

Friends of Kentucky Libraries

Newsletter
November 1966

Friends of Kentucky Libraries Annual Meeting - Phoenix Hotel, Lexington, November 11
at 10:30 AM

Luncheon (with Trustees of Libraries) -Phoenix Hotel, Nov. 11, noon
Price -\$2.75

Have you written for reservation for the luncheon? If not, please do. Send check to Mr. Sherwood Kirk, Assistant Librarian, Department of Libraries, Frankfort.

We all look forward to meeting Dr. Allen and Mr. Brady, the speakers at the luncheon -

Dr. Lawrence Allen, who became Head of the Department of Library Science, University of Kentucky, last August, was formerly Dean of the University College of Northeastern University in Boston. His major interest and experience center around education for Librarianship and Adult Education. A graduate of Boston University, he received his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago Graduate School. He has taught at the University of Chicago, Michigan State University and elsewhere. He has served as consultant to a number of professional organizations. (Quoted from Oct. 1966 issue of K.L.A. Bulletin.)

Mr. G. Todd Brady, industrialist, President of Kentucky Libraries Trustees Association, and member of Board of Trustees, Louisville Free Public Library.

LIBRARY OPENINGS

The new William B. Harlan Memorial Library opened at Tompkinsville, October 16. A 7500 square-foot structure with meeting rooms in addition to library facilities, its total cost is \$137,723. It was financed by Federal funds -\$72,845 provided under the Library Services and Construction Act, \$22,036 from the State bond issue, and \$42,842 from the local level.

The library was, in the first place, made possible through the donation of the lot and \$25,000 toward the local share - a gift from Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Harlan of Tompkinsville in memory of their son for whom the library is named. He was a noted educator with wide influence for good.

The county's struggle to obtain a permanent library was long and hard. Those interested in having a library were the more delighted when their goal was obtained and the library dedicated. Many more than 600 people attended the dedication (though only that many signed the register.) Harold Ray, Chairman of the Board of Directors, served as master of ceremonies; County Judge Ralph Hagan gave the address; Reverend James T. Hall, the benediction.

Congratulations, Tompkinsville!

On October 22, at West Liberty, the new John F. Kennedy Memorial Library was dedicated in an impressive service. The master of ceremonies was Walter Franklin; the speaker, Mr. John Breckinridge, who offered a tribute to those who worked to make this library possible as well as to Mr. Kennedy many of whose words he quoted. Mr. Breckinridge stressed the importance of how Kennedy felt about the "four historic qualities" - courage, judgment, integrity and dedication. He spoke of peace - "Agression is ceaseless, so must working for peace be ceaseless." He ended by saying, "In dedicating this library, we commemorate such a one as he as a challenge for the children of this area. Within the walls of the library, these lessons (from history) will repose and become known to the children...The contest continues."

Members of the Kennedy family were invited to the opening but none could attend. However, they sent messages. From Mrs. Kennedy's office a letter came saying, "The knowledge that the President lives in the hearts of the people means much to Mrs. Kennedy."



Mr. Edwin Lacy, Librarian, Kennedy Library, Mrs. George B. Gray of Friends of Kentucky Libraries, signing the first book out of the library, and Mr. John Breckinridge.

For those interested in figures for the Kennedy Library -

Building site (Donated by the Local Board of Education) valued at	\$15,000
State Board Issue Funds	12,688
Federal Funds	50,752
Friends of Kentucky Libraries Donation	21,000
Local Library Board Funds	7,784

Thousands from all over the state donated from pennies to thousands of dollars. Mrs. W. T. Congleton of Lexington, mother-in-law of the Friends of Kentucky Libraries Fund Collection Chairman, General Breckinridge, donated \$5,000; Mrs. George Gray donated \$7,000.

We wish to thank Mr. Grover Page, member and also Regional Library Director, and artist, for his heading - see Page 1.

We have two new members from West Liberty, site of the new Kennedy Library. Welcome! Perhaps, some day, there will be a local group of FKL there. Certainly many persons in West Liberty are interested in their beautiful new library - enough to start a group and keep it going.

Sincerely,

The Executive Committee

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Friends of Kentucky Libraries
2512 Brighton Drive
Louisville, Kentucky

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