

**2019 Award winners of the Reid Award and the Frannie Ashburn Award presented in Burlington, NC, on November 2, 2019:**



Friends of the New Bern-Craven County Public Library President Ellen Sera, right, accepts the award presented by SE Area Director Meg Forward, left, and FONCPL outgoing President Diane Bauman, center.

**Friends of the North Carolina Public Libraries (FONCPL)** announced the 2019 volunteer recipients of the Reid Award and the Frannie Ashburn Awards (2 recipients) at the annual meeting held in Burlington.

**The Reid Award, a group award was presented to Friends of the New Bern-Craven County Public Library.** President Ellen Sera, right, accepts the award. As a group, among the many services they provide they have partnered with the Department of Social Services to establish and maintain libraries to the local Senior Center and six assisted living facilities and numerous other organizations outside of the library bringing library services to those outside public locations.



Frannie Ashburn, Meg Forward and Diane Bauman

The first **Frannie Ashburn Volunteer of the Year Award** was presented to Barbara Nicholson. (Meg Forward accepted the award for her.)

Barbara is turning 90 years old and is ending her 60 years of service to Friends as she prepares to enter a senior facility in Omaha, Nebraska. She has been active in every way imaginable from serving as president of her friends chapter, participating in the mobile book trailer, painting, shelving her expertise from many years as a local librarian. We will miss you.

The second **Frannie Ashburn Volunteer of the Year Award** was presented to **Kathy Oakley**. A member of Friends of Alamance Co. Public Libraries in the Central Area, Kathy takes volunteerism to another level. If you need something done she will volunteer. From co-chairing book sales, serving as an officer, staffing book drop offs from patrons, compiling a 35 year history of Book Sale chairs and monies earned to whatever else needs to be done. Kathy is always ready to serve.

**As we honor our award winners we also thank each and every Friend volunteer throughout North Carolina.**



Frannie Ashburn and Kathy Oakley

FONCPL is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit founded in 1980. Our mission is promotion and development of excellent library service throughout North Carolina by encouraging and assisting the formation, growth, and development of *Friends of The Library* groups in North Carolina and by providing the means for *Friends* to exchange ideas, information and experiences.

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