

FRIENDS OF THE HAYS
PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOOKMARK

DECEMBER 2022

From the Officers of FHPL

Dear Friends,

Thanks again for being a Friend! We appreciate your interest in the Hays Public Library.

Friends operates the Gallery Bookstore. The store is open thirty hours a week with nine volunteers needed to cover all the shifts. Other volunteers help sort donations to be sold in the bookstore, at sales, on-line, or set aside for the Little Free Libraries.

Our greatest ongoing need is for volunteers to work in the bookstore and volunteers to help with physically moving books before and after sales. We would also welcome members to consider joining our Board of Directors.

Remember to renew your membership if you have not already. A form is included. Members receive a 10% discount in the bookstore.



Friends uses the funds from book sales to help with library programming or special HPL projects. We are also happy to help fund the annual publication of the Chilly the Penguin books.

Christmas Wishes and Mistletoe Kisses

A Coloring Storybook



HAYS
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The Gallery Bookstore

Hours of Operation

Monday, Tuesday
& Saturday
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Contact us at:
Hays Public Library
785-625-9014
or
friends@hayslibrary.org



Friends of HPL,

If we ever have a radio or television commercial highlighting our incredible Friends of HPL, the background music will without a doubt be “With a Little Help from My Friends.” I doubt Ringo was thinking about a friends of a library group when he wrote this song at his public library 55 years ago. However, the theme nails it. It’s simple. Life is more enjoyable and easier to handle with friends!

I have been a part of the Hays Public Library since 2001 and the Friends have been a reliable and important part of that entire experience. The impact of the group is immeasurable. The physical work of managing discarded and donated books has saved the library and taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars in staffing. The dollars generated from book sales and memberships have likely had an even greater financial impact.

But besides the financial support, what the Friends of HPL really bring to the staff and users of the library is, well, friendship. Think about it. We have celebrated many milestones together. Laughter is a part of our daily interactions. We share stories about our work and our families. We give honest feedback to each other. We have mourned the losses of members of our team. We have seen great people come and go through life changes. Yet, our friendship has developed over decades and will continue.

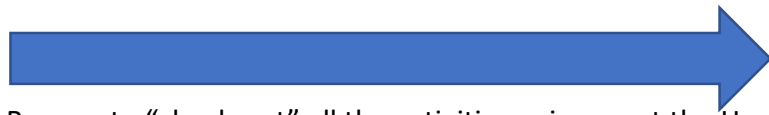
Looking ahead, the library Board of Directors and staff have laid out a plan for 2023 to develop a new long-term plan. A series of stakeholder sessions, interviews, and surveys will help guide this plan and set the aspirations and work for our organization over the next few years. As you see these opportunities come up or if you are directly asked to participate, please consider engaging in this process. Your experiences, concerns, needs, and ideas are valuable.

We are constantly looking for new ways to be of service to our community and we will continue to meet its evolving needs. I am proud of the organizational culture that developed, not so much from masterful planning or leadership, but more so through good people engaging in the work. The Hays Public Library continues to grow and improve through curiosity, a willingness to try new things, and keeping our eyes open for ways we can improve.

I do believe we will continue to make the HPL even better in the future, at least “I’m gonna try with a little help from my friends!”

Thank you all and cheers to a wonderful 2023! Brandon Hines, Hays Public Library Director

PS – For the sake of accurate information, I am a librarian after all, Ringo didn’t write “With a Little Help from My Friends”, that was John and Paul. And they probably wrote it in a studio, not a public library.



Be sure to “check-out” all the activities going on at the Hays Public Library. Pick up an Events & Programs 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

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Membership Levels

Circle One

Individual	\$ 5.00
Student (under age 18)	\$ 1.00
Family	\$ 15.00
Patron	\$ 25.00
Sustaining/Organization	\$100.00
Lifetime	\$200.00

Official Use

Receipt: _____

Treasurer _____

Computer _____

Email List _____

Yes, I want to help with Friends' special activities and/or bookstore.

Please contact me at _____

_____ Please cut on fold _____

Friends Annual Meeting



PLEASE JOIN US

WINE & CHEESE & LIVE MUSIC
FOLLOWING THE BUSINESS MEETING

Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023 6:30-8pm.

This meeting is open to all members
and prospective members



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

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Friends Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 14 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 2022 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:	Debbie Atkinson
Secretary:	Patricia Hill
Treasurer:	Judy Zerr-Schamberger

Members are welcome to attend the monthly meetings. They are held on the second Monday at 3:30 p.m. in the HPL Conference Room.