An organization dedicated to encourage and assist the formation and development of Friends of Library groups across the United States has been created at the 98th annual conference of the American Library Association.

The organization, known as Friends of Libraries USA, was approved by unanimous ballot at a meeting of the Library Administration and Management Association, Public Relations Section, Friends of Libraries Committee.

It has been estimated that there are already more than 2,000 Friends of Library groups, with roughly half a million members.

Sandy Dolnick, chairperson of the Friends of Libraries Committee and a past-president of the Milwaukee Friends of the Library group, has been appointed interim president of Friends of Libraries USA.