

The Lillian Levin Meritorious Service Award

This award is given sparingly to former FOCL board members in recognition for their outstanding dedication and service.

The award is given as a tribute to Lillian Levin who has spent much of her life in service to libraries and Friends Groups. Lillian was an extremely active and vital member of the FOCL board from the moment she volunteered to be treasurer in 1989. In the following 16 years she served three terms as president and held every other office except secretary. During her tenure as president of FOCL the organization successfully sought an exemption from sales tax for Friends book sales and forged close relationships with the Connecticut Library Association and the Association of Connecticut Library Boards.

Lillian has been the quintessential Friend of Libraries throughout her life, serving many terms as president of the Friends of the Welles Turner Library in Glastonbury and earlier in Akron, Ohio. Lillian has been involved in Friends organizations on every possible level. In addition to the Glastonbury and Connecticut Friends she found the time and energy to serve on the board of Friends of Libraries USA as coordinator of their Books for Babies program for 6 years.

Award Criteria

The nominee must have served on the FOCL Board for at least 10 years.

Consideration can be given to service or active liaison with statewide library organizations such as CLA, ACLPD and ACLB.

During the period of FOCL Board membership, the nominee must have made a positive impact on the Board by serving as an Officer or Committee Chairperson(s), being an active meeting participant and supporter of various FOCL activities, for example visiting of Friends groups, assisting communications and educational programs.

Awards Process

Anyone can nominate a departing FOCL Board member. The nomination must address, in writing, the award criteria and other pertinent facts.

The Awards Committee will review the nomination for completeness and accuracy.

The nominee must receive a majority vote of Awards Committee.

The nomination is then presented at the next FOCL Board meeting by the Awards Committee Chair.

The nomination must receive a vote of three quarters of the Board members present.

The award should be presented at a significant FOCL event, typically the annual FOCL meeting.

The recipient will be presented with a framed certificate or plaque and minimum \$250 donation to their local Friends group.