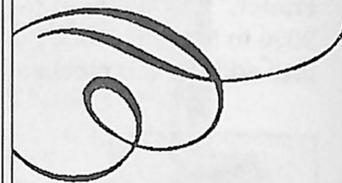# THE WELL-READ LIBRARIAN: FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES RESOURCES

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ARTICLES

Ferguson, D. (2003). Friend or foe? The role of Friends of Library groups in community development. *APLIS*, *16(3)*, 110-114.

Though Ferguson is discussing Friends groups in Australia, many of the same principles and ideas apply in the United States. Ferguson explores the roles of Friends groups, the resolution of volunteer issues, and reprints the "Ten Commandments of FOL Groups" as written by Sandy Dolnick, the founder of FOLUSA.

Hill, N. M. (2006). Care and keeping of Friends groups. *Public Libraries*, *45(4)*, 20-26.

This article details the view of several public library administrators on how to create and cultivate a successful Friends group, as well as their responsibilities to the library – raising funds for the library, and being good advocates for their library.

Houck, J.A. (1996). Practical suggestions on forming a Friends of the Library organization for an academic library. *College & Undergraduate Libraries*, *3(1)*, 17-24.

Though Friends groups are most often associated with public libraries, many academic libraries have established their own Friends organizations. This article details how such groups can provide additional funding in times of budget crunches, work as liaisons with library administration, and promote the library to the larger community. Much of the success of academic groups depends on the commitment of the administration and the continuing support of the library system.

Taylor, M. E. (2004) It's hard to make new Friends: What to think about creating a Friends of the Library group. *Library Trends*, *48 (3)*, 597-606.

This article discusses the genesis of a library Friends group, from defining a purpose for the group and organization to programming, operational costs, staffing and the role of the library in conjunction with the Friends group.

BOOKS:

Dolnick, S. (2004). *Essential Friends of Libraries: Fast facts, forms and tips*. Chicago: ALA Editions.

Dolnick, founder and retired executive director of FOLUSA, has written this title that "delivers vital information into easy bites and combines a new CD, packed with over 50 easily customized forms, guidelines, and templates, with 156 text references (keyed to the CD) in a searchable, easy-to-use encyclopedic dictionary."

Dolnick, S. (1996). *Friends of Libraries sourcebook*. Chicago: ALA Editions.

The third edition, released in 1996, is a "one stop" resource for Friends groups, includes information about 501(c)(3) status, gift shops, constitutions, and tips and tools for coordinating the group and is filled with real-life examples from Friends groups around the country.

Herring, M. Y. (2004). *Raising funds with Friends groups: A how-to-do-It manual for librarians*. New York: Neal-Schuman Publishers, Inc.

Herring's title details how to form or rejuvenate Friends groups in academic and public libraries. He also discusses publicity, program planning, advocacy, and how to raise funds for the library.

LINKS:

Friends of Libraries U.S.A.
http://www.folusa.com/

The official FOLUSA website "provides resources, services, and networking opportunities for Friends, Trustees, and Foundations across the country to increase and enhance their efforts on behalf of public, academic, and school libraries."

Friends of Indiana Libraries
http://www.incolsa.net/~foil/

The FOIL website provides a calendar, information about membership, "great ideas" to use in a variety of libraries, and contact information for becoming a member of FOIL.

LibDex – FOL
http://www.libdex.com/fol.html

The LibDex (The Library Index) provides a geographical index of all existing FOL websites, organized alphabeti-

cally. The LibDex also has links to FOLUSA, Friends of Canadian Libraries, and Friends of Australian Libraries, and even provides a "Friends Site of the Week."

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