

FOCL POINT

Awards, Awards and More Awards for Friends Statewide

Almost 100 Friends of Connecticut Libraries gathered in a sunny meeting room at Middlesex Community college in Middletown in June to celebrate those who use their time and talent for libraries.

Eight individual achievement awards, two focused project awards and one group award were presented.

President Barbara Leonard, of Avon, cited some accomplishments of the statewide group in the past year.

These included:

- Visiting several Friends groups throughout the state
- Giving talks to the Connecticut Library Association and the Association of Connecticut Library Boards
- Attracting hundreds of followers to the Facebook page
- Producing two newsletters
- And hosting a Fall Conference that drew about 100 people



When Linda Chapron of Farmington, right, was handed an individual achievement award by FOCL President Barbara Leonard, she gave credit to other members of the Friends of the Farmington Library.

Then it was time for the awards:

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Author McCain Tells Her Version of Lyman Family History

Start with a history of the Lyman family, of orchard fame. Add some creative license and you have "Thy Children's Children," the book historian and author Diana Ross McCain explained to those at the FOCL annual meeting.

"You can do things with fiction that you can't do with nonfiction," McCain said, without changing any facts.



McCain was on the staff of the Connecticut Historical Society in Hartford for 25 years and has been researching, writing and speaking about Connecticut and New England's past for more than 30 years.

She has a bachelor's and master's degree in history and a master's in library science. Since 2015 she has

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Elizabeth Tyburski, of Falls Village, said she has met some of the best people at her local library.

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Individual Achievement Municipalities Less Than 10,000

Elizabeth Tyburski, David M. Hunt Library, Falls Village

The small town of Falls Village is amazingly blessed with volunteers, and its D.M. Hunt Library is especially blessed. At the top of that list is its nominee for individual achievement, Elizabeth Tyburski, familiarly known as Betty.

The quality of her work is unsurpassed, thorough, and thoughtful. She is loyal, classy, generous, good-natured, enthusiastic, and so much fun. Friends President Laura Munson adds that they are blessed to have her and her passion for the library.

keep the room as locally and historically true as the budget allows.

It was decided that a Hitchcock dining room set as well as an oriental rug would give a finished and inviting look, allowing patrons the comfort and space needed for research.

Tyburski accomplished this with private donations for absolutely no cost to the library.

She also keeps files that would be the envy of any organization. In addition, she coordinates

She helps coordinates monthly book sales.

Tyburski has a vision for whatever project she takes on. One recent project is renovation of the Connecticut Room, dedicated to local history. She and her colleagues

with the Falls Village Canaan Historical Society, sharing information.

Quoting library director Erica Joncyk, "I can't think of anyone more deserving of recognition for her services to the library and community."

Tyburski said that a lot of people in Falls Village are part-time residents, making it hard to get volunteers. So she values the ones she has and also praised the library staff.

"Everyone is greeted personally and warmly by the librarians," she said. "It is here that I have had the privilege of meeting some of the best people in all my 81 years."

Individual Achievement Municipalities Less Than 10,000 Marge Fiske, Prospect Public Library

Marge Fiske has demonstrated her enthusiasm and passion for the Prospect Library through years of dedicated service and

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Marge Fiske, of Prospect, was recognized for all she has done for the library over the years.

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leadership with the Friends of the Prospect Library, Inc.

Once an officer, today she is a key participant on the membership committee. Her contributions over the years include providing the leadership to maintain the Friends, spearheading advocacy, and also just doing the work. Some specific contributions include:

- Keeping the Friends going and increasing membership by adding a new membership category and business partners
- Taking the Friends from being paper-based to the technology age
- Working with the mayor to obtain storage for donated books
- Providing press releases to the local newspaper and building a relationship with the editor to produce marketing materials
- Single-handedly conducting election procedures; recruiting people to be officers and committee chairs
- Finding such help as a FOCL grant to assist in costs and a lawyer for pro bono legal services to form a 501(C) (3)
- Working with coordinators to have Friends participate in the annual townwide Pumpkin Fest
- Creating and executing many fundraisers over the years

"It's really hard to find an activity that goes on at the library that she doesn't have a part in," Nawrocki said.

Fiske has done so much for the Prospect Friends that they wanted to honor her with this award.

She turned the praise around to her fellow Friends

saying, "There are countless people who work in the shadows who do all that needs to be done."

Individual Achievement Municipalities Less Than 10,000

Elizabeth Lane, Salem Free Public Library

Elizabeth Lane's dedication to the Salem Library and, by extension, the Salem community is nothing short of remarkable.

Her support of the library goes far beyond that of consistent patronage. For the past eight years, six of those on behalf of the Friends, she donated her time, effort, goods and services to build a plant and used book sale fundraiser to support the Salem Library.

Throughout the year, Lane collects plants from townspeople. She cultivates hundreds on her own land until they are ready for the spring sale.

Months before, she creates publicity flyers. Lane then recruits



Elizabeth Lane, of Salem, has turned her love of plants into a successful plant sale for the library.

and schedules volunteers to assist with the sale.

Lane is there for every minute of every hour of the three-day sale, no matter what the weather, greeting customers and selling plants.

Her goal is to sell every plant, and last year she achieved it, earning about \$1,500 to support the Salem Library and its mission. Over the course of the years, Lane's plant and book sale has earned thousands of dollars, which has been used to support programs, collections, museum passes and story time at the library.

In addition to her volunteer efforts, Lane is an avid library patron. She also heads a group of seniors who meet at the library weekly to use the community room for Wii U games, cards and socializing while sharing a potluck lunch.

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Friends Around the State

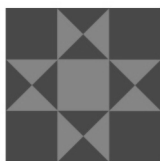
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Friends of the Bethel Library presented a multi-faith panel of speakers for an Earth Day discussion on Ecotheology. The panel considered questions relating to the connections between God, human beings,



other living creatures and the natural world. For example, "What do religious communities say in the 21st century about human roles and responsibilities in caring for and protecting the earth?"

Friends of the Watertown Library held their annual spring luncheon at the Watertown Golf Club with guest speaker Deb Van



Steenbergen, founder of Quilts That Care. Van Steenberg started the organization in 2012 to make quilts

for cancer patients. It now has about 100 volunteers and a permanent location in Waterbury.

Friends of the New Britain Public Library had its first all children's book sale. It included gently used books for all ages from babies up to and including teenagers. Books on home schooling, child develop-



ment and parenting were also included. Throughout the sale, the library's children's department provided craft activities for all ages.

Friends of the Simsbury Public Library led a sold-out cultural bus trip to Emily Dickinson's Homestead and to Evergreens, her brother's unrefurbished estate next door. The trip included vis-



its to the Smith College Museum of Art and nearby botanical gardens.

The Friends funded the Second Annual Mini Maker Faire. More than 3,300 visitors enjoyed the hands-on, interactive exhibits of more than 50 makers – local inventors, artists, techies, tinkerers and entrepreneurs. In addition they were entertained by fire juggling, took apart old computers, made buttons, and watched 3-D printers and Arduino electronic creations.

Investor Angels, a special membership group of the Friends who support the library with a gift of \$1,000 or more each year, made a special gift this year to fund a statue for the library as part of the town's "Life in Simsbury: A Public Art Trail." Seward John-

son's "My World," a statue of a young girl reading a book, was placed on display in May and will remain until mid-September.

The Groton Public Library Circle of Friends sponsored two family-friendly musical programs. St. Luke's Hand Bell Choir performed under the direction of Gina Marie Williams. After the



performance, interested participants received hands-on instruction on bell ringing. The second program was a special performance by

the award-winning Nickelodeon Barbershop Quartet of the Barbershop Harmony Society.

Junior Friends of the Groton Public Library have been selling boxes of handcrafted, embellished greeting cards with matching envelopes. A box of 30 cards costs \$30. All proceeds benefit the library.

Friends of the Brookfield Library co-sponsored a program with the Garden Club of Brookfield. Eric Larson, horticulturist, gardener, educator and lecturer presented "Recovering From Tree Loss: Some Perspectives and a Road Map Forward." He

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explained the steps it would take to restore beautiful home and town plantings.



The Friends also funded "Fashion in Fiction: Clothing Speaks Volumes," a show by dynamic performance artist Kandie Carle, aka the Victorian Lady.

Dressed in authentic early 1800's attire, she gave a detailed view of the clothing of both Regency England and Federalist Era America, for both gentlemen and ladies.

Friends of the Cheshire Public Library sponsored "Library After Hours: Back in Time Family Sing-along Concert." Crafts, art lessons and science experiments for children and teens were followed by



"Back in Time," a concert featuring Liz McNicholl and Lindsey Ceitinn in a family-

style sing-along of old favorite songs and fiddle tunes. The Friends also sponsored another Library After Hours with entertainment by acrobat Li Liu, who

performed plate spinning, trick cycling, Chinese water bowl manipulation and other acrobatic feats.

Friends of the Meriden Public Library funded several programs this summer, including four musical



programs, two gardening programs and one chocolate class. There was a party with the 5 O'Clocks, music of "Star Wars" presented by Aaron Krerowicz, songs of Woody Guthrie performed by musician Phil Rosen-

thal, and the band Rockslide, out of Durham, who played classic rock/blues, some country, and music from the 60's and beyond, including both dance and listening music.

The garden programs were with Jeff the Plant Guy, who was funny, historic, sometimes dramatic, and otherwise entertaining; and "Succession of Bloom with Native Plants" by Nancy DuBrule-Clemente from Natureworks Horticultural Services. She explained how to use native plants to design a backyard landscape.

And the chocolate program highlighted how chocolate is made, where it comes from, as well as fun trivia, and demonstrated make-and-take chocolate creations using various techniques.

Time To Renew Your FOCL Membership

Join with other Friends groups, libraries and library advocates to support FOCL's work on behalf of Friends groups throughout Connecticut.

Your membership enables FOCL to compile and share information on all aspects of Friends groups (fundraising, programming, advocacy, membership, volunteering, organization, etc.) through newsletters, workshops, conferences, meetings, the web site and advisory visits to new Friends groups.

Members receive discounted conference registration, the newsletter and group listing in the directory and calendar. Individual donations may be tax deductible. This year there is a small increase in membership fees to cover the rising cost of providing these resources.

At the end of August, printable forms and online renewal will be available at the FOCL web site at foclib.org/join-us. Paper forms will be sent to those on our mailing list.

Thank you in advance for your support and all you do as a friend of libraries!

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Friends groups— \$60 per year
Individual/Institutional — \$25-\$100, with additional donations and sponsorships welcome. For individuals or organizations, such as libraries, consortia, and businesses, who recognize and appreciate the value of libraries and want to support the Friends library network throughout Connecticut.



Several members of the Friends of the Farmington Library came to support Linda Chapron, who was given an individual achievement award.

Chapron said. "You're not just Farmington Friends but my friends."

**Individual Achievement Municipalities Between 10,000 and 25,000
Helen Rizzo, Guilford Free Library**

Helen Rizzo has been an avid library supporter, Friend and board member for more than 12 years and for these contributions alone she could be nominated for the

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**Individual Achievement Municipalities Between 10,000 and 25,000
Linda Chapron, Farmington Library**

Linda Chapron has demonstrated not only a commitment to Farmington but also to the entire state, by her local and statewide actions. She has amalgamated and enlivened the state's Friends with her unwavering interest in making book sales and Friends activities better.

She has organized a statewide Friends committee that reviews and evaluates methodologies and tactics that work in their communities for the good of all.

"Thank you for your dedication in making the community better for all," Nawrocki said.

Chapron is undaunted in her pursuits. When the Big Book Sale doesn't bring in enough cash, she invents a special sale: garden books, children's books. When that is not enough, she raises the bar by enhancing the Book Nook, whatever it takes to develop more funding for the Farmington Libraries.

She is a dynamo! When it comes to commitment to the libraries, and to children, prisoners, other libraries and her community she is tops. Chapron makes personal efforts to bring books to kids who need them, gives books to prisons and juvenile detention centers and generally works to make a better community for all.

"Thanks to all the Farmington Friends who are here today,"

award. In the past year her contributions have grown in importance and long-term impact.

The Friends have sold more books online for many years, but starting just over three years ago Rizzo began to set up a much more organized system. She recruited and trained a team of dedicated volunteers and gradually refined the process to maximize profits and efficiency.

Last year the online sales team brought in more than \$24,000 and the operation continues to steadily earn \$2,000 a month. Her process runs so smoothly that there are typically only a couple of hundred books for sale at any given time. And there has been no impact, financial or otherwise, on the traditional book sale.

"Helen Rizzo answered the question 'can you make money

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from online book sales,' " Nawrocki said. "The answer is yes."

In addition, she serves on the library board as the Friends representative. In the past she has been vice president and president of the library board, and has been involved with either the Friends or the board almost continuously since 2006.

Last year she also helped in the search for a new director.

Rizzo's continued support has been invaluable during this transition. She is perfect for this role as she embraces and supports new ideas and critical thinking while always maintaining ties with people and organizations who have served the library.

Her connections with the Guilford Foundation and Rotary help connect the library with the community.

While Rizzo never craves the spotlight, her library community hopes this recognition will let her know how much she is appreciated.

Individual Achievement Municipalities Between 10,000 and 25,000

Sara Hart, Simsbury Public Library

The Friends of the Simsbury Public Library nominated Sara Hart for an Individual Achievement. Hart has been an active board member for more than 15 years. She has chaired many committees and has served as president of the board of



Helen Rizzo leads the online book sales for the Guilford Free Library.

directors.

In her current role as a director on the executive committee, Hart has dedicated herself to upgrading the Friends' website. She learned WordPress and worked extensive hours this past year, working with library staff and volunteers to identify what information needed to be on the website: navigation, forms, display banners, slate of officers, Friends events, etc.

Hart spent many hours troubleshooting the Friends' Paypal account, working with library staff and the technology chairperson to ensure it was working properly.

This helped increase both Friends sales at author events and membership and donations.

"Having a robust website is a must," Nawrocki said. "Having someone who can do that is also a must."

Her many hours of work has also helped attract younger members. Younger patrons are more apt to

log on to the website and the Facebook page to see what the Friends have to offer. Hart has helped bring the Friends group further into the 21st century.

In addition to all of her time and effort on the website, she is also stepping

in for the current president, who is moving away.

"We have so many people on our board who are just as worthy of

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Sara Hart's work on the Pay Pal account for the Friends of the Simsbury Public library helped increase sales, membership and donations.

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this award," Hart said in accepting an individual achievement award.

Individual Achievement Municipalities Greater Than 25,000 Cris Nichols, Ridgefield Library

Friends of the Ridgefield Library nominated Cris Nichols, their book sale coordinator, for a FOCL Individual Achievement Award for a town of more than 25,000 people. She has been in charge of book sales for 5 years. She organized two book sales each year, earning more than \$200,000 for the Ridgefield Library.

"Everyone would like to have Cris running book sales," Nawrocki said.

What the Friends love about her is her ability to think creatively. Nichols is always trying new things to make sales better.

Among other ideas, she decided to split each book sale into two weekends. The first weekend is for children's books, allowing parents to bring their children and focus on finding books they will enjoy. The second weekend is for books for adults and children, when adults can enjoy a quieter, less hectic sale.

In addition to the two book sales each year, Nichols sets up pop-up sales during town events. One earned more than \$800 in just a few hours! She also maintains a bookshelf year round where library patrons can buy



Cris Nichols, of the Friends of the Ridgefield Library, was honored for her work coordinating book sales.

books; this earns about \$200 a month.

Nichols is incredibly organized, changing the way the Friends store books for the next sale. She boxes them alphabetically as they come in, so setting up for the sale is much easier. The Friends said they didn't know what they'd do without Nichols and her positive

attitude, organizational skills and great ideas!

"I have such a supportive group," Nichols said in accepting the award.

Individual Achievement Municipalities Greater Than 25,000 Natalie Harbeson, Lucy Robbins Welles Library, Newington

Since joining the Friends of the Lucy Robbins Welles Library in the late 1990's, Natalie Harbeson has participated in almost every Friends activity, event or project. She volunteers freely, has wonderful ideas and often takes on leadership responsibility, even when she'd rather not.

Whenever Harbeson has an idea or recognizes a need, she acts and good things happen. A few examples include:

- Partnering with the Newington/Wethersfield Women's Club for a Teddy Bear Clinic, where stuffed animals and dolls were

repaired and then waited in the "Recovery Room" while their owners were occupied in the Children's Room.

- Maintaining a display board with information on Friends activities. The



Natalie Harbeson, of the Lucy Robbins Welles Library in Newington, at right with FOCL President Barbara Leonard, was honored for her almost 100 percent participation in all Friends projects.

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board is taken to town events including the Business Showcase.

- Coordinating the Friends Facebook page and emailing messages known as Lucy's Mini Footnotes, whenever needed.

She has provided many years of leadership for the Friends, serving as president, vice president, and secretary and on the membership committee and chairing the nominating committee. Harbeson is always advocating for the library, especially at budget time.

In addition to being an active Friend, she also volunteers in the library. Harbeson has even gotten her dog involved, training her as both a therapy and a reading dog.

"She sees tasks that need to be done and just does them," Nawrocki said, and then joked, "so you can help with cleanup!"

Harbeson said, "Lucy [the library] holds a very special place in my heart.... my home away from home."

Focused Project

Municipalities Less Than 10,000

Friends of the Case Memorial Library, Orange

Friends of the Case Memorial library in Orange celebrated their 25th anniversary in 2017. They chose to celebrate by offering more programs and activities throughout the year to engage and bring patrons into the library.

Their primary focused project involved reaching out to the community, gathering patrons and folks from different local organizations to collaborate on a "yarn storming" of the library. The Friends wanted, by involving the community in this grand collaboration, to create a destination enjoyed by all ages.

It was a colorful illustration of the four seasons around the second floor rotunda, all in yarn. The yarn installation also included storybook and movie



For their 25th anniversary, the Friends of the Case memorial Library in Orange "yarn stormed" the building, inside and out. Accepting the award, above, are Lucia Bloom, Laurel Brown, and library director Kathy Giotas. At left, a caterpillar crawls along a railing.

characters, exterior light poles, bike rack and benches. This made a cheerful entrance to the library all entirely crocheted and knitted.

Large columns displayed crayons from the book "The Day the Crayons Quit," which were donated to the children's library. The bike rack became the "Hungry Caterpillar." Each light pole was wrapped in scarves.

Also found throughout the library were insects, reptiles, the undersea world, storybook and movie characters.

Patrons continually thanked the Friends for making the library such a happy and inviting place.

The library is a central gathering place for the community where people meet to learn, experience and share inspiration.

The library has become another wonderful display center for people to share their gifts with the community. The Friends wanted their library to be a special destination during the library's anniversary year and into the future.

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Group Municipalities Less Than 10,000 Friends of the Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library, Old Lyme

The Friends book store, Phoebe's Book Cellar, is in the basement of beautiful and historic Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library. The Friends proudly call it the only book store in town. After 20 years, the Friends have made significant improvements in income, community awareness and outreach.

In the last fiscal year, the Book Cellar contributed \$23,000 to the library. The Friends have 73 volunteers who work a shift and/or own a category of books for shelving and updating. They have improved access and organization and added new signs, chairs and shelving.

"Who said that book stores are going out of business," Nawrocki said. "They proved that they're really not."

In addition to the Book Cellar, the Friends maintains a seasonal book store at an ice cream shop in South Old Lyme. This raised \$1,400 since opening last year.

During the Light Up Old Lyme community celebration the holiday book sale was moved to the reading room of the main library. The Friends provided music and refreshments for the Friday kickoff. The event yielded \$1,279.

Volunteers reproduced maps of surrounding towns from the 1868 Atlas of New London County.

More than 100 prints have been sold with a profit of \$8.50 per map. This effort has been financially successful and increased traffic at the library.

The 2017 Old Lyme Midsummer festival had vendors sharing the lawn with the Friends' book sale. The Friends broke their sales record for the event.

Focused Project Municipalities Greater Than 25,000 Groton Public Library Circle of Friends

In the summer of 2015, members of the Groton Public Library's Junior Friends met to plan events for the upcoming school year to promote the library. Ten-year old Owin Parfitt suggested a trunk-or-treat event, where kids go from car to car to get candy.

From that meeting Bumpers & Books was born, becoming the most successful library event to date.

Bumpers & Books is a twist on a traditional trunk-or-treat



Joan Overfield and Claudia Condon accept the award for the Friends of the Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library in Old Lyme.

event. Junior Friends and their families, as well as library staff and town employees, gather in the library's parking lot and give out treats from the trunks of decorated vehicles. All the vehicles are decorated in author-related themes.

As visitors go from car to car they step into scenes from books. From "Treasure Island," "The Wizard of Oz," and "The Giving Tree" to "Jaws," "Jurassic Park"

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FOCL President Barbara Leonard gives a focused project award to Owin Parfitt and his grandmother Dana Parfitt of the Groton Public Library Friends.

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and "Mary Poppins." This event has been described as the most book-tacular event of the year!

Spectators are encouraged to dress in book- or author-related costumes;

There is no a charge to participate. It is not a fundraiser, but rather a "friend-raiser," an event to encourage people to come to the library and get excited about books. The Junior Friends cover much of the costs. They also provide prizes and serve as judges for the best decorated trunks.

Now in its fourth year, Bumpers & Books has grown. The 2017 event featured 27 decorated vehicles and a line-up of food trucks and tables with crafts and tattoos.

The event was covered by two local newspapers and featured on Municipal Television. More than 550 people attended.

This all-literary version of Bumpers & Books yields the highest attendance of all Friends events.

They are especially proud that this event came from the minds, hard-working hands, and hearts of our Junior Friends, proof that young people can and do make a difference.

The event has prompted children to go into the library and ask for books that were portrayed through the cars, said Dana Parfitt, who accepted the award with her grandson, Owin.

FOCL Shares Survey Results With Librarians

Usually the Friends of Connecticut Libraries share information with Friends groups statewide. But in April FOCL shared with librarians at the Connecticut Library Association Annual Conference in Danbury.

When FOCL surveyed library directors in March, they found that 87 percent said that they work well with their Friends group. When Friends group were surveyed in September 2017, their answer was pretty similar, with 80 percent saying they worked well with the directors.

"When you have two organizations and have more than 70 percent in common, that's a really good thing," said Carl Nawrocki, a FOCL board member who conducted the surveys. "This thing — working together — actually works!"

Nawrocki said he was amazed at the number of responses — 115 of 178 library directors responded. Secondly, he was amazed that directors rated advocacy as high as fundraising.

"That was sort of a shock to us," he said. "We thought that would be much lower." What that means is, "We'd better be going to board of finance meetings, following the money," he said.

As for library directors, "Any time you meet with Friends, always ask for advocacy," said Kate Byroade, CLA vice president and director of the Cragin Library in Colchester.

Library directors should attend their local Friends meeting or send a staff member if they can't attend.

"Being physically present is very important," Byroade said.

Nawrocki agreed, adding "My feeling is when the library director enters the room, the heating comes on."

The survey also found that when a Friends group is active, a library tends to be well staffed with stable funding. Friends should also be encouraged to occasionally invite the first selectman to a Friends meeting.

Some things that directors do for their Friends is provide administrative support, promote their Friends in library publicity, recognize Friends' support and share new fundraising ideas.

"That's probably one of the areas we should be sharing more with our Friends," Byroade said. "This speaks to that big problem in any organization — communication."

Annual Fall Conference Saturday, Nov. 10, Central Connecticut State University

Topic being considered:

- Do Friends groups perform advocacy and awareness for

their library?

- Do small town Friends groups need insurance?
- Lessons learned from the Farmington book sale meetings
- Friends survey of library directors



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been a partner in "Come Home to Connecticut," which offers historical and genealogical research services, consulting and programming.

McCain has written several nonfiction books including "It Happened in Connecticut," "Mysteries and Legends of New England" and "To All on Equal Terms: The Life and Legacy of Prudence Crandall."

But with this book she decided to take the Lyman family story and bring it to life as fiction, imagining what the historical figures must have been thinking and saying. She had been hired by the Lymans in the 1990s to write their family

history. But it developed into this, published in 2016.

McCain started with the autobiography of Lyman Beecher, whose mother, Esther, died when he was born. The midwife who delivered him said it was a shame he didn't die with her.

Instead he was raised by his aunt and uncle and became the father of author and abolitionist Harriet Beecher Stowe, of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" fame.

Another Lyman, Elihu, was a soldier stripped and beaten by Hessian mercenaries.

In 1831 William Lyman, a Congregational minister, insisted that workers building the Middlefield parsonage not be given rum and hard cider, which at that time were considered essential for



Historian and author Diana Ross McCain tells of her book, "Thy Children's Children."

the health and strength of working men. His belief in the temperance movement led him into the abolitionist movement.

And what did the Lymans think of McCain's book? she was asked. It's now for sale at the Lyman Orchards store.

McCain, an Ohio native, lives in Durham.