

North American Friends @ your library[®]

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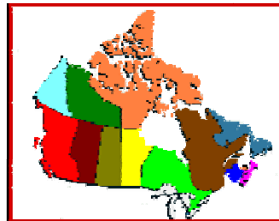
Friends play a significant role as partners in advocacy, marketing, programming, volunteerism and support. National Friends of Libraries associations in Canada and the United States motivate and support local Friends groups in their efforts to preserve and strengthen libraries, by providing a support and resource network.



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Our coast-to-coast listing
of Friends groups
across Canada.



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**Random House of Canada
Friend of the Year Award 2004**
[Winner - Lindsay](#) [Honourable Mention - St. Marys](#)

Conference watch
[Ontario Library Association Superconference](#)
Feb. February 2 - 4, 2006, Toronto, Ontario

Guest speakers - Sally Reed (FOLUSA), Michael Fay (Haliburton), and
Dorothy Macnaughton and Wilhelm Eisenbichler (Sault Ste. Marie)
Reception for Sally Reed Feb. 3, 2006; Gala luncheon Feb. 4, 2006

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News
[Lindsay](#) - presentation of 2004 Random House of Canada Friends of the
Year Award
Regional meetings - [Snothers](#), British Columbia and [Ajax](#), Ontario
From Annual General Meeting - [New executive](#)
FOCAL's Strategic Plan - [now approved](#)

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Friends of Libraries U.S.A. is a membership organization of more than two thousand individual and group members. Our mission is to motivate and support local Friends groups across the country in their efforts to preserve and strengthen libraries.

News!

(Updated November 23, 2005)

Friends in Need: The Friends of New Orleans Public Library Restoration Fund Drive is now online. Learn more about the devastation to libraries in New Orleans and how you can help. [Details](#)

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Friends of Canadian Libraries (FOCAL) provides a national support and resource network to assist in the formation and promotion of Friends of Libraries groups throughout the library community in Canada. Friends of Libraries are volunteers acting collectively and independently to preserve, promote and strengthen library services in harmony with library management and policies.

Goals:

Communications - maximize the networking and information sharing

Partnership - regional meetings and workshops

Leadership - increase the awareness of the role of Friends of Libraries



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Friends of Libraries U.S.A. (FOLUSA) - Our mission is to motivate and support local Friends groups across the country in their efforts to preserve and strengthen libraries by:

- Assisting in developing Friends of the Library groups in order to generate local and state support
- Providing guidance, education, and counsel throughout the Friends network
- Promoting the development of strong library advocacy programs
- Serving as a clearinghouse of information and expertise



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SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

- Publications/Books/Fact Sheets/New member kits
- Conference programming (national, state or provincial, regional)
- On the road - events calendar/Regional workshops (**FOLUSA**)
- Lending Library (**FOCAL**)
- Programming Ideas/Winning Ways/Best ideas (**FOLUSA**)
- Good ideas/Documents/Conference archive (**FOCAL**)
- Shop for the Library, an e-commerce venture (**FOLUSA**)
- **FOCAL** Market - library-related or fundraising merchandise



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MOTIVATION AND RECOGNITION

Annual Awards and Promotions

- Best Friends Awards (**FOLUSA**)
- Baker & Taylor Awards (**FOLUSA**)
- Chesley Challenge Winner (Canada Reads) (**FOCAL**)
- Kingsolver Award (**FOLUSA**)
- Random House of Canada Friend of the Year Award (**FOCAL**)



COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION

- Websites and listservs
- Newsletters - News Update/FOCAL Point
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VOLUNTEERISM

What Friends bring to your library

- Commitment to libraries
- Community ontacts/
networking
- Government provincial and
local expertise (retirees)
- Energy
- Enthusiasm
- Creativity
- Fundraising ideas
- Positive attitude

Why am I a Friend?

I care . . . I use libraries. . . I want to give back . . .

I have time/more time. . . I love books. . . I want to make a difference . . . There is a job to be done . . . Decreased funding for something valuable . . . I was raised with the library. It is part of my life . . . I am committed . . . I was asked to join because of a need . . . I like being a team player . . . I have a skill to contribute . . . I believe in the cause.

Skills/Talents –

- Computer skills to be able to publish newsletter and posters
- Information technology/web
- Editing skills (publish books as fund-raisers; hold creative writing workshops)
- Promotion/marketings
- Getting publicity
- Retail - book sale expertise
- Campaigns - how to approach, motivate and involve
- Photography
- Writing
- Graphic Arts

