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FOLIO Endowment Grows and Grows

THANK YOU!

With your help, FOLIO has met the challenge from the Kirkpatrick Family Fund of Oklahoma City to raise \$9,000 this year! That amount has been matched with another \$3,000, a gift from KFF. We hope you remember that it was Kirkpatrick Family Fund that helped FOLIO establish the endowment in 2009 when FOLIO raised \$12,000 and it was matched with \$8,000 from KFF. The funds from the endowment will be used to provide scholarships to library staff in the state of Oklahoma, thus providing the best librarians in the country.

We are grateful to individual Friends, Friends of Libraries, book clubs, FOLIO board members and Advisory board members who made contributions, large and small. We want to especially recognize those Friends of the Library groups who made a contribution:

Bartlesville FOL
Lawton FOL
Claremore FOL
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We also received contributions from some special groups:

Mary Lou's Listeners Book Club of Tulsa
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Chatter Book Club of Tulsa
Oklahoma Library Association
Prudential Foundation Matching Gifts Program

We say, to ALL the contributors—individuals and groups—in all languages:

MERCI!

MUCHO GRACIAS!

THANK YOU!

And now, as they say, "That was then and this is now." Oklahoma City Community Foundation has challenged FOLIO to raise another \$7500 by December 31. They will match this amount dollar for dollar! This is too good an opportunity to pass up. Just think—We could add another \$15,000 to the endowment this year. Will we do it? Yes! We are going to make every effort. In fact we have raised almost \$3,000 already.

Will you help?

Send your gift—any amount from \$1 on up—
to Gerry Hendon, FOLIO Treasurer
1743 E. 60 St., Tulsa, OK 74105.

All contributions are tax-deductible.

Help FOLIO meet the challenge!

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Literary Landmark Dedicated at Tahlequah Public Library

On April 30, Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma (FOLIO), Tahlequah Friends of the Library, and the Cherokee Heritage Center of Tahlequah dedicated Oklahoma's tenth Literary Landmark™ honoring Wilson Rawls (1913-1984) and the Tahlequah Public Library. Wilson Rawls was the author of two beloved juvenile books: *Where the Red Fern Grows* and *Summer of the Monkeys*.

Woodrow Wilson Rawls was born September 24, 1913 and died December 16, 1984. Rawls' early childhood was spent on his mother's Cherokee allotment 13 miles northeast of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, along the Illinois River in Cherokee County. As a young boy, he was inspired to become a writer by Jack London's *The Call of the Wild*. Rawls visited the Carnegie Library in Tahlequah when he was young. He wrote, "The day I discovered libraries, was one of the biggest days of my life. Practically all of my spare time was spent there. I read everything I could get my hands on pertaining to creative writing. I didn't just read those books, I practically memorized them."

His lifelong dream of writing was finally realized after he married Sophie Ann Styczinski in 1958. She encouraged and supported him as he began working on a story of a boy and his dogs. In 1961 his story "The Hounds of Youth" was serialized in *The Saturday Evening Post*. Doubleday renamed the story *Where the Red Fern Grows* and published the book. Rawls' second book *Summer of the Monkeys* was published by Doubleday in 1976. *Where the Red Fern Grows* is a highly recommended, bestselling book with over 6 ½ million copies sold. Both of Rawls' books were made into movies and are listed on the "Kids' Top 100 Books List," an online survey of the National Education Association.

At the Literary Landmark™ dedication, Robin Mooney, Branch Manager Tahlequah Public Library welcomed over 100 guests. Rob McClendon, host and executive producer *Oklahoma Horizon TV*, served as master of ceremonies. John Ketcher offered a Cherokee blessing, and the D. D. Etchieson United Methodist Church Choir sang three hymns in Cherokee. Tom Mooney, Archivist, Cherokee National Historical Society, Inc., Tahlequah, provided remarks about the Wilson Rawls Collection donated by Sophie S. Rawls to the Cherokee Heritage Center. Dr. Bill Corbett, Professor of History, Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, provided remarks about Wilson Rawls. An audio clip from the CD

recording *Wilson Rawls: Dreams Can Come True* was played. This inspiring recording of Rawls telling his own story is available from Reading Tree Productions <http://www.trelease-on-reading.com/rawls.html>

The dedication occurred during Tahlequah's 6th Annual Red Fern Festival sponsored by the Tahlequah Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Council. Festival events included hound dog trials, a crawfish pond, children's games, music, and a car show. The movie *Where the Red Fern Grows* was shown outdoors in Norris Park which contains a chainsaw sculpture of Billy Colman, Old Dan and Little Ann from the book *Where the Red Fern Grows*.

In conjunction with the event, FOLIO published a 28-page booklet titled *Woodrow Wilson Rawls: Writer, Storyteller, Carpenter, Cherokee, Outdoorsman* for the purpose of celebrating Woodrow Wilson Rawls and his writing, encouraging literacy and storytelling, and helping instill pride in Oklahoma's literary heritage and the Cherokee Nation.

The full-color booklet contains Rawls' autobiography; pictures; timeline; Essay "Where the Red Fern Grows- Life-Changer, Mind-Changer" by Jim Trelease, author of *The Read Aloud Handbook*; lists of Rawls' publications and awards and places of interest; and information about Sophie S. Rawls, the Cherokee Nation, the Tahlequah Public Library, about FOLIO and Literary Landmarks. The booklet was edited by Karen Neurohr, Associate Professor and Librarian, OSU Library and FOLIO Committee Chair Oklahoma Literary Landmarks; and FOLIO members and Tahlequah residents Irene Wickham and Harlene Wills.

The booklet was funded in part by the Oklahoma Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Major booklet partners include FOLIO, the Oklahoma State University Library, Friends of the Oklahoma Center for the Book, the Cherokee Heritage Center, Kiwanis Club of Tahlequah, Reading Tree Productions, the Tahlequah Community Foundation, *World Literature Today*, and the OSU Native American Student Association. The booklet will be digitized for online access by the OSU Library.



Pictured here with the Literary Landmark plaque are members of Rawls family who travelled from out-of-state - nephew Carl, Laura, Danni, and Kaya George; niece Susan Faulk and her daughter Vanessa Rawls Estes; niece Jeanne Styczinski and daughters Kayla and Elizabeth.



The Prez Says. . . .

FOLIO's mission statement, "Strengthening Libraries in Oklahoma through Friends of Libraries", is our roadmap to the work that we are involved with in our state.

On July 18th I was the invited speaker of the Friends of the Lawton Public Library's monthly meeting. Dr. Judy Neale, FOLIO Ambassador for the southwest region of Oklahoma, had requested that the topic of

my speech be on the procedure for recruiting the younger population in their town of 91,000 residents. The current Friends group is a very successful active force behind the library yet they are aging. Personally I don't think the younger residents could keep up with any of them.

After our meeting Dr. Neale and I traveled to the small town of Walters, population 2500. Library Manager Gina Suson, has requested help with establishing a Friends group. In this small town she has a problem if she needs to take time off because she is the only employee of the library. She loves her job and wants the best for it because her patrons are important to her. The city of Walters is in a crunch like the rest of our city libraries. An active Friends group could provide the ray of sunshine that Gina would welcome. During our meeting we questioned her on potential candidates for officers for Friends. On September 13 a few Lawton Friends and Dr. Neale will attend a meeting to help create a Friends group in Walters.

Tuttle, population of 9000, has over one hundred Friends members and no library. In 2010 their city failed by eighty-five votes to approve the 6 mills needed to create a library in the Pioneer Library System. Their new president, Lyla Phelps, has emailed FOLIO and asked for help to start a library. Desiree Webber, Mustang Library Director, and I will meet with Ms. Phelps and discuss options for Tuttle.

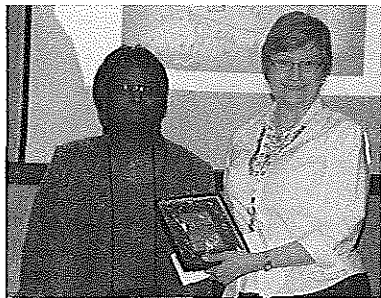
Three towns with different needs yet FOLIO can be helpful to all three; thus fulfilling the FOLIO mission statement.

Carolyn Klepper, FOLIO President

Oklahoma's Best Friends Awards

Awards were presented at the Annual Meeting to two Friends groups who demonstrated exemplary success in support of their local library in 2010-2011.

Duncan Friends took home the Oklahoma Best Friends Award for their efforts in raising money to remodel the Children's area and for establishing a Coffee Shop in the Duncan library.



Jan Cole (on right), Duncan Library Director, accepts Best Friends award on behalf of Duncan Friends from Denyveta Davis.

The John Harkey Best Friends Award was awarded to the **Stilwell Friends** for their success in raising money to build a children's wing for their library in Stilwell.

CITIZENS FOR LIBRARIES: ASSOCIATION OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES, ADVOCATES, FRIENDS AND FOUNDATIONS

Annual Meeting Report, June 24 - 27, 2011,

Clare Delaney, a member of the FOLIO Board and the ALTAFF Board, attended the Annual Meeting of ALTAFF on June 24-27, 2011 in New Orleans, LA. She says it is now official: ALTAFF is "Citizens for Libraries."



She reported that the Nuts and Bolts program held on June 24 included excellent presentations on Board development and advocacy. These were followed by four Round Table discussions from which the attendees could select two. Topics were Fundraising for big and small libraries; Book sales and book stores; Recruiting Board members; and Do trustees have a role in community outreach or is that the role of staff? These provided opportunities for lively discussions and sharing.

Clare also attended a session presented by Marilyn Johnson, author of *This Book is Overdue! How Librarians and Cybrarians Can Save Us All*. Johnson did an excellent job discussing the relationship between authors and libraries and how they can benefit each other. It was also Johnson's idea to create a membership category in ALTAFF for authors. This has been a very successful membership tool.

Donna McDonald, Director, Arkansas River Valley Regional Library assumed the Presidency of Citizens for Libraries at the Board business meeting on June 26.

Individual memberships in ALTAFF have increased and financial signs are trending up. The following were identified as making a difference in the financial stability of the organization:

- Corporate development task force has resulted in significant increases in corporate revenue as well as new sponsorships
- Board member donations
- Continuing growth in personal memberships of Citizens for Libraries
- Group membership growth along with some recouping of lapsed members
- Growth in Authors for Libraries program (Marilyn Johnson's idea)
- New underwriting for The Laugh's on Us and continuing growth in ticket sales.

A brand new tool kit is available on the website on how to attract baby boomer volunteers. Citizens for Libraries will continue to develop programs and materials to benefit Friends groups.

This was Clare's final meeting as a member of this Board. She says, "It has been my privilege and pleasure to serve first on the FOLUSA Board, then the ALTAFF Board and conclude my service on the Citizens for Libraries Board."

You as an individual or your Friends group as an organization can become a member of Citizens for Libraries and receive your own newsletter 6 times a year as well as access to publications and information that will be of benefit to your Friends group. Membership Info available on the website: www.ala.org/altaff



MANNFORD HAS NEW LOGO

Sharon and Jon Douthitt visited the **Mannford Friends** and found a big celebration going on. It seems they had held a contest for young people to design a logo for them. Thirty-seven entries were narrowed down to two designs submitted by students from the local v-tech drafting class. Elements from each of the designs were combined for the final logo which is shown in this picture.

The arched wording over the two readers says "Friends of the Mannford Public Library" and the wording under the readers says "Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader."

Sara Cheney of Mannford (on the left) and Nicole Chappell of Oilton were presented with a certificate of appreciation and a cash award. Everyone in attendance was treated to a pizza party in their honor.

AMBASSADORS PROGRAM BEARS FRUIT

Jon and Sharon Douthitt made a trip to **Locust Grove** and had dinner with the library director and an enthusiastic supporter. They were encouraged to apply for a Seed Grant. The Douthitts were invited to return and to speak at their organizational meeting. The Seed Grant application has been received.

The **Kansas, OK** Friends warmly welcomed Jon and Sharon Douthitt to their meeting last month. Their membership has dwindled to a small but dedicated group and they expressed a need and desire for ideas on how to rebuild. Jon and Sharon made some suggestions which were well-received by the Friends and by their library director.

The **FOLIO Outreach Ambassadors Program** was created in June 2010. The Ambassadors are available to visit the meetings of the Friends, mentor the officers and offer assistance and/or mentoring as needed or requested. Ambassadors are available in all quadrants of the state.

Librarians and Friends groups are encouraged to contact FOLIO to schedule a visit by an Ambassador. Send an e-mail to: cklepper2@sbcglobal.net

Watonga Friends Partner with Schools for Scholastic Book Fair

Each year for the past seven years, the Watonga Friends have sponsored a Scholastic Book Fair. The Watonga Public Library benefits from the sale each year by receiving a large number of free books which are used to supplement the collection and the Summer Reading Program. This year the Friends and the Library agreed to share the proceeds from the sale with the Watonga Schools. Friends president Patsy Davis said, "We just felt that it was important to help the school libraries since budget constraints prevented them from purchasing new books this year."

The public library and each school library received a combined total of 250 books valued at approximately \$2,000. Sharon McMinn, librarian at Watonga Elementary, said, "I can assure you these books will be hot items and much loved."

Book Fair coordinator Karen Gilliland said, "People in our community look forward to this event every year. We are pleased that we could partner with Watonga Schools to promote literacy in our community."

Big Plans for Oologah

Oologah has a new Town Hall and Police Station and has plans to establish a library and small museum in the near future. According to a story in *The Daily Progress* by Zack Stoycoff, "Plans are to offer high-speed internet, computers and **eventually physical books**. Town officials are calling it a high-tech library media center—a place to access online books, work on homework after school and take adult education courses."

Sayre Friends will be holding their giant annual book sale at the Sayre Public Library, 113 E. Poplar on October 27-29.

Hours are:

Thursday, Oct. 27, Noon—7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 28, 10 am—5 pm

Tecumseh Friends are hard at work preparing for a Book Sale to take place on August 25-27 AND an Auction and Dinner to be held Sept. 22.

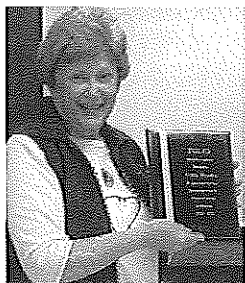
Good News from Claremore

The Friends of the Will Rogers Library in Claremore celebrated three events at their January meeting.

- * The fundraiser for their endowment set a record of \$11,000 plus matching funds of \$2,000.
- * The goal of 100 members has been reached.
- * Sherry Eldridge Beach, Librarian at Will Rogers library, completed her library degree.

To attract a crowd to this meeting, they invited former library director and Friends member Carol Willett to present a book talk on *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. AND they served cake and other goodies. The event was advertised by e-mail, postcards, and newspaper articles.

Gerry Hendon Named to Hall of Fame



The FOLIO Hall of Fame Award is presented to recognize outstanding service to FOLIO. The 2011 honoree, Gerry Hendon, has served FOLIO as board member, Vice-President, President and Treasurer. She has been a committee member and Chair of the Best Friends committee and served on the Scholarship committee. The Endowment Fund was established during her presidency and the idea for the Ambassador program was "hatched" during an Executive Committee meeting when she was president. She also is the editor of the newsletter.

In addition, Gerry is an active member of the Friends of the Tulsa Libraries and has been Vice-President, President, Newsletter Editor, and member and chair of several committees. She is an active member of the Tulsa Friends Ambassadors, presenting numerous book talks to church fellowship groups, senior living centers and other clubs and organizations.

Ed. Note: I am honored and proud to have my name on the Hall of Fame plaque at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries. Thank you!

Meeker's Award-Winning Citizen

Cletta Kinnear was recently honored by the Meeker Chamber of Commerce with the Lifetime Achievement Award. This was her third award from the organization as she received the President's Award in 2004 and the Citizens Award in 2007.



Cletta recently retired from the FOLIO Board after serving for many years and making a huge contribution to FOLIO and to countless others who sought her advice and counsel. Cletta was responsible for establishing a library in Meeker and was the volunteer director of the library for years until the city found the money to hire a librarian. She was named to the FOLIO Hall of Fame in 2008.

Kudos to you, Cletta! We are proud of you!

Changes in FOLIO Board

Recent additions to the FOLIO Board include Susan Gregory and Mona Hatfield. Susan (on right) is employed by the Pioneer Library System as their Development Specialist. She lives in Norman. Mona (on left) is a retired school librarian and now lives in Eufaula.



Several Board members have recently "retired" including Tom Terry, Irene Wickham and Cletta Kinnear. All were extremely valuable board members and will be greatly missed. Tom was chair of the Archives committee and the Membership committee, Irene also chaired the Membership committee for several years, edited the newsletter and was the Publicity committee chair, sending news releases all around the state.

Tom, Irene, Cletta—We salute you.

We'll miss you. Thanks for all you did for FOLIO.

Your membership dues and donations are the primary source of funds to support FOLIO's mission. New members are always welcome.

Basic dues are as follows:

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

Contributions above the minimum dues further support FOLIO's mission, are greatly appreciated, and tax deductible as a charitable contribution.

Suggested **Gift levels** honoring library icons are:

- \$15—\$49 Will Rogers
- \$50—\$99 Melvil Dewey
- \$100—\$499 Benjamin Franklin
- \$500—\$999 Thomas Jefferson
- \$1000+ Andrew Carnegie

Corporate Membership Levels are:

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

FOLIO is a 501(c)3 organization. Dues are tax deductible to the extent of the law.

FOLIO keeps all personal information private and does not share members' mailing addresses, phone numbers or e-mail addresses with third parties.

Please make your check payable to: FOLIO
Mail membership form and payment to:

Gerry Hendon, FOLIO Treasurer
1743 East 60 St.
Tulsa, OK 74105

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

Name: _____

(Name of Individual, Friends group, Library or Corporate Business)

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Dues enclosed: _____

Gift Donation enclosed: _____

Gift to Endowment: _____

Advice from the IRS

Did your Friends organization lose its tax exemption status because it failed to file the 990 tax return for three consecutive years? If so, you may be able to regain it more easily and at less expense than you thought. The IRS has a Tax Tip for you. Go to the www.youtube.com/irsvideos to watch a video about How to Get Your Tax-Exempt Status back. Do it today!

Author Offers Book Talk Programs

New FOLIO member Judie Emerson (J. Houston Emerson) is available throughout Oklahoma for speaking/book signings for Friends organizations. Her book, *The Myth Makers*, has been endorsed by the director of the National Museum of the American Indian and by the Oklahoma Historical Society. Visit her website at www.themythmakers.net or contact her at 918-494-0215.

Judie recently held a reading/book signing at the Fort Smith Museum of History. Guests arrived early and mingled before Emerson discussed her family heritage and her book.

After discussing her Cherokee heritage, Emerson read from her book which is a work of historical fiction but based on facts. The book took her more than four years to write and publish. She has already started to work on the sequel.

Ruby Dean, City Wire, Fort Smith wrote, "*The Myth Makers*" starts in the early 1800s and ends in 1838 with the arrival of her ancestors in Tahlequah. It deals with witchcraft, missionaries, and white intrusion of every kind. Emerson weaves a historical tale about her Cherokee forebearers, their lives and belief systems and the wondrous world of mythic animals before their removal."

Looking for new ideas for a fundraiser or a program or celebration or membership drive???

Check out the web-site at www.ala.org/altaff

Click on the "Friends Groups" and then on the "Idea Sharing" button and read about some really Good Ideas from the Network.



We need YOUR help!

Occasionally we need to communicate with all Friends groups and libraries. The easiest way would be on the internet. To facilitate that, we are asking that all libraries send us their web address and their e-mail address. AND we would ask that all Friends groups send us their e-mail address, and if they have a web address, send that also.

THANKS A MILLION!!

How about a Coupon Book Fundraiser?

You could raise thousands for your Friends group with your own library coupon booklet customized with your library photo, logo, and name on the cover. ALTAFF and Entertainment are partnering to offer this coupon booklet fundraiser, which will help to promote your library Friends group.

- No up-front costs to get started—no money down.
- Sells for only \$20 and includes 40 coupons and hundreds more on-line.
- Earn up to \$10 for each one sold.
- Available year-round—when YOU want to fundraise.
- Promote your Friends group while you raise funds.
- Value and savings for your supporters.

To get started creating a coupon booklet for your next fundraiser, complete the form available at www.entertainment.com/library or call Entertainment at 866-686-1432.



Books and Food—the Perfect Combo

Friends of the **Chickasha** Public Library invited everyone to join in for a summer filled with treasures for the eyes, ears, and palate during their luncheon book review series. For summer 2012, they chose to focus on local talent beginning with fiction for children and financial education for youth. The second set of the series became mysterious and historical. The last session featured pictorial artwork and a review of a graphic novel.



They meet once in June, July and August at a local diner, hear enlightening reviews, make new friendships and strengthen existing ties and love of books. For just a \$10 bill, one can get a feeling of goodwill for supporting the local library—and a good lunch. Flyers and bookmarks for the series were available at the library. Local newspaper articles announcing the luncheons helped to advertise for the authors and the Friends.

This annual summer event has proved to be popular with members and is a great way to introduce friends and family to what the local Friends of the Library is all about.

National Friends of Libraries Week, Oct. 16-22, 2011.

Celebrate Friends by using the week to creatively promote your group to the community, to raise awareness and to promote membership. Ideas and resources are available at www.ala.org/altaff. Click "Conferences & Events" on the left, then "National Friends of Libraries week."

Prizes are awarded for the best celebrations.

Check it out!

News from FOLIO Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting on April 1 got off to a start that some thought was an April's Fool's Day joke. Just as ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels was getting into his talk about what ALA can do for us, the lights went out. That's right. We were literally in the dark. But, trooper that he is, Mr. Fiels finished his presentation without notes and without sound system giving us valuable info about what is available at ALA.



Mr. Fiels BEFORE the lights went out.

The luncheon was served by candlelight. Tammi Sauer was getting a bit nervous about giving her Power Point presentation without electricity when the lights came on. The theme of her presentation was "Helping Kids Celebrate Reading and Writing." She said it always takes three things to make a great book—love, heartache, and suspense and added, "all the books I loved made me feel

something."

In writing a book for children, Tammi detailed the following "must-haves":

- Emotion
- Characters that you care about
- Plot
- Words that sing
- Good pacing
- Page turn-ability
- Humor
- Low word count (500 words or less)
- Plenty of illustration possibilities
- Originality



Then she gave advice about writing a book as follows:

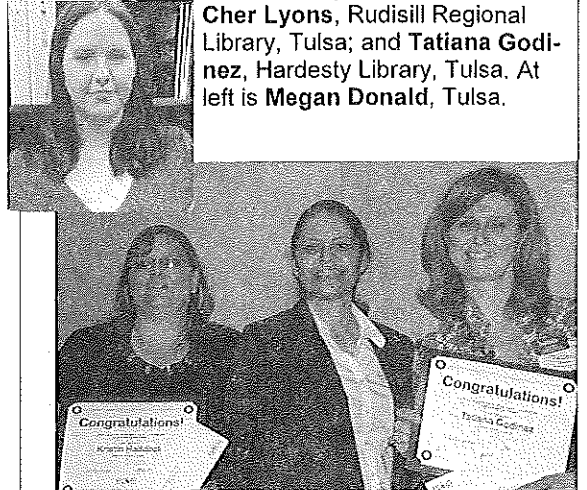
1. Read—the more you read, the better you'll write.
2. Revise
3. Get some feedback
4. Target submissions
5. Realize that some stories are just practice stories
6. Start something new
7. BELIEVE!

The presentation was outstanding! If you are looking for an outstanding program, you should call Tammi. Check out her website at www.tammisauer.com.

During the luncheon, awards were presented for Best Friends by Denvyetta Davis. The Hall of Fame winner was introduced by Clare Delaney. Scholarships were presented by Gerry Hendon as chair Laurie Sundborg was unable to attend.

FOLIO AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

Four deserving students who aspire to be librarians were awarded scholarships at the FOLIO Annual Meeting. Pictured below are **Kristin Haddock**, Library Director at Mounds; **Cher Lyons**, Rudisill Regional Library, Tulsa; and **Tatiana Godinez**, Hardesty Library, Tulsa. At left is **Megan Donald**, Tulsa.



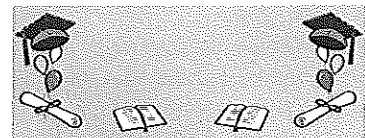
The amount of the scholarships has increased from \$250 to \$400 each as a result of the funding available from the FOLIO Endowment Fund. (See story on page 1.) The scholarships honor Lillian Norberg and Mary Lu Atkinson, two library icons. Applications can be found on the FOLIO webpage www.okfriends.net.

We have news of two scholarship recipients from 2009. **Carissa Kellerby** completed her library degree in June and was recently hired by Tulsa City-County Library to work at the Genealogy Library.

Sherry Eldridge Beach, Library Director at the Will Rogers Library in Claremore, completed her degree in December. Sherry says, "Maintaining a full-time position while completing the Master's program was a challenge in terms of both time and money. I'm very thankful to FOLIO for the scholarship that helped relieve some of the financial burden.

"This assistance was integral to the successful completion of my degree. I offer my thanks both personally and professionally for FOLIO's scholarship program. It is a valuable contribution to ensuring our industry maintains the highest standards of capability and professionalism possible."

Congratulations to Carissa and Sherry!

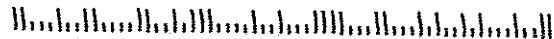


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The Libri Foundation

Do you need books for your library? Here's an idea that you might want to pursue.

The Libri Foundation is a nationwide non-profit organization which donates new, quality, hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries in the United States through its Books for Children program. Since 1990, the Foundation has donated almost \$5 million worth of new children's books to more than 3,000 libraries in all 50 states.

The local public library is often the primary source of reading material for many children in rural areas. Yet these libraries face increasing financial hardships and are often unable to buy the books their young readers need.

The Foundation works with the library's Friends of the Library because they believe in community involvement and want to encourage and reward local support of libraries. The Friends can contribute from \$50 to \$350 which the Foundation will match on a 2-to-1 ratio. A library can receive up to \$1,050 worth of new, quality, hardcover children's books through this program.



The local librarian selects the books the library will receive from the Foundation's 700-title book-list which includes fiction and non-fiction titles. The majority of

books have been published within the last three years but old favorites are also offered.

Libraries are qualified on an individual basis. County libraries should serve a population under 16,000 and town libraries should serve a population under 10,000. Libraries should be in a rural area, have a limited operating budget, and an active children's department. "Rural" is usually considered to be at least 30 miles from a city with a population over 40,000. The average total operating budget of a Books for Children grant recipient is less than \$40,000.



Several libraries in Oklahoma have received grants from The Libri Foundation for 2011. They include: Chouteau Public Library, Sterling Public School Library, Talala Area Public Library, Vinita Public Library and Wellston Community Library.

Application deadlines for 2012 are (postmarked by) January 23 and May 15. Grants will be awarded January 31 and May 31.

To learn more about this great way to add books to your library, go to www.librifoundation.org.