Friends of Michigan Libraries (FOML)

2013 Outstanding Michigan Friends of the Library Award

Did your Friends of the Library carry out an outstanding project or a number of successful activities in your community during 2013 that had a significant impact on your library’s services to the community?

The award will be given to a Michigan Friends group for a specific project carried out in 2013 or based on the full scope of the group’s activities during 2013.  Applications will be judged by the FOML Membership & Marketing Committee on the following criteria:

1.        **Planning:**  Involvement of the Friends, library, and community in the use of resources, an innovative and appropriate activity, and measurable outcomes (e.g., attendance at event, increase in patron use of the library, etc.).

2.       **Implementation:**  Public relations, broad membership involvement, and use of resources.

3.       **Evaluation:**  Assessment of activity or program with measurable results.

4.       **Innovation:**  New idea(s) for program or activity, creative involvement of community and specific citizens, and creative use of public relations.

5.       **Community Involvement**:  Evidence of community involvement in planning and implementation.

The winning Friends group will receive $400 and a plaque, with an invitation for two members of the winning Friends Group to attend the FOML Annual Membership Meeting and Workshop free of charge in 2014 to receive the award.

To be eligible for this award your Friends group must be a 2013 FOML member (membership information can be found at [www.foml.org](http://www.foml.org/)) and completed the project or activities during the 2013 calendar year.

Deadline:  Applications for this award must be received by January 15, 2014.

Go to the FOML website – [www.foml.org](http://www.foml.org/) – and click on “FOML Merit Award” for the information described above.

Your Friends group could be a winner!

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