

Friends of Kentucky Libraries

NEWSLETTER

June 1967

Report on Library Openings

The Bath County Library, Owingsville, opened its doors on Saturday, May 13, with Mr. Carl Perkins, U.S. Representative, as principal speaker. Congratulations, Bath County and Owingsville!

Library Openings, June and Later

The Logan-Helm Woodford County Library at Versailles, a renovation, will be opened soon, probably in June. The exact date has not yet been set.

The Meade County Library, Brandenburg, a remodeled school building, will soon set an opening date.

The Lawrence County Library at Louisa will soon be opened. This is a new building.

The Logan County Library, a new building, Russellville, will soon open.

The Whitley County Library, Williamsburg, will open in July.

The following libraries will open some time this summer:

The new Cumberland County Library, Burksville

The Clay County Library, Manchester, a renovation of a store building

The Lewis County Library, Vanceburg, a renovation of a store building

The Hardin County Library, Elizabethtown, renovation of the old post office building

The new Wayne County Library, Monticello

The new Fleming County Library, Flemingsburg

Ground has just been broken for the new Owensboro \$1,000,000 library, Daviess County.

Local Support

Has recently been established for Johnson, Lyon, and Taylor Counties. This action is a real milestone in library development in these counties.

Note: After dates of openings have been announced, if any member wishes to attend an opening, please contact Marjorie Smith, Publicity Secretary of the Friends of Kentucky Libraries, at the Department of Libraries, Box 537, Frankfort, Ky. Arrangements will be made, if possible.

Notes on Annual Spring Meeting of Executive Committee, May 10, Southern Motel, Frankfort

Presiding: Mrs. Joy Bale

Attending: Mr. Dugan, Mr. Clarke, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Brooks, Mr. Kirk, Mrs. Buster

Secretaries: Mrs. Russell Houston, Jr.; Marjorie Smith

Besides certain financial matters which were taken up, the following business was transacted:

After discussion, decision was made that the organization pay a bill for \$60 for repairs to keep the Estill County bookmobile running.

Definite dates were set for the meetings of the Executive Committee far enough in advance to enable to make plans. Third Tuesdays in May and September were chosen plus the usual annual meeting held in conjunction with the Kentucky Library Association during the fall - ordinarily in October.

It was agreed that one newsletter, annually, should be devoted, almost exclusively, to the matter of scholarships.

It was recorded that in Whitley County, \$100 was contributed through Friends of Kentucky Libraries toward the purchase of gasoline for a small bookmobile to transport VISTA workers going into homes to read to young children.

Request was made that a notice be given in our Newsletter about a writing workshop arranged for the coming summer. The request was granted and the notice follows:

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A Writing Workshop for People Over Fifty-Seven

This workshop will be held at Carnahan House, University of Kentucky, Lexington, August 6-12. A very challenging program is planned. If you are interested, write for details to Dr. Earl Kauffman, Writing Workshop, Council on Aging, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky. 40506.

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New Branches of FRIENDS OF KENTUCKY LIBRARIES -- CONGRATULATIONS to All!Versailles, Woodford County

It is always a pleasure to hear that a local chapter of the Friends of Kentucky Libraries is being formed. This new group is being organized to help further development of the Helm-Woodford County Library. The first meeting was held on April 24. This county library is undergoing extensive renovation after which it will have a greatly enlarged library room on the main floor and a large meeting room (for about 300) on the second floor.

The newly formed group hopes to promote exhibits of all kinds as well as to arrange concerts, lectures, drama, book reviews and other events for the enrichment of the cultural life of the county.

Tompkinsville, Monroe County

A new organization of the Friends of Kentucky Libraries has been formed under the name "Friends of the William B. Harlan Memorial Library" in Tompkinsville, with Mr. Samuel H. Hagan as the first president.

Williamstown, Grant County

A branch of the Friends of Kentucky Libraries was formed in May to support the Grant County Public Libraries. Officers were elected with Mrs. Elizabeth Vaughn as president. Meetings will be held on alternate Mondays.

Pause for Vacation

This issue will be the last Newsletter until September. News items for the fall issue may be sent to the publicity secretary for inclusion at that time, as well as any additional lists of potential members.

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French and other Foreign Language Texts-to the Department of Libraries

Did you, like many people, store away your French (or possibly Spanish) texts when you graduated from college, intending to reread them all later, and are they still packed away in the same boxes? If so, here is your chance to put those texts where they will meet a definite need. Send them to the Department of Libraries which is now using many more foreign titles than ever before. Classics are welcome, of course.

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News from Estill County

Estill County Public Library has received many small donations toward its 1967-68 budget to operate the library at the court house and also to operate the bookmobile, says Mrs. Cecil Noland, Librarian. Eight hundred dollars from the public is needed to match funds from other sources to keep the library going for another year.

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News Item - Outstanding Men and Women

Newspaper announcement was made of the ten Kentucky women named as outstanding at a luncheon sponsored by the Kentucky Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Garnett Bale, our president, as well as other of our members were on the list- Mrs. Paul Blazer and Mrs. Mary Helen Byck.

Awards were presented by Mr. John M. Lewis, Executive Vice-President, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, and Chairman of the panel of judges. Governor Breathitt, a guest at the luncheon, commented that when he needs something done, he calls on the women. He is of the opinion that they have been the leaders of the real reforms in the state.

Another of our members, Miss Chloe Gifford, Chairman of the Commission on the Status of Women, spoke on the work of the Commission.

Of course, this organization already knew that the women cited are outstanding. It is nice to have others agree!

We could easily add another list of hundreds of men and women who have accomplished wonders for the libraries in the state!

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Request for News and Information

Things are happening so fast in the library world that it becomes difficult to keep up with them. Please send in news from your part of the state! It would be of particular benefit to this organization to have an up-to-date list of officers of all local branches with some news of their program. Send to: Marjorie Smith, Publicity Secretary, Box 537, Friends of Kentucky Libraries, Frankfort, Kentucky.

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