

# Friends of Kentucky Libraries

## NEWSLETTER

Fall, 1965

Dear Friends -

This is the first of a series of newsletters from the Friends of Kentucky Libraries in which will appear information about libraries and some important library dates to remember. Further details will be given in Newsletters of the Department of Libraries.

Date To Remember - - - NOVEMBER 2 -- VOTE FOR THE BOND ISSUE!

Your Executive Committee has expressed approval of the bond issue.

### Grants For Scholarship Aid

These are to be given to particularly promising students who may become librarians.

Our organization wishes to build up funds as they are needed. At present writing, one member has offered two \$300.00 grants in aid to two students now working under Mr. Robert Wallace in the Prestonsburg Branch of the University of Kentucky. Mr. Wallace, you will remember, was one of the regional librarians under the State Department and he understands the public library program.

### Good News

The John F. Kennedy Memorial Library at West Liberty, Morgan County, upon which you have worked so hard, is now 25% complete and will, it is hoped, be ready for use during the winter. When the opening date is certain, we will tell you the plans. We hope you will be present for the opening ceremonies.

### Donations

A check for \$150 has been sent to the Department of Libraries by a group of 437 students in an Owensboro high school to help finance the construction of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Library.

Miss Ruth Houston of Hyden, Kentucky, donated \$5,000 to the "Friends" to enable the Leslie County District Library Board to hire a trained librarian for a year.

The Children's Reading Round Table, Chicago, Illinois, donated \$100 to the "Friends" to buy children's books for the Rebecca Caudill Library recently organized by the Department of Libraries in Cumberland, Kentucky. The presentation of the books will be made on October 5. You're invited!

Rebecca Caudill (Mrs. James S. Ayars), Kentucky author of children's books, has donated a \$100 award she received to the "Friends" for purchase of books for the library named for her. These books, as well as those purchased with the money from the Children's Reading Round Table, were selected and catalogued by the Department of Libraries.

Mrs. Isabel McMeekin has recently donated to the "Friends" seven copies of a new book for children written by Clark-McMeekin. These books will be distributed to libraries.

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MEMBERSHIP - Your Opportunity For Real Service

One way you can help the cause of better library and bookmobile service in Kentucky is by bringing in new members to Friends of Kentucky Libraries.

If you belong to a club or organization which would be interested in knowing about the progress of public library services in our state, would you please suggest to such a club that one member be appointed to take out a membership in the Friends of Kentucky Libraries (\$2.00 annually) so that the person might receive our bulletins and be able to report the news to the group. An alternative would be for the club to take out a membership (\$2.00 annually) and appoint a library representative to receive bulletins and report the library needs and accomplishments to the club. A membership blank is enclosed.

Please send us news from your county for future newsletters.

LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION NEWS

Under the allocation system of Public Law 269, passed by the 88th Congress, February, 1964, funds became available for public libraries all over the country. Kentucky received \$510,842 which was matched by local libraries with \$277,960 through various methods of funding. By May, 1964, Kentucky had spent all these funds and was granted an additional \$93,000 of Federal funds as a reallocation of monies originally granted to other states but not used by them. From June 1964 to July 1965, eleven projects were approved throughout Kentucky. Counties in which these projects are being developed, with local financing added to Federal funds, are:

	Fed. Grant	Local Share
Henry County, Eminence	\$53,131.79	\$30,488.20
Morgan County, West Liberty	50,571.80	28,547.90
Nicholas County, Carlisle	59,339.77	33,378.62
Ohio County, Hartford	82,511.27	46,412.44
Fayette County, Lexington	62,400.00	35,100.00
Letcher County, Whitesburg	12,808.64	7,204.86
Green County, Greensburg	52,029.00	29,266.00
Washington County, Springfield	57,672.00	32,441.00
Union County, Morganfield	39,938.00	22,465.00
Fleming County, Flemingsburg	60,600.00	34,088.00
Monroe County, Tompkinsville	72,845.00	41,162.00

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VOTE FOR THE GOVERNOR'S BOND ISSUE !

Kentucky's public libraries will benefit from passage of the bond issue.

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