

F R I E N D S O F K E N T U C K Y L I B R A R I E S

Newsletter

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EMERGENCY CALL

An emergency call has come in from Miss Willis for help in improving the starved library service in Knott County. This is one of our needy Appalachian counties which has had almost no library services. A bookmobile has been running out of a private Settlement School four miles from Hindman because there was no county library. Now the fiscal court is at last showing interest and Miss Willis thinks the state library should respond with help while the desire is there. A room could be rented in the town for \$25.00 a month, but heat and light would be extra. Do you want to help on this project?

Donations toward heat and light could be received for this special purpose. If enough of our members could give Knott County a Christmas or New Year's present it would do a great deal to help revive their spirits.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

You have all received a letter from Miss Willis asking you to write to your representatives in Washington requesting that they support the renewal of the Library Services and Construction Act which can terminate on July 1, 1966 unless the new, improved Act, introduced in January, 1966 passes.

If the Act is extended, Kentucky will be able to make steady progress in the program of bringing library service to every one of the 120 counties, now that the Kentucky and the Louisville Bond issues have passed, bringing the library budget up all over the state. There are still 10 counties without public library service and many that are pitifully in need of aid.

Kentucky Library Association - Annual Meeting - October 28-29

We are glad to note that the Conference was highly successful. We shared in its success, having 500 people at our luncheon - an appreciative audience for the excellent speakers.

Make your plans now to attend the meeting next year.

Library Opening

The Friends were represented at the opening of the Ohio County Library at Hartford, Kentucky, on October 17. This is a beautiful building of which the community is justly proud.

Donation - For Monroe County

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Harlan of Tompkinsville promised \$25,000 and a lot for a library if the county would petition for a 10¢ tax. The county has so petitioned and the tax was passed. We are looking forward to the opening of this library. You will hear more of it later. This is wonderful progress.

Oldham County

Some progress has been made. Report on this will be given in the next newsletter.

Sincerely,

The Executive Committee

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Dues, if you have not already paid (\$2.00) - - - - -  
Extra donations for scholarship - - - - -  
Extra donations for Knott County - - - - -

Signature

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