



MFOL NEWS

MASSACHUSETTS FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES

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MFOL is sponsoring two free conferences this fall. Registration information is on pages 2 and 3

Could you use some advice?

Members of the MFOL Board have been working with Friends groups for many years - some of them have also worked at the state level with the Board of Library Trustees. They have experience in library advocacy, fund raising, and program development. If you would like to have one of the board members attend one of your meetings to talk to you about your activities and share ideas that have worked for other libraries, contact Alice Welch at alicewelch@verizon.net and she can set this up for you.

Does your Friends group wonder what other Friends are doing? Over the past few months, Friends from across the state have been discussing such topics as most successful fundraisers ; what to do with books that haven't sold, to corporate sponsorship and why be a not for profit corporation on the Friends discussion list. Connect with other Friends on the Friends discussion list. Instructions on how to join are at <http://mblc.state.ma.us/sympa/info/friends>

Is your Friends Group really fantastic?

MFOL is holding the 3rd annual Fantastic Friends contest. Judging criteria includes impact of the friends in serving the community, cost effectiveness of the activity and the extent of community involvement

Applications must be in by 1 Sept 2014 and should be sent to Donna Forand, 835 Main Street, Acushnet, MA 02743. The award will be presented at the Oct 25 conference in Middleboro and consists of \$300 for the winning Friends Group and \$200 for their library along with a handsome plaque.

Contact Donna at rpforand@yahoo.com for more information.

The Massachusetts Friends of the Library is an organization devoted to helping Friends groups make the most of their resources to support their local libraries. We maintain a website and a face book page to share information among libraries and prepare 3 newsletters a year (available on our website) to keep our members involved in what is happening in the library community. We welcome library advocates who would like to be part of the MFOL Board. Contact President Alice Welch for more information. alicewelch@verizon.net

Do you know about TechSoup? It's a non-profit organization that helps other non-profits by allowing them to purchase selected software products (and some limited hardware) at greatly reduced cost. You need to fill out an application and be approved as a supported non-profit and there are limits on the amount you can purchase each year but it provides a real service for cash-limited organizations. Check it out at <http://www.techsoup.org>

Friends Sharing With Friends

The Massachusetts Friends of Libraries and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners invite you to join us at a Friends Sharing With Friends program on **fundraising & more!**

Saturday, September 27, 2014 · 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Townsend Public Library

12 Dudley Rd, Townsend MA 01469

Featuring: Mary Ann Cluggish (Library Commissioner & Wellesley Library Friend) on the importance of Friends and putting the fun in fundraising; **John Tavares** (Acushnet Friends' treasurer) on record-keeping and 501c3; and an **open sharing session** for you to share your Friends groups' successes!

For more information, please visit <http://guides.mblc.state.ma.us/fswf>

Everyone is invited to attend including Friends, Trustees and library staff. Admission is free but *registration is required*. Registrations must be received no later than Friday, September 19, 2014.

To register, please call or email Sharon Zitser (MBLC) at 1-800-952-7403 x252 or sharon.zitser@state.ma.us, and provide the information requested below.

Name of Friends group or Library: _____ # attending: ____

Name(s) & title(s) (e.g. Friend, Trustee, etc.) of attendee(s): _____

Contact phone #: _____

Contact email: _____

If you prefer to register by mail, please fill out this form and return to:

Sharon Zitser

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Saturday, October 25, 2014 · 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Middleborough Public Library

102 North Main St, Middleborough MA 02346

Featuring: Sue Hall (Library Strategies, A Consulting Group of The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library) on fundraising beyond book sales!; **John Tavares** (Acushnet Friends' treasurer) on record-keeping and 501c3; and a presentation of the 2014 **Fantastic Friends Award!**

For more information, please visit <http://guides.mblc.state.ma.us/fswf>

Everyone is invited to attend including Friends, Trustees and library staff. Admission is free but *registration is required*. Registrations must be received no later than Friday, October 17, 2014.

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