

# FRIENDS OF KENTUCKY LIBRARIES

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## News Release on FEDERAL LIBRARY SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION ACT

U.S. Representative Carl D. Perkins of Hindman has notified Kentucky Library officials that the Library Services and Construction Act passed the House of Representatives by a large majority Thursday, June 2. Debate on the Bill lasted less than two hours, and attempts to cut authorization failed overwhelmingly.

Kentucky Department of Library officials, in a statement Thursday, expressed their gratitude for the hundreds of letters that Library-minded Kentuckians have written to their Congressmen in urging their support of the Library Services and Construction Act. Representative Perkins was especially recognized for his untiring efforts on behalf of the Bill. (Vote 336-2)

Kentucky Libraries stand to reap great benefits from this Bill.

News Release from Kentucky Department of Libraries  
Box 537, Frankfort, Kentucky

## Scholarships

Several people are already being considered for scholarships to be given next fall by this organization and one scholarship has been awarded. Anyone interested in making application should do so now, addressing a letter to Miss Margaret Willis, State Librarian, Box 537, Frankfort, stating his interest and qualifications. (Scholarships are for undergraduate work only.)

The \$500 scholarship awarded went to Miss Becky Shrewsbury who has already been interviewed by Miss Willis.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Friends of Kentucky Libraries, held in Louisville, May 18, it was suggested that a complimentary membership be given to each of our scholarship people until graduation in hope that he would join at that time and become a permanent, active member. It was also suggested that scholarship people be asked for occasional progress reports to be passed on to the membership through the Newsletter. Both suggestions were approved.

Miss Judy Calhoun, one of our three present scholarship people, has written to say she is busy with her work at the University Community College at Prestonsburg where she is taking the only library course offered plus a general course. She adds, "I have not as yet decided where I am going my last two years of college... I would like to go to a small college... I plan to go to school this summer and work in a college library."

Kentucky Constitution Revision. The Board of Directors of Friends of Kentucky Libraries voted in favor of a "yes" vote for Kentucky Constitution Revision, in the fall.

Oldham County Bookmobile. Seven thousand books have already been purchased by the Department of Libraries paid for by the Friends of Kentucky Libraries, to stock this bookmobile. A list of the books so purchased will be given to this organization for its records, Miss Willis stated.

The Oldham County Fiscal Court has not yet come to a decision on the amount of money it will designate for running the bookmobile. The old library board of three members has been reorganized and now has five members. It is working to improve the whole situation; its goal - to have a library in which the community can take pride.

### Meetings of the Friends of Kentucky Libraries

#### Regional Meeting

Place - Rough River State Park (western Kentucky)

Time - September 10, noon - luncheon meeting

This luncheon meeting is to take place during the meeting days of the Sectional meeting of the Kentucky Library Association, as was done last year. Further details will be given in the next Newsletter. We hope to have a large crowd and especially invite new members and representation from our new Woman's Club members in the neighborhood. All who attended the Regional meeting at Pennyrile State Park, last summer, remember it with pleasure.

#### The All-State 1966 Annual Meeting

Place - Lexington, Phoenix Hotel

Time - November 11, probably at 10 A.M. followed by a joint luncheon with Trustees.

This meeting will be held on one of the meeting days of the Kentucky Library Association (November 10-12). The luncheon is given in conjunction with the Library Trustees. We hope to have many present from all over the state - members both old and new.

Reservations. Mr. Sherwood Kirk, Assistant State Librarian, is kindly making reservations for the two meetings. Reservations for meals or overnight may be made through his office, Box 537, Frankfort, Kentucky.

### Report on Meeting of Friends of Kentucky Libraries at Prestonsburg Library, May 13.

Members of Friends of Kentucky Libraries who took the trip to Jennie Wiley State Park visited the New Prestonsburg Library where they were heartened to find that the local group has already started in with a will on some interesting projects. We never know the particular need of a certain group. In this case a piano for the reception room in the library was the challenging project. It will make this charming room usable as a music room, as well. The other present project is to purchase street signs to make sure that possible visitors do not lose their way trying to find the library.

Mrs. R. V. May and Mrs. W. M. Burchat, two of the very active members of the local group, made the meeting come alive. There followed a tour of this outstanding, modern library which many a town would be proud of!

The Brave Bookmobile, a new book by Bookmobile Driver Grover Page, Kentucky Librarian of the Year 1964, takes its reader on board for one snowy day and introduces him to the children, farmers, their wives, and Mr. Brown, a portly dog, all great friends of the Bookmobile. This slender and attractive book, illustrated by Joe Reisner, will delight small readers and many older ones, too. It mixes fact and fancy in the nice proportion most agreeable to the taste of children. The Department of Libraries has copies.

Good Wishes to Librarians Retiring from their Work, This Summer. We wish to extend gratitude for the long and fine service to all library people who are retiring and to tell them that we hope for them a happy and carefree retirement. The only list we have is from the Louisville Free Public Library which we give below, with quotations from their publication. To all others, unnamed, we send also best wishes as well as regret that we cannot name them. (Note - The length of the following list of those retiring from the Louisville Free Public Library is not a matter of planning, of course. It is entirely co-incidental!)

Clara L. Behrens of the Order Department where she has been very successful.

Ethel M. Crawford, Children's Department, well-known for her story telling and puppets, as well as her enthusiasm and love of children.

Sallie Peden Diefenbach, Circulation and Catalog Departments, and, lately, department head.

Mary Catherine Foley, head of the Louisville Catalog Department since 1928.

Mrs. Frederick Faust, Circulation Department. She has read for the blind and has appeared on Lure of the Library.

Mrs. Olivia Ann Kuebler, head of Crescent Hill Branch since 1957. She has utilized one of her major interests - reading - to its fullest in an effort to make the book collection there a fine one.

Mrs. Marion Stoner has served 13 years in the Catalog Department, the last five as head cataloger.

Mrs. Simon Maker ("Miss Birdie") has been well known to three generations of library patrons. In her retirement, she will be very busy devoting even more of her time to church activities - she is the wife of a Methodist minister. She worked at the Eastern Branch Library for 29 years and is known for her great kindness as well as for her library work.

Garnett Masden has been in the Order Department since last September, winning the admiration of her fellow staff members as well as efficiently doing an important job.

Mrs. Nell Leo Miller has had a long and varied career at L.F.P.L. She is retiring from the Crescent Hill Branch where she came as professional assistant in 1937. She will be fondly remembered by her patrons.

Jean Hess started as a part-time worker in Circulation in 1923. She received her B.S. at Nazareth in 1947 and has held various offices in the Staff Association and helped to organize the Credit Union.

Florinne C. Kammerer began her library career in 1921 in the Reference Department. Next, she was assistant librarian at Atherton High School, then organized the library at Ahrens Trade School, from which she went to Highland Branch Library. Thereafter, she was appointed head of the Extension Department, Main Library. In 1943, she took leave of absence and joined the Womens Army Corps. While there, she received a Merit Award for her work in setting up filing systems and releasing documents in the Classified Document Section of the Central Air Force Library at the School of Applied Tactics, Orlando, Florida. In 1950, she returned to the L.F.P.L. and was promoted to Co-ordinator of the Extension Services. She has organized library services, moved libraries and started bookmobile service. As Co-ordinator of Extension Services, she has attained heights of elevation where the view constantly changes.

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Miss Jessie Orgain, former Head of the Research Department, Department of Libraries, Frankfort, now retired, is at present enjoying a trip abroad. Last heard from, she was in England.

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The next issue of this Newsletter will come to you in August. Issue for July is omitted because of vacation. To all - Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

The Executive Committee

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