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OKLAHOMA'S BEST FRIENDS AWARD ENTRY FORM

FOLIO will present two awards to Friends groups that demonstrate exemplary success in support of their local library in 2026. **Entries must be received no later than January 31st, 2027.**

- **The John Harkey Best Friends Award** of \$1,000 recognizes a Friends group in a city or town with a population of less than 10,000.
- **The Oklahoma Best Friends Award** of \$1,000 recognizes a Friends group in a city or town with a population in excess of 10,000.

To compete for the awards, a Friends group must have paid FOLIO membership dues during 2026.

Name of Friends organization: _____

Member of Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma (FOLIO) from _____ to _____

Name of Library: _____

Address of Library: _____

Library Director's Name and Contact Information (phone and email):

City Size: _____ Population is less than 10,000. _____ Population is more than 10,000.

Contact Person for FRIENDS organization:

Name: _____ Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

The Best Friends Committee will use the following criteria for judging all entries:

- Narrative summary describing a major innovative/creative event or series of activities that impacted your library for calendar year 2026.
- A description of the process used for increasing the involvement of patrons in the local library.
- How the event(s) impacted the community and/or increased the patronage use of the library.
- The approximate number of members of the local community involved in the event(s).
- Quality of the narrative and the organization of materials presented in support of your entry.

Materials may include: a PowerPoint, pictures, videos, newspaper or magazine articles, newsletters, posters, handouts and flyers concerning the events. Scrapbooks are acceptable but not required. Entries may be electronically submitted via e-mail. **The deadline is January 31st, 2027.**

E-mail submissions to bestfriends@okfriends.net or mail to **Melinda Howard, 6232 Olde Harwick Circle, Oklahoma City, OK 73162.**