

## FoKL Award and Grant Winners (updated January 2024)

2023

### Challenge Grant Winners:

- No Grants Awarded

### Outstanding Individual Friend Award:

- Roger and Lydia Smith, Friends of Finney County Public Library
- Pat Kitterman, Friends of Derby Public Library
- Jan Boyd, Friends of Baldwin City Library

### Outstanding Friends Group Award:

- No Nominations Received

2022

### Challenge Grant Winners:

- Friends of the Johnson County Library
- Friends of the Mary Cotton Public Library
- Friends of the Vermillion Community

### Outstanding Individual Friend Award:

- Erin Ragan, Friends of the Basehor Library

### Outstanding Friends Group Award:

- Manhattan Library Association
- Friends of the Wamego Public Library

2021

### Challenge Grant Winners:

- Friends of Belleville Library (paid with Joan Furhman Memorial)
- Friends of Jetmore Library
- Friends of the Frankfort Library
- Friends of the Basehor Library
- Burlingame Friends of the Library
- Friends of the Wichita Public Library

### Outstanding Individual Friend Award:

- Faye Olson, Friends of Wichita Public Library

### Outstanding Friends Group Award:

- Friends of the Johnson County Library
- Friends of the Winfield Public Library

### Duane Johnson Library Leadership Award

- Hans Fischer, President of FoKL and KLTA
- Leroy Gattin, Treasurer of KLA, Director of Hutchinson Public and SCKLS
- Vikki Jo Stewart, Volunteer Coordinator and Special Projects Director, State Library of Kansas
- Pat Gaunce, Director of West Wyandotte Branch of the Kansas City Kansas Public Library, Governmental Affairs Chair of KLA
- Jane Hatch, Kansas City Kansas Public Library
- Betty Cattrell, Director of Haysville Community Library
- Jim Minges, NEKLS Director
- Cindi Hickey, State Library of Kansas
- Shannon Roy, State Library of Kansas
- Carol Barta, NCKLS
- Cynthia Berner and Gina Millsap, Wichita and Topeka Shawnee County Public Libraries
- Carolyn Little, NEKLS, FoKL
- Gary Schmidt, Maybee Library, Washburn University
- Warren Robinson and Mabel Moses (posthumously) – 2019
- Marion Renner, Haysville Friends, member of State Library Board
- George Seamon, Director NWKLS and KLA headquarters

## 2020

### **Challenge Grant Winners:**

- Friends of Council Grove Public Library
- Friends of the Derby Public Library
- Friends of Kingman Carnegie Library
- Friends of Ida Long Goodman Memorial Library
- Friends of Lansing Community Library

### **Outstanding Individual Friend Award:**

- Joetta Branch, Friends of Haysville Public Library
- Harold Couchman, Friends of Rossville Public Library

### **Outstanding Friends Group Award:**

- No Nominations Received

## 2019

### **Challenge Grant Winners:**

- Rossville Friends of the Library
- Manhattan Library Association
- Friends of Morrill Public Library

### **Outstanding Individual Friend Award:**

- Diane James, Friends of Pittsburg Public Library

### **Outstanding Friends Group Award:**

- Friends of Morrill Public Library

## 2018

### **Challenge Grant Winners:**

- Friends of Wamego Public Library
- Friends of August Public Library
- Friends of Vermillion Community, Inc
- Friends of White City Library

### **Outstanding Individual Friend Award:**

- Dr. Gary Schmidt, Friends of Washburn Mabee Library

### **Outstanding Friends Group Award:**

- Friends of the Girard Public Library

2017

**Challenge Grant Winners:**

- Friends of Basehor Community Library
- Friends of Dodge City Public Library
- Friends of Independence Public Library
- Friends of Liberal Memorial Library

**Outstanding Individual Friend Award:**

- Anne Walker, Friends of Baldwin City Library
- Sara Van Horn, Friends of Bellville Library

**Outstanding Friends Group Award:**

- Library Leadership Group, Hamilton County Library Teen Friends

2016

**Challenge Grant Winners:**

- Cherryvale Friends
- Friends of Ida Long Goodman Library
- Friends of Kingman Library
- Friends of Kinsley Library
- Friends of Louisburg Library

**Outstanding Individual Friend Award:**

- Marylyn Wenzl, Vermillion Library Friends
- Patty Hornbeck, Friends of Cherryvale Library

**Outstanding Friends Group Award:**

- Friends of Moundridge Public Library
- Friends of Cherryvale Library

2015

**Challenge Grant Winners:**

- Friends of Pleasanton Library
- Friends of Haysville Community Library
- Friends of Bonner Springs
- Friends of Garnett Library
- Friends of Moundridge Public Library

**Outstanding Individual Friend Award:**

- Gail Fisher, Friends of Wichita Public Library

**Outstanding Friends Group Award:**

- Friends of Towanda Public Library

## 2014

### **Challenge Grant Winners:**

- Friends of White City
- Friends of Augusta Public Library
- Friends of Riley City Library
- Friends of Silver Lake Library
- Mission Valley/Eskridge Friends

### **Outstanding Individual Friend Award:**

- Sharon Markey, Friends of Olathe Public Library
- Janice Rhodes, Friends of Winfield Library

### **Outstanding Friends Group Award:**

- Friends of Rossville Community Library
- Friends of Wamego Public Library
- Friends of Wichita Public Library

## 2013

### **Challenge Grant Winners:**

- Friends of Belleville Library
- Friends of Eudora Public Library
- Hamilton County Library Leadership Group
- Friends of Mary Cotton Library
- Friends of Morrill Public Library
- Friends of Pioneer Memorial Library
- Friends of Vermillion Library
- Friends of Winfield Library

### **Outstanding Individual Friend Award:**

- Kathryn Benson, Clay Center Carnegie Library
- Theresa Miller, Friends of Pleasanton Library

### **Outstanding Friends Group Award:**

- Friends of Olathe Public Library
- Friends of Pioneer Memorial Library
- Friends of Garnett Public

2012

**Challenge Grant Winners:**

- Friends of Basehor Community Library
- Friends of Clay Center Carnegie Library
- Friends of Lansing Community Library

**Outstanding Individual Friend Award:**

- Lana Biladeau, Friends of Silver Lake Library
- Steve and Ann Starch, Friends of Wichita Public Library

**Outstanding Friends Group Award:**

- Friends of Gridley Branch, Coffey County Library

2011

**Challenge Grant Winners:**

- Friends of Augusta Public Library
- Friends of Library Dist. #1, Doniphan County
- Friends of Hutchinson Public Library
- Friends of Independence Public Library
- Friends of Norton Public Library
- Friends of Richmond Public Library
- Friends of Silver Lake Library
- Friends of Towanda Public Library
- Friends of W. A. Rankin Memorial Library

**Outstanding Individual Friend Award:**

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**Outstanding Friends Group Award:**

- Friends of Jay Johnson Library
- Friends of Towanda Public Library

## 2010

### **Challenge Grant Winners:**

- Friends of Council Grove Public Library
- Friends of Hays Public Library
- Friends of Morrill Public Library
- Friends of Mulvane Public Library
- Friends of Pioneer Memorial Library

### **Outstanding Individual Friend Award:**

- Betty Cattrell, Haysville
- Jo Ann Janzen, Wichita

### **Outstanding Friends Group Award:**

- Friends of Lawrence Public Library
- Friends of Lincoln Carnegie Library

## 2009

### **Challenge Grant Winners:**

- Friends of Lincoln Carnegie Library
- Friends of Douglass Public Library
- Friends of Pittsburg Public Library
- Friends of Perry Lecompton Community Library
- Friends of Andover Public Library
- Friends of LaCynge Library Dist. #2
- Friends of Kinsley Library
- Friends of Graham County Public Library
- Friends of Bonner Springs Library

### **Outstanding Individual Friend Award:**

- Komari Aberle, Mary Cotton Public Library
- Anita Kaiser, Johnson County Library

### **Outstanding Friends Group Award:**

- Friends of Mary Cotton Public Library

## 2008

### **Challenge Grant Winners:**

- Friends of Augusta Public Library
- Friends of Graham County Public Library
- Friends of Ida Long Goodman Library
- Friends of Kingman Library
- Friends of Oskaloosa Library
- Friends of Towanda Public Library
- Friends of Washburn Mabee Library
- Friends of White City Public Library

### **Outstanding Individual Friend Award:**

- Beverley Warren
- Elizabeth Servis

### **Outstanding Friends Group Award:**

- Friends of Perry Lecompton Community Library
- Friends of Clay Center Public Library
- Friends of Emporia Public Library
- School Library Advocacy Group of Wichita

## 2007

### **Challenge Grant Winners:**

- Friends of W. A Rankin Memorial Library
- Friends of Mulvane Public Library
- Friends of Lindsborg Library
- Friends of Baldwin City Library
- Friends of Erie Library
- Can-Kan Dreambuilders

### **Outstanding Individual Friend Award:**

- Janette Friesen, Meade
- Laurel Becker, Augusta

### **Outstanding Friends Group Award:**

- Can-Kan Dream Builders
- Leonard H. Axe Library Friends
- Friends of Johnson County Library

## 2006

### **Challenge Grant Winners:**

- Friends of Ottawa Library

### **Outstanding Individual Friend Award:**

- Mary Unruh, Emporia

### **Outstanding Friends Group Award:**

- Meade Friends of the Library
- Friends of Lindsborg Library
- Friends of Wichita Public Library

## 2005

### **Challenge Grant Winners:**

- Friends of Olathe Public Library
- Friends of Louisburg Library
- Friends of LaCygne Library District #2
- Friends of Tonganoxie Library
- Friends of Morrill Public Library

### **Outstanding Individual Friend Award:**

- Kathy Jordan, Ottawa
- Rhita Muci, Wichita

### **Outstanding Friends Group Award:**

- Friends of Ida Goodman Memorial Library
- Friends of Kearny County Library
- Manhattan Library Association



## 2004

### **Challenge Grant Winners:**

- Friends of Mary Cotton Library
- Friends of Andover Public Library
- Friends of Bradford Memorial Library
- Friends of Iola Public Library
- Leonard H. Axe Library Friends

### **Outstanding Individual Friend Award:**

- Larry Romine, Wichita
- Marion Renner, Haysville

### **Outstanding Friends Group Award:**

- Friends of Haysville Community Library
- Friends of Finney County Library
- Friends of Morrill Public Library
- Friends of Whitewater Memorial Library

## 2003

### **Challenge Grant Winners:**

- Friends of Augusta Public Library

### **Outstanding Friends Group Award:**

- Friends of Hays Public Library
- Friends of Iola Public Library
- Friends of Eureka Public Library
- Friends of Council Grove Library

## 2002

### **Challenge Grant Winners:**

- Friends of Eureka Public Library
- Friends of Augusta Public Library
- Friends of Kearney County

### **Outstanding Individual Friend Award:**

- Cleo Brannan, Meade

### **Outstanding Friends Group Award:**

- Friends of Augusta Public Library

**2001**

**Challenge Grant Winners:**

- Friends of Ottawa Library
- Friends of Belleville Public Library
- Friends of Pioneer Memorial Library
- Friends of Kingman Carnegie Library

**Outstanding Individual Friend Award:**

- Gay Barker, Chanute
- Mike Rinke, Olathe

**Outstanding Friends Group Award:**

- Friends of Wichita Public Library
- Hardtner Public Library Friends

**2000**

**Outstanding Individual Friend Award:**

- Deryl Wynn, Kansas City

**Outstanding Friends Group Award:**

- Friends of Belleville Library

**1999**

**Outstanding Individual Friend Award:**

- Mel Burkhead, Independence

**1998**

**Outstanding Individual Friend Award:**

- Gaylord Ukena, Topeka

**Outstanding Friends Group Award:**

- Friends of Towanda Public Library
- Friends of Johnson County Library