

Friends of Kentucky Libraries

NEWSLETTER

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HELP!.....HELP! HELP!

The President has recommended that the funds for Title I (Services) of the Library Services and Construction Act not be increased, and that funds for Title II (Construction) be reduced.

For Kentucky, this would mean that the library program would again receive \$596,000 for Title I but only \$460,000 for Title II, instead of \$677,000, in 1967-68.

Future expansion will be impossible with these limited state-wide funds, although demands for help are greater than ever.

PLEASE WRITE TO REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM NATCHER, who is on the APPROPRIATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE which will consider the LIBRARY SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION ACT soon.

PLEASE LET MR. NATCHER KNOW HOW RUINOUS REDUCING FUNDS WOULD BE TO THIS GROWING PROGRAM. MUCH MORE IS AUTHORIZED THAN HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE PRESIDENT.

The late Mr. John E. Fogarty was a most effective member of this sub-committee; his death was a great tragedy for librarians. The present sub-committee is extremely conservative in make up.

HUNDREDS, OR THOUSANDS, OF THOUGHTFUL LETTERS TO REPRESENTATIVE NATCHER ARE NEEDED-NOW!

Another equally important person to whom members should write is Carl Perkins, who is now Chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee (House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.). Though already friendly to the program, Mr. Perkins needs important backing and much mail to show him the interest which exists in the Public Library and Bookmobile Program.

WILL YOU HELP?

WE KNOW YOU WILL!

Report - Membership Campaign

In February, we added 18 new members; in March, so far, we have added 20. April should be a successful month because it contains

National Library Week -- April 16-22

the two motifs of which are: Explore Inner Space --- Read!
and Reading is WHAT'S HAPPENING.

If new members also happen == success is ours!

A quote from the ALA Bulletin of January, 1967 -

- "Two areas which will receive special emphasis this year are
- 1) the recruitment, education and effective placement of professional librarians to help offset the critical staff shortages in the nation's libraries and
 - 2) the concept of total community access to a variety of reading sources for information as well as enjoyment."

Friends of Kentucky Libraries are "with it." We have been working steadily and for a long time on the first emphasis, through our scholarship program. As for the second, it is quite likely that many of our members have that concept in mind.

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When there is an item in the Newsletter or the newspaper about a town or a county district library's being established, do you ever wonder about how this has been brought about? If you lived in a libraryless community and wanted to help get a library started - what would you do? What are the steps? Below is a little background for those who are interested. (Librarians may want to keep this on file for future reference.)

HOW A TOWN OR COUNTY OBTAINS A LIBRARY

Much depends upon whether you live in a city or county district. The County has choices.

In a City

A library may be started on the initiative of the City Council. The Mayor appoints a library board of five members.

In a County

1. Citizens may vote to establish library service (receiving operating funds from the Fiscal Court.)
2. Citizens of a county may vote to establish a county library district, with the levy of a small library tax. A petition, signed by at least 100 qualified voters has to be filed with the County Clerk 60 days before the next regular election.
3. Citizens may petition for the establishment of a county library district with the signatures of 51% of the number of voters in the last election. (When the petition has the proper number of signatures, it goes through the hands of the County Clerk who must verify the signature as those of actual registered voters. It then is ready to be presented to the Fiscal Court.)

Note

If there is a local Friends of Kentucky Libraries group in the community, even before the work is undertaken, a nucleus of really interested workers is already present to work on the petition, etc., and is in touch with the state group upon which it can call for advice and help.

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INSTANT INFORMATION

The Kentucky Microfilming Association's Third Annual Meeting was held in Louisville, March 17-18. It was attended by several in the field of libraries including, from the Department of Libraries, Mr. Richie and Mrs. Patricia Barnhill, as well as Mr. Roy Mayes, Senior Extension Librarian. Several persons from the State Archives, Frankfort, also attended.

Those attending found that many of the new techniques could be applied to library work as well as to industrial and business fields. For instance, there is a new machine which would be excellent for vertical files. This machine copies articles and puts them on "aperture cards." (This card resembles an IBM card with a kodak slide let into a corner.)

Using these cards instead of magazines saves space and speeds the finding of information. Also, everything in the file can be instantly, easily copied by having an attachment to the Reader-Printer machine, one of which is now in use at the Department of Libraries. This attachment makes possible this service -- a request for a magazine article in the morning can be answered by sending a copy (made on the machine) to the requester by afternoon mail. (The Library makes a charge of 10¢ a page for photographing.) In the Department, a file has been set up, already, of microfilmed periodicals. New material is being added to this microfilm library and it is hoped that it will be possible to go back further into the past. (At present, the magazines start with the 1960 issues.) Periodicals from the 1940's and 1950's which are most requested could be added next.

This is just the beginning miracle. In the future, when this file is as complete as it is practical to make it, then rare books, out of print material, all types of "special package deals" (such a deal might, for instance, include all American history books published before 1850 as a single set.) may be purchased for the file, as well as pictures. (not in color)

A few regional Kentucky Libraries now have the Reader-Printer machine and these possess a limited supply of periodicals on microfilm. Reader machines may be, later, placed in every Kentucky public library.

At the main dinner meeting of the Association, the speaker was our member, John Breckinridge. He spoke on the subject of the copyright law which is now being considered by the U.S. Congress relative to copying machines.

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Library Progress in Kentucky

The library building at Eminence, Henry County, Headquarters for the Eden Shale District, has already opened, without formal dedication.

The new library in Jamestown, Russell County, will be dedicated on April 30. The ceremony will begin at 3 P.M. with Governor Breathitt as speaker.

The new Wolfe County Library at Campton will open on April 25 at 11 A.M. The Governor will speak.

Congratulations to Hancock County. This county established a County District Library tax with the levy of a tax of $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ on each \$100 of assessed property valuation.

How we hope that next year's program will not have to be curtailed! This year, it is a dull month that is not star studded with several library openings! These occasions create a lot of excitement. Anyone who has never attended one is missing something special. All our members are warmly welcomed. When you attend, be sure to sign the registration book and specify that you represent Friends of Kentucky Libraries.

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