



FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES IN OKLAHOMA

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### OKLAHOMA'S BEST FRIENDS AWARD

FOLIO will present two awards to Friends groups that demonstrate exemplary success in support of their local library in 2020-2021.

- **The John Harkey Best Friends Award** recognizes a Friends group in a city or town with a population of less than 10,000. (First place - \$500)
- **The Oklahoma Best Friends Award** recognizes a Friends group in a city or town with a population in excess of 10,000. (First place - \$500)

To compete for the awards, a Friends group must have paid FOLIO membership dues for 2020-2021.

Please complete the following entry form:

Name of Friends organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma (FOLIO) from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Library: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Library: \_\_\_\_\_

Library Director's Name and Contact Information (phone and email):

\_\_\_\_\_

City Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Population is less than 10,000. \_\_\_\_\_ Population is more than 10,000.

**Contact Person for FRIENDS organization:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The Best Friends Committee will use the following criteria for judging all entries:

- Narrative summary describing a major innovative/creative event or series of activities that impacted your library from **January 2, 2020 to January 2, 2021**.
- A narrative describing the process used for increasing the involvement of patrons in the local library
- Use numbers to indicate:
  - \*How the events increased the patronage use of the library.
  - \*The approximate number of members of the local community involved in each event.
- Quality of the narrative and the organization of materials presented in support of your entry.

**Entries must be received no later than January 15, 2021.** Binders are preferred. Scrapbooks are acceptable but not required. Materials may include: pictures, videos, newspaper or magazine articles, newsletters, posters, handouts and flyers concerning the events.

All entries submitted will be placed on display at the FOLIO Annual Meeting/Awards Luncheon on Friday, March 21, 2021 during the Oklahoma Library Association Conference at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Entries must be picked up at the conclusion of the Awards Luncheon.

Mail entries to: Jeannine Spencer, 1410 East 9<sup>th</sup> St., Okmulgee, OK 74447