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King Library Press Reactivated

Following a two-year hiatus, the King Library Press has been recently reactivated. The Rev. Dr. Paul E. Holbrook, a part-time University of Kentucky faculty member in the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies and a former apprentice at the press under its founder, Mrs. Carolyn Reading Hammer, is serving as its Director.

The King Library Press was begun in 1956 by members of the library staff interested in the book arts and the preservation of historical printing techniques. They worked at the small hand press operation during their lunch hours. The press grew to have a full-time staff and printed a number of books, broadsides, and other matter. W. Gay Reading, Jr., of Lexington's Windell Press, and Mrs. Joan Davis are former directors. It also sponsored a series of Seminars in Graphic Design that brought internationally recognized figures in the field of the graphic arts to the University Libraries to discuss printing history, modern fine printing, calligraphy and letter design, and other aspects of the book arts.

Dr. Holbrook is interested in carrying on the publishing tradition of the King Library Press by producing material to support the activities of the Library Associates, serving as a teaching tool for the College of Library and Information Science, and as a laboratory resource for the larger campus and community. The King Library Press is located in the Department of Special Collections, King Library—North. Volunteer apprentices are welcome and may contact the press by phone at 257-8611.

Spring Book Sale

The Library Associates' Spring Book Sale is scheduled to be held Thursday and Friday, 27 and 28 April, at the Buell Armory on the university campus.

If you have books, journals, magazines, maps, or phonodiscs that you would like to contribute to the Book Sale, please contact Mrs. Trudy Day in the Gifts & Exchange Office, 204 King
Library—South, 257-5895, to arrange to have items picked up. Donors of materials may also simply drop them off at King Library.

There is always a need for Associates to work in shifts during the Sale—particularly for setting up at 8:00 a.m. on 27 April, and for closing the sale around 2:00 o'clock on the following afternoon. The quantity and quality of stock to be sold this year is already greater than in the past few years, which will help ensure a busy, successful Book Sale—but it will also require more hands to get the job done.

Please contact Mrs. Paula Pope, 257-9401, if you would like to volunteer some time for this enjoyable and profitable fund-raising event.

**Toyota Endowment Created**

The Toyota Motor Corporation has presented to the University of Kentucky Libraries the sum of one million dollars to create an endowment supporting library acquisitions. The gift was made public at a formal program in the Peal Gallery on 9 February 1989. Mr. Fujio Cho, President of Toyota Motor Manufacturing, represented the company in the formal presentation. Kentucky Governor Wallace G. Wilkinson, University of Kentucky President David P. Roselle, and Director of Libraries Paul A. Willis responded to Mr. Cho's generous announcement. Responding on behalf of University of Kentucky students and faculty were T. A. McKinney, of the 1989 Sophomore Class, Prof. Joyce Bowlyow, Chairman of the Faculty Senate Library Committee, and Prof. Keith MacAdam, President of the University of Kentucky Library Associates.

Toyota's million dollar gift is the largest cash contribution ever to have been given to the University Libraries. Income from the Toyota Endowment will enable the Libraries to acquire an estimated eighty thousand dollars in research materials annually, in addition to purchases from the regular book budget. The endowment will be used to support research in all subjects.

The Toyota Endowment will have a significant impact on the Margaret I. King Library and its branches on the Lexington Campus. Due, also, to the automation of the university's Community College libraries, Interlibrary Loan services, and Fax capabilities, the Toyota gift will impact libraries all across the Commonwealth.
A plaque commemorating the generous Toyota gift was unveiled at the Library Associates Annual Dinner Meeting on 27 March and has been placed in the lobby of King Library—North.

**Annual Dinner Meeting**

The 1989 Annual Dinner Meeting of the University of Kentucky Library Associates was held on Monday evening, 27 March, at the Singletary Center for the Arts. The dinner meeting was moved to the Singletary Center facility at the recommendation of the Library Associates Executive Committee. The move proved a positive one, as it afforded our growing organization ample room for the evening's activities.

A reception was held in the University Art Museum prior to the dinner, where members and their guests visited surrounded by “Images of America, 1927-1960,” a remarkable exhibition of photographs by Ansel Adams. Dinner was served to the large assembly in the great perimeter hall of the Center. Afterwards, the group reconvened in the Recital Hall for the annual business meeting and to hear the 1989 Prichard Lecturer, oral historian Robert Caro.

The 1989 Associates President, Keith MacAdam, conducted the business meeting, which included approval of the Nominating Committee’s proposed slate of officers and Executive Committee members for the coming term.

U. K. President Emeritus Otis A. Singletary introduced the evening's featured speaker, Robert A. Caro.