

Great Reasons to Join FOLIO!

Because you want:

- to see every community have a library.
- to encourage a vigorous Friends group in every library.
- to be an advocate for libraries across the state.
- to ensure that Oklahoma libraries have the best educated staff possible.
- to receive assistance with starting or revitalizing a Friends group or with obtaining 501(c)3 assistance.
- to share ideas for programming and fundraising.
- to help bring new, progressive ideas to all libraries in the state.

"When people ask me how far I've traveled, I answer instead by telling them how many books I've read."

Teresa Miller, author and Executive Director of Oklahoma Center for Poets and Writers

"Throughout my writing life, Oklahoma's libraries have been my best source, resource, and sustainer. I find the historical facts I need for my novels right in Oklahoma's libraries. In 2007 I was privileged to meet readers all over the state, from Idabel to Boise City, Miami to Altus, and all points in between, as part of the Oklahoma Reads Oklahoma project. These wonderful events were often hosted by local Friends of the Library—dedicated men and women with a passion for books and learning, for citizenship and community, for keeping the beacons of knowledge and information burning bright in Oklahoma. I can't thank them enough!"

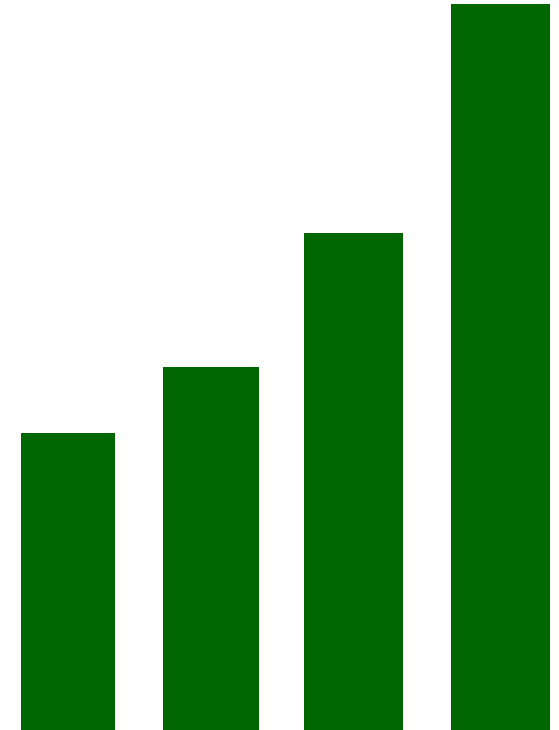
Rilla Askew, author of *Fire in Beulah* and *Harpson*

"Early in my life, I was fortunate to figure out that I wanted to be a writer. Much of that decision was based on the relationships formed at the public library. My parents took me there before I could read. That library fueled my best dreams. From that time so long ago to this very day I knew I had found a home, a refuge. The public library—the free, tax-supported palace of wisdom often called "The People's University" provided me with treasure more precious than gold. What an adventure! What a pleasure! The library never, ever let me down. No matter where I have lived or traveled, the libraries have been there for me."

Michael Wallis, author



Come Join Us & Become a Friend



Mission Statement:

Strengthening libraries
in Oklahoma
through
Friends of Libraries.



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**Listed below are current
FOLIO projects.**

**You are invited to join FOLIO and make
a difference in Oklahoma libraries.**



Ambassadors

Ambassadors are assigned to each region in the state to help start or revitalize Friends groups. Assistance is given to libraries wanting to start a Friends group, to new Friends needing general information, and to citizens wishing to establish a public library in a community without a library.

Scholarships

Scholarships honoring library legends Lillian Norberg and Mary Lu Atkinson are available to assist library staff in acquiring library skills through college classes, workshops or seminars.

Seed Grants

FOLIO presents Seed Grants to help new Friends groups organize, incorporate, and obtain tax-exempt status. These are funded through a grant from the Schusterman Foundation and FOLIO matching funds.

Literary Landmarks™

FOLIO joins with other organizations regularly to dedicate an Oklahoma Landmark which is placed on the national register of the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations (ALTAFF).

Library Legislative Day

FOLIO and library supporters from all over Oklahoma gather at the Capitol each year to let our legislators know how important libraries are to us.

ALTAFF Representation

FOLIO members maintain long-standing involvement with the ALTAFF.

Annual Meeting

Friends members from around the state meet to share ideas, learn about current issues from knowledgeable speakers, and get valuable information that helps their own local Friends organization.

Best Friends Awards

At the annual meeting, FOLIO presents monetary awards to local Friends groups who have shown exemplary performance during the year. The John Harkey Best Friends Award is presented to a Friends group in a town with a population of less than 10,000. The Oklahoma Best Friends Award is presented to a Friends group in a city with a population of more than 10,000.

Hall of Fame

This award is presented at the Annual Meeting to those who have given outstanding and dedicated service to FOLIO. The names are inscribed on a plaque which hangs in the foyer of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries.

FOLIO Endowment Fund

An Endowment Fund, established at Oklahoma City Community Foundation, will be used to provide additional funding for scholarships and other projects.

Newsletter

A quarterly newsletter is published to provide information and news for Friends groups, libraries and individuals.

Website

The website for FOLIO is at www.okfriends.net. This site has information about all FOLIO projects, scholarships, meeting minutes, and more information on how to join the organization.



**Yes! I want to join FOLIO and be a
Friend of Libraries in Oklahoma.**

Check the appropriate category:

- \$10 Individual
- \$15 Local Friends Group
- \$20 Library

Contributions above membership level:

- \$15-\$49 Will Rogers
- \$50-\$99 Melvil Dewey
- \$100-\$499 Benjamin Franklin
- \$500-\$999 Thomas Jefferson
- \$1,000+ Andrew Carnegie

Direct my contribution to the Endowment Fund

Corporate level:

- \$100 Bronze
- \$250 Silver
- \$500 Gold

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Please make check payable to: FOLIO

Mail payment and form to:

FOLIO, Attn: Treasurer

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