Department of State Division of Corporations P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

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Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for:

\$70.00

□ \$78.75

Filing Fee

Filing Fee & Certificate of

Status

□\$78.75

Filing Fee & Certified Copy \$87.50

Filing Fee, Certified Copy

& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FRIENDS OF THE EAST BRADENTON LIBRARY, INC.

## ARTICLE I. NAME

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# ARTICLE II. PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The mailing address and principal office of the Corporation is 1502 14th Street East, Bradenton, FL 34208.

# ARTICLE III. CORPORATE EXISTENCE AND DURATION

The Corporation shall exist perpetually unless sooner dissolved as authorized by law.

## ARTICLE IV. PURPOSES AND POWERS

The general purposes for which the Corporation is organized are the following:

- A. This Corporation is a not for profit Corporation organized under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. It is not organized for the private gain of any person. The specific purpose of this Corporation is to benefit the Friends of East Bradenton branch of the Manatee County library system, by providing, as a way of example but not by way of limitation, financial resources to such East Bradenton branch other support services, financial as well as non-financial, and to assist such East Bradenton branch, directly or indirectly, in carrying out its function and purpose of operation. In carrying out such purpose, the Corporation shall have the power to exercise all rights conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon nonprofit corporations.
- B. The purposes for which the Friends of East Bradenton Library, Inc. are organized are exclusively charitable within the meaning of Section 501 c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.
- C. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations issued pursuant thereto as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, or by an organization contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations issued pursuant thereto as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

- D. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any Director of the Corporation or any member of the Corporation or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation affecting one or more of its purposes), and no Director of the Corporation, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Corporation.
- E. No part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- F. In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the Corporation shall be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are 501 (c) (3) and 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

### ARTICLE V. QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS

The terms, conditions and qualifications with respect to the membership (if any) of this corporation shall be as provided for by the Bylaws of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE VI. INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

The name and address of the individual who is currently serving as this Corporation's registered agent is: Cynthia Y. Newell, 1502 14<sup>th</sup> Street East, Bradenton, FL 34208.

#### ARTICLE VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

All corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the business of the Corporation shall be managed under the direction of a Board of Directors. The number of Directors on the Board of Directors shall initially be eleven (11) provided, that the number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time as provided in the Corporation's Bylaws, but shall never be less than three (3). Such Directors are to be appointed in the manner provided for by the Corporation's Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE VIII. – INCORPORATORS**

P. O. Box 338

Bradenton, FL 34206

The names and addre Cynthia Y. Newell 1502 14 <sup>th</sup> Street East Bradenton, FL 34208	(4)		orporation a	are as follows	:
Sherry Berry	Alan	Day			

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Signature/Registered Agent

12-13-00

Date