

Friends of Kentucky Libraries

NEWSLETTER
March 1967

NEW CONSTITUTION OF FRIENDS OF KENTUCKY LIBRARIES

The proposed revision of our constitution, sent out with the Newsletters in January, has become our new constitution. Keep your copy for handy reference, please.

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Membership Campaign - First Report

In February, eight persons from Frankfort joined our ranks and ten from various counties. Calloway County led with ten.

Many thanks to members who have sent lists of persons who may be interested in joining. Combined, the persons named came to more than 50. Letters, separately written, are being sent to every one on the list. So far about 20 letters have been mailed.

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Potential Members

Who are especially good candidates for membership? Librarians, of course, and all associated with libraries. However, please do not send in the names of librarians since their names and addresses are obtainable in the Frankfort office.

Kentucky authors. We have several in our membership. If you know any authors who are not members, please invite them to join or send us their names and addresses.

Teachers, professors - anyone connected with education.

If you have friends in these groups, please invite them to join or send their names and addresses.

Members of Clubs (Example - Historical Societies) which meet in various library buildings should be most interested in the future of libraries.

Officers of organizations interested in developing Kentucky towns. Often, when a town strives toward self-betterment, the improvement of the local library is one of its stated goals. It would be of help to such a community to have many local members of our organization. Even better - to have a local organization of Friends of Kentucky Libraries to work on library improvement.

Local Woman's Clubs and similar clubs. Twenty-three Woman's Clubs of Kentucky have club membership in our organization. This is a start - there are over 100 clubs.

Although we have fewer than 400 paying individual members, at present, we also have over 2,000 associate members - that is, people who belong to clubs which have a group membership. These persons obviously are interested in our work or their clubs would not join us, but they are not members in the same sense as the individuals who pay from \$2.00 to \$10.00 annually. It would be very gratifying to have some of the club groups join person by person. However, it is fine to have groups of people interested enough to join and follow the progress of library development in the state.

Garrard County Demonstration

The Garrard County demonstration library at Lancaster opened on George Washington's birthday. It is housed in the old quarters of the local Woman's Club, now renewed and redecorated in soft greens, even to carpeting on the floor and on the stairs to the balcony on which is a small but charming room for children. The afternoon of the opening was made exciting by: a visit from the Governor who gave an apt and witty dedicatory speech; hot tea and cookies served graciously by Woman's Club members, and a standing-room-only crowd of townspeople among whom were future patrons, including many children.

Acknowledgements - a great many- were made to local patrons and groups who have contributed to the library. It was a happy occasion for all, from the school children who took advantage of the situation to get Mr. Breathitt's signature and a home made cookie to members of the Woman's Club who had begun the idea, years ago, of having a library, as one of their own projects, and were now overjoyed to see it become a public facility, answering a need in the community.

Friends of Kentucky Libraries were represented by the publicity secretary.

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Marion County Library District

The Marion County Library District has established a county library district with a levy of a library tax of 2¢ on each \$100 of assessed property valuation.

Congratulations to Marion County! We wish you all success.

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Note to Kentucky Poets and their Readers

In the next Newsletter, there will be an announcement on the forthcoming anthology of Kentucky Poets. The book is now in process of being completed and can soon be ordered. The first anthology, published in 1964, has been completely sold out, though orders still come in.

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Personals

Mrs. George Gray, now in Florida, returns to Louisville in April.

Miss Terry Wetherby, who has been working in the Department of Libraries in the area of public relations, has gone to San Francisco to live. She leaves many friends in Frankfort.

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