



## **Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma (FOLIO) Annual Report, 2016-2017**

In 2016-2017, FOLIO continued meeting its mission of strengthening libraries in Oklahoma through Friends of Libraries. With the support of our members, our accomplishments included awarding scholarships (\$600. each) to four library support staff pursuing studies in library and information science; awarding one seed grant (\$425.) to the Friends of the Stratford Library; awarding two “Best Friends” Awards (\$500. each) to the Elgin Library and Guthrie Library Friends’ groups for their outstanding achievement; co-sponsoring ODL’s “Reading Roundup” Author Tour financially (\$2,000.) which helped provide author or illustrator visits to libraries and schools in Antlers, Duncan, Enid, Mustang, Pauls Valley, Perkins, Stratford, Tishomingo, and Yukon; dedicating the Enid Public Library as a national Literary Landmark™ in honor of Marquis James; hosting award-winning author Alton Carter as the guest speaker at the FOLIO Annual Luncheon and Awards Ceremony during the OLA Conference; and co-sponsoring the Wilma Elizabeth McDaniel Poetry Contest for rural high school youth in Creek and Lincoln counties. FOLIO is able to accomplish these activities from membership dues, donations, and annual distributions from the FOLIO Endowment at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation.

FOLIO received a Smart Investing@your Library® national grant (\$137,310.) which is administered jointly by the FINRA Investor Education Foundation and the American Library Association. Through grants, exhibits and librarian training, this project will support efforts to provide library patrons with access to effective, unbiased financial education resources.

FOLIO also published several newsletters that were widely distributed to members, libraries and Friends’ groups throughout Oklahoma; provided Outreach Ambassadors for consultations, promotion, and expansion of Friends’ groups throughout the state; and maintained a website and Facebook page. In 2018, FOLIO will celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and plans are underway for some special activities. We hope that Friends’ groups and libraries will commemorate this special anniversary with us!

Submitted by  
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