The Friends of the UW–Madison Libraries announces its eighteenth annual program of grants which are now AVAILABLE TO ALL CAMPUS LIBRARIES.

THIS FRIENDS GRANT PROGRAM is intended to fund small projects or purchases that are not otherwise funded through regular library budgets. Proposals are reviewed by the Grant-to-Libraries Committee of the Friends Board of Directors and are approved through action of the Friends Board.

We ask that grant applications be limited to an amount of approximately $1,250 or less, although the Friends will consider grants of slightly higher amounts in certain special cases.

Awards are granted in two specific categories:

1) Acquisitions of library materials - primarily books but including electronic resources & other media
2) Preservation or conservation of existing collections

Proposals are selected based on the criteria listed below. Applications should be briefly outlined in no more than two pages and should include the following information:

• Category of application: (a) Acquisition. (b) Preservation/Conservation.
• A specific statement of how the award would be utilized. This should include (if for acquisitions): Evidence of need for additional funds not available from the usual budget sources; for non-GLS libraries, please identify your usual budget sources; a listing of some representative titles and prices; if the requested item duplicates a copy or copies held in another library unit, and if it is a duplicate, please state why your library needs an additional copy or copies.
• If the grant is for preservation/conservation, please state the objectives in making improvements to the condition of the object(s) to be treated.
• The impact of a Friends grant on improving your library’s services.
• Preference will be given to grant applications using Friends funds in combination with other funds. If a Friends grant is requested for partial funding of a purchase or project, please state the source of the additional funds.
• Only one application may be submitted for Friends funding from any single UW–Madison library unit. If you are unsure of this, please feel free to submit your application, and we will notify you if it is ineligible.

Please note that the Friends will not fund renewable subscriptions, requiring further funding in the future.

NOTE: Grants will not be announced until after the Friends January board meeting. This will allow sufficient time for the grants to be read and for applicants to be contacted if their applications require additional information or revision.

Applications for the Friends grants must be received in the office of the Friends, 330H Memorial Library, sent by E-mail attachment only to friends@library.wisc.edu, by midnight December 1, 2014. Grants will be announced at the end of January. Multi-year requests will be considered, but in general, funds granted must be encumbered or expended within 12 months, unless special permission is given for an extension of up to one additional year. Any funds outstanding at that time will lapse, unless an exception has been noted. Grantees must inform the Friends of the Libraries if grants awarded cannot be used as proposed, and must have Friends permission to make alternative use of funds granted.

For more information, or for assistance with questions, please contact Liz Nevers, Administrator for the Friends of the UW-Madison Libraries, at 265-2505 or E-mail: friends@library.wisc.edu.