friends

One of the most valuable resources available to Trustees and Friends is the Idaho Library Association Website at www.idaholibraries.org, thanks to Webmaster Michael Samuelson, whom you can reach at michael@idaholibraries.org

You can look up other libraries in the state, find personnel, get an email address, and check out Web catalogs, read the latest issue of Idaho Librarian, or do research on LiLi and lots more. It's a fun place to explore. From here, you can link to the American Library Association and access other valuable information there.

An informative site you should check out is the Friends of Libraries USA at www.folusa.com/ for a wealth of ideas and inspirations to help your Friends group. You may even want to become a member while you're at it.

Friends of the Moscow Library: <http://www.synergetics.org/FriendsWS/index.html>

Idaho Library Directory: <http://www.lili.org/isl/il1a.htm>

American Library Association: <http://www.ala.org/>

Idaho State Library: <http://www.lili.org/isl/>

LiLi: <http://www.lili.org/>

ILA Conference: <http://www.idaholibraries.org/conferences/boise02.conference.htm>

Join ILA: <http://www.idaholibraries.org/forms/02webmembershipbrochure.pdf>

ILA Scholarships and Awards: <http://www.idaholibraries.org/scholarships.awards.htm>

Idaho Book Awards: <http://www.idaholibraries.org/bookaward/index.htm>

Young People's Choice Awards: <http://www.pnla.org/yrca.htm>

Send any suggestions for URL's to be included here to chief@synergetics.org.



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A Member's Guide: An Introduction to Public Library Foundations is a comprehensive Website with a wealth of information at www.wsl.state.wy.us/slp;ub/foundations/toc.html