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**BY LAWS**  
**Friends of Marathon County Public Library**

Name of the Organization

The name of the organization shall be Friends of Marathon County Public Library.

Article I

Purpose of the Organization

The purpose of the organization shall be to promote and improve library services in Marathon County.

Article II

Membership and Dues

Section 1. Membership shall be open to all who are interested in advancing the purpose of this organization. Dues and categories of membership shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Membership is on a calendar basis, with dues payable annually on the first day of each calendar year.

Section 3. Each individual is entitled to one vote.

Section 4. Each community which has a branch of the Marathon County Public Library may form a division of Friends of Marathon County Public Library.

Section 5. The fiscal year shall be from January 1 thru December 31.

Article III

Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors will be the governing body of this organization having full power to implement all regular business.

Section 2. The Board of Directors will consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair, Communications Chair, Fund-Raising Chair, Human Resources Chair, Past-President/Historian, and at least two members-at-large.

Section 3. The President may appoint additional committee Chairs.

Section 4. Board members' and officers' terms shall begin from the annual meeting and continue for two years. No member shall serve on the Board of Directors for more than four consecutive terms. After a period of one year, a member may again be elected to the Board. No officer shall be eligible to be elected to the same office for more than two consecutive terms. The immediate Past-President shall continue as a member of the Board of Directors for one year after retirement as President.

Section 5. Nominations for officers shall be made at the annual meeting by a nomination committee of three members appointed by the President. Nominations may be made from the floor with the permission of the nominee.

Section 6. Any vacancy which occurs in an office shall be filled for the remainder of the term by appointment of the Board of Directors.

Section 7. The officers shall have all the usual powers and duties exercised by the officers of a voluntary association, including those set forth by Robert's Rules of Order.

Article IV  
Committees

The President may appoint special committees, with Board approval, to serve until the next annual meeting, or until the duties with which they have been charged are completed. The President shall designate the Chair of each committee and may serve as a member of all committees.

Article V  
Meetings

Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the organization shall be held in January. A summary of the year's activity shall be presented at that time.

Section 2. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at least quarterly.

Article VI  
Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Friends of Marathon County Public Library in all matters.

Article VII  
Amendments

The By Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the organization or at any special meeting, provided the proposed amendment was stated in the call for the meeting. An amendment may be adopted by the majority vote of those present.

Article VIII  
Dissolution

If at any time this organization becomes inactive, any funds remaining shall be given to the Marathon County Library Foundation.

October 19, 1998