

## BOOKMARK

DECEMBER 2023

From the Officers of the Friends  
of the Hays Public Library

Thanks again for being a Friend!  
Your support is important to us  
and to the Hays Public Library.

We are approaching the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of operating The Gallery Bookstore. The bookstore and our special sales help serve our community by providing used books at reasonable prices. Our materials come from weeded library materials and donations from the public. All the income from the store and book sales goes to support the library.

Members of Friends volunteer their time working shifts at the bookstore and at book sales. Volunteers also sort book donations to be sold in the bookstore, at book sales, on-line, or set aside for the Little Free Libraries. Our greatest need is always for people to volunteer in these roles.



We welcome new members to serve our community by paying an annual membership and volunteering in support of the Hays Public Library. A membership form is available in this newsletter. Members are also welcome to consider joining our Board of Directors. The executive board meets once per month, and we hold an annual meeting in January.

## The Gallery Bookstore

### Hours of Operation

Monday	1-4
Tuesday	1-4
Wednesday	10-4
Thursday	10-4
Friday	10-4
Saturday	1-4
Sunday	Closed

Members receive a 10% discount on their regular store purchases.

Special Sales are announced by email to members.

Contact us at:  
Hays Public Library  
785-625-9014  
or  
[friends@hayslibrary.org](mailto:friends@hayslibrary.org)



Friends of HPL,

It's that time of year again where we take stock of the previous year and envision all the things the new year might hold. I hope your reflections are predominantly good and your outlook for 2024 is full of hope and positive anticipation.

The Friends Executive Board has been so steady over the past several years. From the facility to the staff you support, there have been many changes to the library. Yet, the mission and the reliability of the Friends group has persisted thanks to the leadership of the Executive Board. Thank you, Cindy, Judy, Ruth, Pat, and Deb! Not only do we appreciate your volunteer efforts, but your presence and enthusiasm make a major impact on the overall environment of the library.

As always, the library can't buy new books and other resources unless we remove materials that are outdated or not being used by our patrons. It's not always glamorous, but the Friends of HPL play a major role in this process through bookstore sales, book sale events, and working with other groups to rehome items. Nearly 20,000 items will be withdrawn from the collection by year end. The system we have in place wouldn't work without the Friends. Thank you to every one of you who work the sales, assist in the bookstore, and sort and prep materials for sale.

With funds raised through dues, donations, and sales, the Friends help to enhance and extend projects and services of the library. A special project this year was the creation and distribution of a picture book to help celebrate the new Rainbow Stage at ARC Park. The Friends contribution to this project made it possible to go beyond printing a few black and white books to a fully colored and highly professional publication. Additionally, the Friends made it possible to print and distribute 2500 copies of the annual Chilly the Penguin books for Frost Fest. That's a huge impact!

On behalf of the staff of HPL, thanks for always being there. What you do is often easy to recognize, such as always doing something for staff in celebration of National Library Week. But so often, it's the little things, such as telling someone about an upcoming program or communicating an idea or concern that someone in the community shared with you, that makes a difference. It impacts the library culture and our community. Thank you for engaging in our mission to serve our community.

Cheers to a great 2023 and even better 2024!

Brandon Hines, Hays Public Library Director



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/>



## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Friends of the Hays Public Library Annual Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 8, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Schmidt Gallery of the library.

The agenda will be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Director's Report
3. Minutes of the 2023 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.




### Accomplishments and Recognition:



 In 2023, Friends recognized National Library Week (April 23-29) by providing Chamber Cheques to the library staff. We donated to the construction of the Rainbow Stage in the ARC Park and also contributed to the publication of *Colorfully Lead* which was presented at the Ribbon-cutting on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Friends also provides the coffee which is available to library patrons in the Schmidt Community Commons.

 Thanks to those of you who have contributed as Lifetime members and to all the members who volunteer in the bookstore, at sales and other events, and thanks to the members who shop with us. Each of you helps support the library.

 Special thanks also goes to Jerry Kaiser and Judy Zerr-Schamberger. Jerry and Judy have been involved with Friends in various volunteer or officer positions since 2004.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_