**The 2015 Elaine R. Irvin Friends Award**

Applications are invited for a **$1,000.00 Elaine R. Irvin Friends Award grant** to be awarded to a Friend of the Library group in the metropolitan-Detroit area by the Metro-Detroit Book & Author Society. This grant is awarded to support a program or project that fills a significant need affecting the library’s patrons and community. Friends of the Library groups in the metropolitan-Detroit area are eligible to apply. The grant will be presented at the Fall 2015 Book & Author Luncheon on Monday, October 19, 2015, at Burton Manor in Livonia. The winner will receive two complimentary tickets to the Fall 2015 luncheon and must be present to receive the grant.

Applications are due no later than Friday, September 25, 2015. The application form and instructions and the reporting requirements are below.

The award was established to honor the late Elaine R. Irvin, who was a devoted member of the Metro-Detroit Book & Author Society Board for many years. Elaine worked for the Friends of the Detroit Public Library and was dedicated to the principle that “good libraries need good Friends.”

***Elaine R. Irvin Friends Award: Application Form and Instructions and Reporting Requirements***

**This application form must be typed or completed in black ink. Attach a typed one (1) page description of your grant proposal to this form. Applications are due no later than Friday, September 25, 2015.**

**The winner is required to submit a 22’’ x 28” project report poster that shows how the grant money was used. The poster must have the name of the grant and the winning Friends group and its library on it. It will be displayed at the Spring 2016 luncheon to publicize the winning Friends group and its library, and to raise awareness of the Metro-Detroit Book & Author Society’s grants program. It is the winner’s responsibility to ensure that the poster is completed and that it will be at the luncheon.**

The Metro-Detroit Book & Author Society Grants Committee will evaluate the applications and determine the winner. The committee’s decision is final.

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**Return application via U.S. mail or email no later than Friday, September 25, 2015, to:**

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