

friend

1 a : one attached to another by affection or esteem

b : acquaintance

2 a : one that is not hostile

b : one that is of the same nation, party, or group

3 : one that favors or promotes something (as a charity)

4 : a favored companion

(Webster's Dictionary)

An open book is shown from a high angle, with its pages slightly curved. On top of the book, there are three hammers with orange handles and silver heads, and four nails. The background is a dark, gradient surface.

FRIENDS

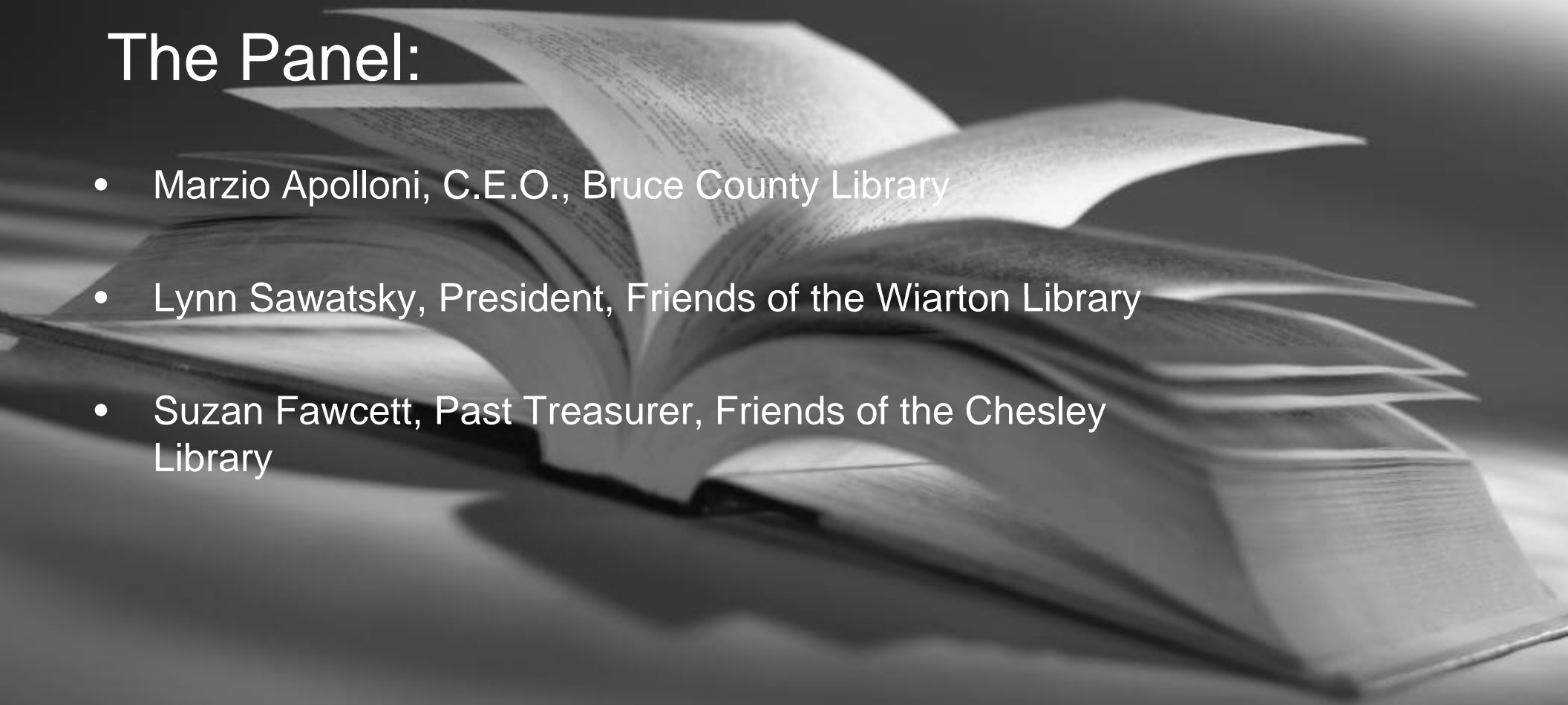
Of the Library.....or

Keeping the 'R' in Friends!

County Libraries Need Their Friends

The Panel:

- Marzio Apolloni, C.E.O., Bruce County Library
- Lynn Sawatsky, President, Friends of the Warton Library
- Suzan Fawcett, Past Treasurer, Friends of the Chesley Library



Branches



The Board



The Mission

Enlightenment For All

Through Knowledge

Freely Given, Freely Shared

To Empower Citizens

To Participate Fully in Society

Bruce County Friends of the Library

- **Wiaraton Branch Friends**
- **Chesley Branch Friends**
- **Mildmay Branch Friends**
- **Tobermory Branch Friends**
- **Lion's Head Branch Friends**
- **Southampton Branch Friends**
- **Paisley Branch Friends**
- **Tara Branch Friends**
- **Sauble Beach Branch Friends**

Things we've done together recently

New Wiarton Branch

Trillium Grant for flooring, Port Elgin



New standard signs



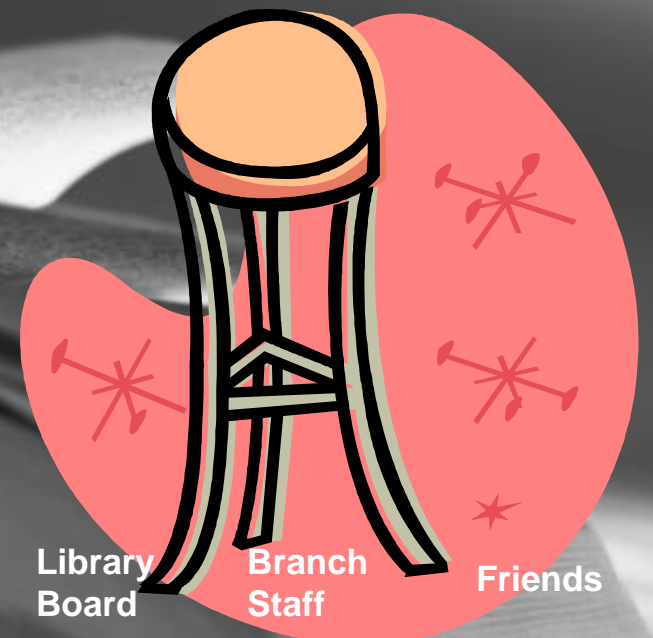
Impact of Friends in Bruce County



- Enhanced the image of the library branch in their communities
- Lobbying local politicians
 - Support of library budget
 - Materials budget now highest in the history of the library
 - Support of programs
 - With the help of Friends, the Board was successful in establishing standards for open hours.
- Influencing policy
 - Board policy regarding donations – approved donations to have a ‘home’ branch for one year.

Challenges

- Communication, communication, communication
 - Like a three legged stool. Each leg has a role or the stool falls.
- Roles
 - What can Friends do, and what they can't.
- Geography
 - Tobermory to Lucknow is a 2 hour drive (if you follow the speed limit!). Meetings are difficult to arrange.
- Changing Demographics
 - Challenge recruiting younger members. Not all branches have Friends groups.



In the end...

**We all need Friends.
You have to keep working at it.
The results are worth it.**

Besides, it can be a fun ride!



Friends