

FRIENDS OF THE HAYS
PUBLIC LIBRARY
ANNUAL BOOKMARK
2020

From the Officers and Executive
Board of FHPL

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your membership and your support of the Friends of the Hays Public Library. We appreciate our members, volunteers, and donors and encourage you to renew your membership for 2021.

2020 was a challenging year for our Friends group. Anticipating the HPL renovation, we had to severely limit donations from the community so that we could help HPL clear their shelves. We partnered with USD 489 for teachers to pick out books for their classroom use. In January and February, we were able to donate nearly 4,000 books to teachers at local elementary schools.

As our storage area was still overflowing, we had planned a bag sale for April, but the Covid-19 pandemic cancelled those plans and caused us to close the bookstore earlier than scheduled for the building renovations. We still had to move all those books, so Friends conducted several "giveaways". We also partnered with HPL, ARC and the general community for a Book Exchange in November. We asked for "**free will**" donations and want to thank the community for their generosity.

Friends of HPL was able to donate \$25,000.00 to the current library renovation project. The *Chili the Penguin* book was completed in November; Friends paid the printing costs.

While the entire year has been difficult, the passing of our President, Marjorie Mueller in September was a great loss. Margie was an exceptional leader and advocate. She will be missed.

Looking forward, we will reopen the Gallery Bookstore after the renovations are complete and the Executive Board has confidence that it is safe to do so; meanwhile, we are working on setting up on-line book sales. We are also looking forward to working with library staff to develop additional volunteer roles for our members.

Currently, we are conducting our Executive Board meetings through Zoom. If you have questions or concerns, please contact a board member listed on the sidebar.

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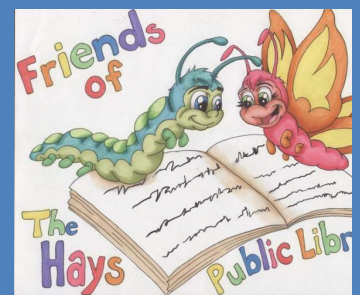
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Friends of the Hays Public Library

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Friends Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. and will be conducted through Zoom. You may enter the meeting by entering <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85899955656> in the address bar of your search engine. All members are welcome.

The agenda includes the Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting, the Treasurer's Report, Election of Officers, and a report from the Library Director. The Minutes of the 2020 Meeting follow the Director's Remarks.

The Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate of officers:

President:	Cindy Lightle
Vice-president:	Patricia Hill
Secretary:	Ruth Deines
Treasurer:	Judy Zerr-Schamberger

Nominations can also be accepted from members at the meeting.

From the Director

Greetings Friends of HPL,

Throughout 2020, a wise friend of mine has frequently used the phrase "Never let a good crisis go to waste." This has become somewhat of a battle cry for us here at the library. We do not mean to make light of the seriousness of current conditions, but when we are responding to circumstances outside our control, we are working to take advantage of the situation and what we can control.

Pandemic driven closures, modifications to services, postponements, and a variety of other impacts to normal operations have occurred throughout the year. While we hate not being of the utmost service to our community, the setbacks have coincided with an exciting remodel project that is sure to put us in a position to better serve our community and add increased value for years to come. This project would have closed the library and forced us to limit services anyway. We have been able to take advantage by repurposing space, funds, work focus, and other resources to better support the remodel. Thank you to the Friends of HPL for the generous \$25,000 gift in support of the remodel!

The work is projecting to go into the spring. The timeline is going longer than anticipated, but we are optimistic the completion will also coincide with an improving public health output. When the library reopens, we are incredibly exhilarated to reconnect with Friends and volunteers in a way we never have before. The planned spaces will be truly transformative and facilitate collaboration, engagement, and access to resources and ideas with our community. Reopening the Friends Book Store has been factored into these plans all along.

There is one loss we experienced this year that will hurt for a long time. Our longtime President and group member, Marjorie Mueller, passed away in September. While a person like Marjorie can never really be replaced, we can choose to keep moving forward and pick up the cause of supporting the Hays Public Library that she championed. I miss her very much. I am incredibly thankful to the Friends Executive Board for stepping up throughout her illness and since she's been gone.

While challenges are very much still here, there is a real sense of optimism here at the library. We look forward to sharing the new space with the community and emerging better than ever. We encourage you to reengage when you feel comfortable doing so.

Ad Astra! Brandon

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF FRIENDS OF HAYS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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January 14, 2020 6:45 p.m. in the Gallery of the Hays Public Library

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Hays Public Library was called to order by President Marjorie Mueller.

The Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting were distributed and read. Pat Hill made the motion to accept the minutes, Jerry Kaiser seconded the motion; motion carried.

Judy Zerr-Schamberger presented the Treasurer's Report. The current checking balance is \$13,189.32. Two certificates of deposits hold \$20,389.69 for a total of \$33,579.01. Judy answered questions regarding some of our larger transactions including a donation of \$7,435.00 to the Hays Library Foundation to purchase speakers and awning for the bookmobile. Pat Hill moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted; Suzanne Azzarella seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business:

Election of Officers was conducted. Nominations were requested from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. Agnes Meier moved the following slate of officers be elected: Marjorie Mueller, President; Pat Hill and Cindy Lightle, Co Vice-presidents; Judy Zerr-Schamberger, Treasurer; Ruth Deines, Secretary. Jerry Kaiser seconded the motion; motion carried.

Cynthia Stecklein was recognized as an outstanding volunteer.

Brandon Hines, Director of the Hays Public Library gave remarks about his experience and tenure with the Hays Public Library from a college student hired to help move boxes to Children's Department head, and after serving as director of several other libraries, coming back to Hays as Library Director.

He thanked the local Friends group for their years of service. He discussed changes being implemented at HPL which includes the culture and service objectives of the library. With the purchase of a book mobile, he hopes HPL will demonstrate that a library is more than a building with books but a vital cultural and civic entity. Brandon also presented on Power Point conceptual design ideas for library renovations which will begin the first part of August. Additionally, Brandon said the Hays Public Library Foundation will hold a Fund Raiser on May 30, 2020. It will be in the Gallery and formatted as a wine and cheese party. Ron Wilson, Director of the Huck Boyd Institute will talk about Rural Entrepreneurship and Ingenuity.



Motion to adjourn by Marjorie, seconded by Judy. Motion carried.

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2021. Mail your renewal to Friends of the Hays Public Library, 1205 Main Street, Hays, Kansas 67601 or drop it off at the library circulation desk.



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Student (under age 18)	\$ 1.00
Family	\$ 15.00
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Yes, I want to help with Friends' special activities and/or bookstore.

Please contact me at _____