

Trustees and Friends Division Report

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Gathering information on local Friends groups is a difficult extraction process, at least by email. However, we have now managed to ascertain that there are at least 49 Friends groups in the state, and I suspect that there are more. The data collection and database compilation is an ongoing project.

The second Trustees and Friends Newsletter has been written and published. It will be distributed by mail next week. The lead article deals with the new ILA Friend of the Library Award. The newsletter includes a nomination form. Forms are also available on the ILA Website. Nominations are to be sent to Wayne Gunter, Chair of the Awards Committee who will process them and come up with an awardee to be announced at the annual convention in October. Another front page article announces an essay contest available to libraries that is sponsored by David Matheson and Barnes and Noble. David is the author of **Red Thunder** a compelling novel treating the lessons of Coeur d'Alene tribal culture reviewed in a previous issue of *Idaho Librarian*. This book is under consideration for the Idaho Book Award. David will be a key speaker at the ILA Convention and will announce the essay winners at that time. The newsletter has been submitted to Michael Samuelson, Webmaster of the ILA Website, and should be posted soon in .pdf format.

Respectfully submitted by

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