

FRIENDS OF THE MUEHL PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTITUTION
SEYMOUR, WISCONSIN
ADOPTED NOVEMBER 19, 2009
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As amended Sept. 20, 2012—Article VII, section 3, revised.

As amended May 17, 2018—Article III, section 1 revised, Article IV, section 3 revised, Article V, sections 3 and 4 revised, Article VII, Section 1 revised

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be FRIENDS OF THE MUEHL PUBLIC LIBRARY.
(Abbreviation: FMPL)

Article II: Purpose

The purposes of this organization shall be:

1. To maintain an association of persons interested in the Muehl Public Library.
2. To focus public attention on the library and to assist in providing adequate facilities for said library.
3. To support and cooperate with the library in developing library services, resources and needs for the community.
4. To receive and encourage gifts, endowments and bequests to the library.
5. To lend legislative support where needed.
6. To support the freedom to read as expressed in the Library Bill of Rights.

Article III: Membership

Section 1. Membership in this organization shall be open to all individuals.

Section 2. Each member shall be entitled to one vote.

Article IV: Officers

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall be: president, vice-president, treasurer and recording secretary.

Section 2. Officers shall be nominated by the members present at the regular meeting at least one month before the annual membership meeting. The nominations shall be submitted to the membership with the consent of the nominee at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting.

Section 3. Officers shall be elected by majority vote of those present at the annual meeting for the term of two years.

Article V: Duties of Officers

Section 1. **President:** To preside over and conduct the annual meetings for a period of two years.

Section 2. **Vice-President:** To perform the duties of the president in the absence of the president, to study and learn the duties of the president for a period of two years, and to assume the position of president the following term.

Section 3. **Treasurer:** To keep and maintain the financial records of the organization and to provide an accounting of all income and expenditures to the president and the members. The term of the treasurer

shall be 2 years. The Treasurer will not serve more than 5 consecutive terms. The treasurer and secretary will be elected on alternate years. The treasurer will be elected at the Annual Meeting during odd-numbered years.

Section 4. Recording Secretary: To record attendance at all meetings; to take the minutes at all meetings; to keep a list of the membership including members addresses; to notify members of the time and place of meetings; and to conduct the correspondence of the organization. The secretary shall have a two year term in office. The Secretary will not serve more than 5 consecutive terms. The secretary and treasurer will be elected on alternate years. The secretary will be elected at the Annual Meeting during even-numbered years.

Article VI: Meetings

Section 1. There will be a minimum of 10 monthly meetings per year. Monthly meetings will be held at designated date and time. Members will be notified of change. An annual meeting shall be held on a date during the first quarter of the year. Members shall be notified at least two weeks prior to the date of the annual meeting.

Section 2. A special meeting of this organization may be called at any time by the officers, with notification to the members.

Article VII: Membership

Section 1.

Beginning on May 1, 2018, all current FMPL members will become lifetime members of the organization.

Any person interested in becoming a new FMPL member will pay a lifetime membership of \$50.00 and will be added to the email list by the secretary.

Annually, from 2018 forward, lifetime members will be able to pick up their FMPL membership card/fine punch card at the library. They will be notified when these are available.

Section 2. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall be used to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, officers or other private persons except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered.

Section 3. Upon dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Article VIII: Amendments

Amendments to these by-laws may be made at any meeting of the general membership by a two-thirds vote of those present, after notification to each member at least two weeks before the meeting at which the voting is to take place.

Article IX: Parliamentary Procedure

Robert's Rules of Order (Revised), when not in conflict with these by-laws, shall govern the proceedings of this organization.

Article X: Expenditures

Section 1. President can approve of expenditures of \$100.00 or less.

Section 2. Expenditures over \$100.00 require approval by the members at a meeting.