

FoKL Award and Grant Winners (updated May 2024)

2024

Challenge Grant Winners:

- Bonner Spring Friends of the Library
- Friends of Oskaloosa Library (FOOLs)
- Friends of Ida Long Goodman Memorial Library
- Library Leadership Group, Hamilton County Library
- Friends of the Wamego Public Library

Outstanding Individual Friend Award:

- Erik Bailey, Friends of the Baldwin City Library
- David Fritzlen, Friends of Winfield Public Library
- Gretta Kontas, Friends of the Salina Public Library
- Bev Sunderman, Friends of the Morrill Public Library

Outstanding Friends Group Award:

- Friends of the Olathe Public Library

2023

Challenge Grant Winners:

- No Grants Awarded

Outstanding Individual Friend Award:

- Roger and Lydia Smith, Friends of Finney County Public Library
- Pat Kitterman, Friends of Derby Public Library
- Jan Boyd, Friends of Baldwin City Library

Outstanding Friends Group Award:

- No Nominations Received

2022

Challenge Grant Winners:

- Friends of the Johnson County Library
- Friends of the Mary Cotton Public Library
- Friends of the Vermillion Community

Outstanding Individual Friend Award:

- Erin Ragan, Friends of the Basehor Library

Outstanding Friends Group Award:

- Manhattan Library Association
- Friends of the Wamego Public Library

Duane Johnson Library Leadership Award

- Hans Fischer, President of FoKL and KLTA
- Leroy Gattin, Treasurer of KLA, Director of Hutchinson Public and SCKLS
- Vikki Jo Stewart, Volunteer Coordinator and Special Projects Director, State Library of Kansas
- Pat Gaunce, Director of West Wyandotte Branch of the Kansas City Kansas Public Library, Governmental Affairs Chair of KLA
- Jane Hatch, Kansas City Kansas Public Library
- Betty Cattrell, Director of Haysville Community Library
- Jim Minges, NEKLS Director
- Cindi Hickey, State Library of Kansas
- Shannon Roy, State Library of Kansas
- Carol Barta, NCKLS
- Cynthia Berner and Gina Millsap, Wichita and Topeka Shawnee County Public Libraries
- Carolyn Little, NEKLS, FoKL
- Gary Schmidt, Maybee Library, Washburn University
- Warren Robinson and Mabel Moses (posthumously) – 2019
- Marion Renner, Haysville Friends, member of State Library Board
- George Seamon, Director NWKLS and KLA headquarters

2021

Challenge Grant Winners:

- Friends of Belleville Library (paid with Joan Furhman Memorial)
- Friends of Jetmore Library
- Friends of the Frankfort Library
- Friends of the Basehor Library
- Burlingame Friends of the Library
- Friends of the Wichita Public Library

Outstanding Individual Friend Award:

- Faye Olson, Friends of Wichita Public Library

Outstanding Friends Group Award:

- Friends of the Johnson County Library
- Friends of the Winfield Public Library

2020

Challenge Grant Winners:

- Friends of Council Grove Public Library
- Friends of the Derby Public Library
- Friends of Kingman Carnegie Library
- Friends of Ida Long Goodman Memorial Library
- Friends of Lansing Community Library

Outstanding Individual Friend Award:

- Joetta Branch, Friends of Haysville Public Library
- Harold Couchman, Friends of Rossville Public Library

Outstanding Friends Group Award:

- No Nominations Received

2019

Challenge Grant Winners:

- Rossville Friends of the Library
- Manhattan Library Association
- Friends of Morrill Public Library

Outstanding Individual Friend Award:

- Diane James, Friends of Pittsburg Public Library

Outstanding Friends Group Award:

- Friends of Morrill Public Library

2018

Challenge Grant Winners:

- Friends of Wamego Public Library
- Friends of August Public Library
- Friends of Vermillion Community, Inc
- Friends of White City Library

Outstanding Individual Friend Award:

- Dr. Gary Schmidt, Friends of Washburn Mabee Library

Outstanding Friends Group Award:

- Friends of the Girard Public Library

2017

Challenge Grant Winners:

- Friends of Basehor Community Library
- Friends of Dodge City Public Library
- Friends of Independence Public Library
- Friends of Liberal Memorial Library

Outstanding Individual Friend Award:

- Anne Walker, Friends of Baldwin City Library
- Sara Van Horn, Friends of Bellville Library

Outstanding Friends Group Award:

- Library Leadership Group, Hamilton County Library Teen Friends

2016

Challenge Grant Winners:

- Cherryvale Friends
- Friends of Ida Long Goodman Library
- Friends of Kingman Library
- Friends of Kinsley Library
- Friends of Louisburg Library

Outstanding Individual Friend Award:

- Marylyn Wenzl, Vermillion Library Friends
- Patty Hornbeck, Friends of Cherryvale Library

Outstanding Friends Group Award:

- Friends of Moundridge Public Library
- Friends of Cherryvale Library

2015

Challenge Grant Winners:

- Friends of Pleasanton Library
- Friends of Haysville Community Library
- Friends of Bonner Springs
- Friends of Garnett Library
- Friends of Moundridge Public Library

Outstanding Individual Friend Award:

- Gail Fisher, Friends of Wichita Public Library

Outstanding Friends Group Award:

- Friends of Towanda Public Library

2014

Challenge Grant Winners:

- Friends of White City
- Friends of Augusta Public Library
- Friends of Riley City Library
- Friends of Silver Lake Library
- Mission Valley/Eskridge Friends

Outstanding Individual Friend Award:

- Sharon Markey, Friends of Olathe Public Library
- Janice Rhodes, Friends of Winfield Library

Outstanding Friends Group Award:

- Friends of Rossville Community Library
- Friends of Wamego Public Library
- Friends of Wichita Public Library

2013

Challenge Grant Winners:

- Friends of Belleville Library
- Friends of Eudora Public Library
- Hamilton County Library Leadership Group
- Friends of Mary Cotton Library
- Friends of Morrill Public Library
- Friends of Pioneer Memorial Library
- Friends of Vermillion Library
- Friends of Winfield Library

Outstanding Individual Friend Award:

- Kathryn Benson, Clay Center Carnegie Library
- Theresa Miller, Friends of Pleasanton Library

Outstanding Friends Group Award:

- Friends of Olathe Public Library
- Friends of Pioneer Memorial Library
- Friends of Garnett Public

2012

Challenge Grant Winners:

- Friends of Basehor Community Library
- Friends of Clay Center Carnegie Library
- Friends of Lansing Community Library

Outstanding Individual Friend Award:

- Lana Biladeau, Friends of Silver Lake Library
- Steve and Ann Starch, Friends of Wichita Public Library

Outstanding Friends Group Award:

- Friends of Gridley Branch, Coffey County Library

2011

Challenge Grant Winners:

- Friends of Augusta Public Library
- Friends of Library Dist. #1, Doniphan County
- Friends of Hutchinson Public Library
- Friends of Independence Public Library
- Friends of Norton Public Library
- Friends of Richmond Public Library
- Friends of Silver Lake Library
- Friends of Towanda Public Library
- Friends of W. A. Rankin Memorial Library

Outstanding Individual Friend Award:

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Outstanding Friends Group Award:

- Friends of Jay Johnson Library
- Friends of Towanda Public Library

2010

Challenge Grant Winners:

- Friends of Council Grove Public Library
- Friends of Hays Public Library
- Friends of Morrill Public Library
- Friends of Mulvane Public Library
- Friends of Pioneer Memorial Library

Outstanding Individual Friend Award:

- Betty Cattrell, Haysville
- Jo Ann Janzen, Wichita

Outstanding Friends Group Award:

- Friends of Lawrence Public Library
- Friends of Lincoln Carnegie Library

2009

Challenge Grant Winners:

- Friends of Lincoln Carnegie Library
- Friends of Douglass Public Library
- Friends of Pittsburg Public Library
- Friends of Perry Lecompton Community Library
- Friends of Andover Public Library
- Friends of LaCynge Library Dist. #2
- Friends of Kinsley Library
- Friends of Graham County Public Library
- Friends of Bonner Springs Library

Outstanding Individual Friend Award:

- Komari Aberle, Mary Cotton Public Library
- Anita Kaiser, Johnson County Library

Outstanding Friends Group Award:

- Friends of Mary Cotton Public Library

2008

Challenge Grant Winners:

- Friends of Augusta Public Library
- Friends of Graham County Public Library
- Friends of Ida Long Goodman Library
- Friends of Kingman Library
- Friends of Oskaloosa Library
- Friends of Towanda Public Library
- Friends of Washburn Mabee Library
- Friends of White City Public Library

Outstanding Individual Friend Award:

- Beverley Warren
- Elizabeth Servis

Outstanding Friends Group Award:

- Friends of Perry Lecompton Community Library
- Friends of Clay Center Public Library
- Friends of Emporia Public Library
- School Library Advocacy Group of Wichita

2007

Challenge Grant Winners:

- Friends of W. A Rankin Memorial Library
- Friends of Mulvane Public Library
- Friends of Lindsborg Library
- Friends of Baldwin City Library
- Friends of Erie Library
- Can-Kan Dreambuilders

Outstanding Individual Friend Award:

- Janette Friesen, Meade
- Laurel Becker, Augusta

Outstanding Friends Group Award:

- Can-Kan Dream Builders
- Leonard H. Axe Library Friends
- Friends of Johnson County Library

2006

Challenge Grant Winners:

- Friends of Ottawa Library

Outstanding Individual Friend Award:

- Mary Unruh, Emporia

Outstanding Friends Group Award:

- Meade Friends of the Library
- Friends of Lindsborg Library
- Friends of Wichita Public Library

2005

Challenge Grant Winners:

- Friends of Olathe Public Library
- Friends of Louisburg Library
- Friends of LaCygne Library District #2
- Friends of Tonganoxie Library
- Friends of Morrill Public Library

Outstanding Individual Friend Award:

- Kathy Jordan, Ottawa
- Rhita Muci, Wichita

Outstanding Friends Group Award:

- Friends of Ida Goodman Memorial Library
- Friends of Kearny County Library
- Manhattan Library Association

2004

Challenge Grant Winners:

- Friends of Mary Cotton Library
- Friends of Andover Public Library
- Friends of Bradford Memorial Library
- Friends of Iola Public Library
- Leonard H. Axe Library Friends

Outstanding Individual Friend Award:

- Larry Romine, Wichita
- Marion Renner, Haysville

Outstanding Friends Group Award:

- Friends of Haysville Community Library
- Friends of Finney County Library
- Friends of Morrill Public Library
- Friends of Whitewater Memorial Library

2003

Challenge Grant Winners:

- Friends of Augusta Public Library

Outstanding Friends Group Award:

- Friends of Hays Public Library
- Friends of Iola Public Library
- Friends of Eureka Public Library
- Friends of Council Grove Library

2002

Challenge Grant Winners:

- Friends of Eureka Public Library
- Friends of Augusta Public Library
- Friends of Kearney County

Outstanding Individual Friend Award:

- Cleo Brannan, Meade

Outstanding Friends Group Award:

- Friends of Augusta Public Library

2001

Challenge Grant Winners:

- Friends of Ottawa Library
- Friends of Belleville Public Library
- Friends of Pioneer Memorial Library
- Friends of Kingman Carnegie Library

Outstanding Individual Friend Award:

- Gay Barker, Chanute
- Mike Rinke, Olathe

Outstanding Friends Group Award:

- Friends of Wichita Public Library
- Hardtner Public Library Friends

2000

Outstanding Individual Friend Award:

- Deryl Wynn, Kansas City

Outstanding Friends Group Award:

- Friends of Belleville Library

1999

Outstanding Individual Friend Award:

- Mel Burkhead, Independence

1998

Outstanding Individual Friend Award:

- Gaylord Ukena, Topeka

Outstanding Friends Group Award:

- Friends of Towanda Public Library
- Friends of Johnson County Library