

# Friends of Kentucky Libraries

February 1967

## Membership Campaign - through April 1967

At present, we have 310 members living in Kentucky and nine living out of the state. In addition, we send 14 complimentary copies of the Newsletter to non-members. Among the 309\* members are: 21 Woman's Clubs, 21 librarians and library employees, four doctors, eight Farm Bureaus, three college presidents, two college professors, two judges, two lawyers, two poets, two authors who write other than poetry, one rabbi, one realtor, and numerous others whose work or titles are unknown. In a state as populous as Kentucky, and as much engaged in building or preparing to build new libraries and additions to old ones, our membership should be nearer 3,000 than 300. It is possible that if we as an organization were better known, the membership would take a sudden upswing toward 3,000. Realistically, however, is it too much to try to improve our membership so that by the end of April we would have 400 members? An average of two persons in each county would do it!

If you who read this newsletter will return the form on Page 2, giving a list of persons you think may join our organization, if invited, a letter of invitation will be sent them, enclosing a copy of a Newsletter. Anyone who has an interest in the advancement of Kentucky and especially the improvement and growth of the library system in the state is a potential member. Please send your suggestions. Room is given on the form for a number of nominations but even if you can think of only one or two - one good member is very valuable! Please return the form as soon as you can conveniently do so. Invitation letters will be sent as soon after receipt of the forms as they can be written. At the end of April, an account will be given in the Newsletter of the result of this membership campaign. Please help!

ONWARD TO FOUR HUNDRED!

Two Library Demonstration Openings this month.....All are invited.

On Saturday, February 4 - Hindman, Knott County

On Saturday, February 11- Hazard - a branch will be opened in the New Court House.  
(This is a branch of the Bobby Davis Memorial Library.)

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## Two Notes of Thanks

Grateful appreciation is extended to Mr. and Mrs. James P. Hanes, Louisville, for a gift of 75 books in memory of Worth Bingham. These were given to the Department of Libraries through Friends of Kentucky Libraries.

We also thank Mr. John Norman, Louisville, for 12 boxes of books given to the Department of Libraries through Friends of Kentucky Libraries.

\*This figure does not include the many associate members of local Friends of Kentucky Libraries groups, which, if included, would probably make the total membership over 1,000.

FRIENDS OF KENTUCKY LIBRARIES  
Constitution and By-Laws  
1966 Revision

Article I -- NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Friends of Kentucky Libraries.

Article II -- PURPOSE

The Friends of Kentucky Libraries shall be a non-political, non-profit organization, whose purpose shall be:

1. To enlist the interest and help of citizens in (a) the improvement and extension of public library services of all kinds, both local and state-wide, including the use of bookmobiles in rural areas, and (b) the preservation of state and local archives.
2. To encourage and draw together all organized groups interested in library development and the preservation of archives.
3. To collect and disseminate information regarding library development and laws, and to work for improvement of such laws when necessary.
4. To cooperate with the Kentucky Library Association, together with the Department of Libraries and other library agencies of the state in realizing these objectives.

Article III -- MEMBERSHIP

Any person or group interested in the objectives of this organization may become a member. The aim shall be to constitute the membership predominately of lay citizens and to obtain representation in all counties of the state. (The term "lay citizen" shall be construed to mean any citizen of the state not actively engaged in professional library work or holding public office.)

Article IV -- OFFICERS

A. The officers of this organization shall be president, first vice-president, second vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

B. The Executive Committee shall conduct the affairs of this organization. The Executive Committee shall consist of at least eleven members. These shall be: the officers, president of the Kentucky Library Association, immediate past-president of the Friends of Kentucky Libraries and five additional members, representing various sections of the state.

Article V -- AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present at any stated meeting, provided that notice of the proposed change has been given in the call of the meeting at least 15 days in advance of the date of the meeting.

## BY-LAWS

### Article I -- MEETINGS

A. The annual meeting of the Friends of Kentucky Libraries shall be held at the same time and place as the Kentucky Library Association annual meeting, provided that a different time and place of meeting may be designated by the Executive Committee in the event the annual meeting of the Kentucky Library Association is held outside the state.

B. The meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the president or a majority of Executive Committee members for the purpose of transacting business of the organization between annual meetings.

C. Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of this organization. A majority of members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum at meetings of this group.

D. Items of business other than election of officers may be presented to the membership by mail. A majority of the votes returned shall determine the policy to be adopted.

### Article II -- OFFICERS

A. The election of officers and Executive Committee members shall be held at the annual business meeting. A majority of those present and voting in each instance shall be necessary for election. Officers and Executive Committee members so elected shall take office at the conclusion of the annual meeting. Directors shall be elected by the Executive Committee at its organizational meeting.

B. The term of office for officers, Executive Committee members and directors shall be two years and they shall be eligible for re-election.

C. Only lay citizens who are individual members shall be eligible for the office of president and first vice-president.

D. The duties of all officers shall be such as their respective titles imply, except as these duties may be modified by the By-Laws.

E. Vacancies occurring in an office shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term through appointment by the Executive Committee.

F. The president, the secretary, and the treasurer shall make annual reports to the membership at the annual business meeting. The treasurer's report shall be in writing. Reports from these officers may be called for at any meeting.

### Article III -- MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

There shall be the following classes of membership:

1. Regular member - Annual dues are \$2.00, payable upon joining the organization and thereafter at the time of the annual meeting.
2. Patron - Annual contribution \$5.00.

## Article III -- MEMBERSHIP AND DUES, Continued

3. Contributing member - Annual contribution \$10.00
4. Sustaining membership - Contribution of \$100.00.
5. Chapter memberships - Local chapters, some or all of whose members do not wish to belong individually to the Friends of Kentucky Libraries, may hold chapter memberships, subject to payment of the following schedule of dues: chapters of ten members or fewer shall pay \$5.00 per year; and chapters with more than ten members shall pay \$10.00 per year for each additional ten members.

## Article IV -- COMMITTEES

- A. The president, with the approval of the Executive Committee, may appoint such committees as are necessary for carrying on the activities of the organization.
- B. The Nominating Committee, consisting of three members appointed by the executive committee, shall make its report to the convention body at the time of the annual business meeting.

## Article V -- AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of this organization by a majority vote of the members present and voting.

## Article VI -- LOCAL CHAPTERS

- A. Local chapters shall have complete autonomy in the conduct of their affairs. They may adopt their own Constitution and By-Laws, elect their own officers, and charge such local dues as they may agree upon, provided that any act which is inconsistent with or in conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Friends of Kentucky Libraries shall be null and void.
- B. In the affairs of the state organization, each local chapter shall be entitled to one vote plus one additional vote for each ten members in excess of the first ten. These votes shall be in addition to the votes of the individual members of the state organization who are also members of local chapters.