



FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES IN OKLAHOMA

FOLIO Friends of Libraries Week Awards

(unless indicated otherwise, the first library listed is for the category of library serving fewer than 10,000 and the second library listed is for the category of library serving more than 10,000)

2018 Friends of the Grove Public Library
Elk City Friends of the Library
Honorable Mention: Friends of Eufaula Memorial Library

2017 Friends of McCloud Library
Friends of Southwest Oklahoma City Library

History:

FOLIO instituted Friends of Libraries (FOL) Week awards in 2017. Started in 2005 by United for Libraries, a division of the American Library Association, Friends of Libraries Week is an annual national week of recognition in October. The celebration offers a two-fold opportunity: (1) to celebrate Friends: creatively promote Friends in the community, to raise awareness, and to promote membership, and (2) to reward Friends: an excellent opportunity for library and Board of Trustees to recognize the Friends for their help and support of the library.

Based on FOLIO's Best Friends awards and on the national FOL week awards, FOLIO board member Michele Ramsdell developed the criteria for two FOLIO awards (\$200. each), one award for a library serving more than 10,000 people and one for a library serving fewer than 10,000 people. Selection was made in November 2018, and award letters and checks were mailed before the end of the year. Awardees were recognized in the FOLIO newsletter and also at the FOLIO Annual Award Luncheon in the Spring. The annual award is promoted through the FOLIO newsletter and website, through messages distributed via OLA listserv and website, and the Public Library listserv maintained by ODL, and by FOLIO board members.