## FRIENDS OF THE HAYS PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL BOOKMARK 2021

From the Officers of FHPL

Dear Friends,

Thanks for being a Friend! To celebrate and to enjoy the new Community Commons area of the Hays Public Library, we invite you to our Annual Meeting and a party!

With your help, we continue to support the library by selling withdrawn library materials and donated materials. In addition to our bookstore, we added a passive sales area in the Community Commons. Be sure to look at what is offered next time you visit the library. These books and DVD's have been in high demand. We are also selling books on-line. Look for our seller's name of friofthO on e-Bay. (Stands for <u>Friends of the Hays Public Library.</u>)

As our storage space is limited, we've also innovated by adding a Community Book Exchange. While not technically a sale, the generous free-will donations certainly help us support the extras which make Hays Public Library such a special place.

Another something new is the Story Time Space being developed at the ARC Park. This is a special project of the 2021 Leadership Hays Class. Friends were able to donate \$500.00. We also contributed to help offset the cost of printing this year's Chilly the Penguin book and have helped the Hays Public Library in other small ways.

And finally, check out our new logo on the side bar.

We are looking forward to 2022. Please remember to renew your membership and consider volunteering in the bookstore, at sales, as a member of a communications team, or as a member of the Board of Directors.

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Friends of HPL,

What a difference a year makes! This time last year, half the library was shut down for renovations and the Friends were forced to wait it out as we used much of the bookstore and storage space for library operations. We had limited hours and services. Fast forward to today and we are back. With an improved volunteer development program from the library and the support of the individual Friends volunteers, the Friends are as active and valuable to the library as ever.

I'm excited for the new format to the annual meeting, especially with the prospects of hosting it in the new Schmidt Community Commons. I think the space and additional plans will make it more of a celebration of our group than in years past.

Thank you to the Friends Executive Committee. You are great to work with and the Friends of HPL initiatives continue to improve. The Fall Community Book Exchange was one of the best sales I can remember. Also, trying new things such as online sales and passive sales in the community area are making us a more diverse and profitable organization. Not to mention, your efforts in moving donated and discarded books is immeasurably helpful to our operation. I've put significant pressure on the Friends Executive Board to work with a system that grants less space and limits the amount of time books are kept stored in the library and I appreciate your positive response.

As we look to the future, it is my hope the Friends will continue to support library projects and the services we offer. While we don't have plans for anything on the scale of the recent renovation, we do intend to make improvements to the basement level of the library. This will primarily consist of updating flooring and rearranging some of the shelving.

Thank you for all you do for HPL and the community. The library is a much more vibrant, engaging, and valuable resource to the community because of the Friends of the Hays Public Library.

Cheers to a wonderful 2022!

Brandon Hines Hays, Public Library Director

Be sure to "check-out" all the activities going on at the Hays Public Library. You can pick up a booklet at the library welcome desk or visit the website at https://hayslibrary.org/

## Friends of the Hays Public Library, 1205 Main, Hays, Kansas 67601

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Individual	\$ 5.00	Receipt:	
Student (under age 18)	\$ 1.00	Treasurer	
Family	\$ 15.00		
Patron	\$ 25.00	Computer	
Sustaining/Organization	\$100.00	Email List	
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## YOU'RE INVITED! FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING Wine and Cheese & Live Music (following business meeting) 6:30-8pm Sat. Jan. 15 This meeting is open to all!



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## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING**

The Friends Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Commons of the Hays Public Library.

The agenda will be as follows:

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Director's Report
- 3. Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting
- 4. Treasurer's Report
- 5. Old Business

- 6. New Business
  - a. Election of Officers
  - b. Other

Nominations for officers will be taken from the floor. The Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate of officers:

President: Cindy Lightle
Vice-president: Patricia Hill
Secretary: Ruth Deines

Treasurer: Judy Zerr-Schamberger