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W. Hugh Peal Endowment Established

A fund to endow a continuing program of acquisitions for the W. Hugh Peal Collection has been established by Mrs. Margaret W. Peal of Leesburg, Virginia. The library of Mr. Peal (1898-1984, Class of 1922), which was transferred to the University of Kentucky in 1982, is one of the world's foremost collections of books and manuscripts relating to the early English Romantics. It embraces many other rare works in British and American literature, as well. The endowment of the university libraries' foremost research collection will insure the increase of its valuable resources in years to come.

Mrs. Margaret W. Peal speaks at the dedication of the W. Hugh Peal Gallery in the Department of Special Collections. At right, Mr. Paul Willis looks on at Fabian Bachrach's photographic portrait of Mr. Peal before it is hung in the Peal Gallery.
Annual Dinner Meeting

The University of Kentucky Library Associates Annual Dinner Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 24 March 1987, at Spindletop Hall. Mr. Robert Massie, author of *Peter the Great*, for which he received the Pulitzer Prize, and of *Nicholas and Alexandra*, will deliver the sixth annual Edward F. Prichard Lecture. Reservations may be made by calling the Executive Secretary at 257-9401.

1987 Library Associates Book Sale

The Library Associates Annual Book Sale is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, 23 and 24 April. It will be held this year at Buell Armory, near the Student Center. Donations of material for the sale are most welcome and can be picked up by the library van. Volunteers who can assist with the sale are needed and are urged to contact the Executive Secretary at 257-9401.

Two-Millionth Volume Celebration

The University of Kentucky Libraries marked the acquisition of their two-millionth volume in a day-long celebration on Friday, 19 September 1986. Mrs. Rufus Lisle chaired a committee of Library Associates who planned this highly successful occasion, which included the following events.

Art Exhibit. "The Book as Art" was the theme of an exhibition selected from the Department of Special Collections by Dr. William J. Hennessy, Director of the University of Kentucky Art Museum, and mounted in the Richard Freeman Gallery of the museum. This handsomely installed showing demonstrated convincingly that fine books continue to offer an aesthetic as well as a practical dimension. Works printed by Gutenberg, Baskerville, Bodoni, and others were included in the show, along with fine illustrations and beautiful bindings, dated from ca. 1450 to 1977. Together they revealed how the quality of fine materials and splendid typographical craftsmanship combine in the art of the book.

Symposium. A three-part symposium, "The Library of the Future," was conducted during the day at the Center for the Arts. Mr. Rowland C. W. Brown, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC), of Dublin, Ohio, spoke to a 9:30 a.m. gathering regarding "The Impact of Technology on Libraries." "Academic Library Buildings: Where
"Have We Been and Where Are We Going?" was the topic of Indiana University's Prof. David Kaser in a presentation at 1:30 p.m. A panel discussion followed with Prof. John T. Shawcross moderating. The presentation, entitled: "Researchers and the Library," featured Dr. Paul E. Fuller, author and Professor of History at Transylvania University; Mr. James Park, Jr., an attorney with Brown Todd and Heyburn; and Dr. Charles Minshall, a researcher with Battelle Institute. Each presenter spoke about his use of libraries and the importance of librarians in his work.

**Student Celebration.** The Student Government Association presented John Updike's *Picked-Up Pieces* to the libraries as the two-million-and-first volume at a festive noontime program. A student brass quintet provided music for the activity, held on the plaza in front of King Library, where students enjoyed popcorn, pizza, bread sticks, and soft drinks donated by local businesses. Donna Greenwell, President of the Student Government Association, presided over the program, which included brief presentations by Chancellor Art Gallaher and Library Director Paul Willis, and the dedication of the libraries' new doors for the handicapped.

**Lincoln Exhibition.** An exhibition of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln memorabilia, taken from the William H. Townsend Collection, was on view in the W. Hugh Peal Gallery, King Library—North. William Townsend, a University of Kentucky alumnus, local attorney, and noted Lincoln collector, possessed many fascinating books, documents, letters, and photographs relating to Lincoln. As a special gesture to the occasion, Mrs. Joseph Murphy, Mr. Townsend's daughter and donor of the collection to the university, lent for public exhibit the watch Lincoln carried at the time of his assassination.

**Presentation Programs.** Following a cocktail-buffet reception at the Helen King Alumni House, more than four-hundred Library Associates, students, faculty, and friends filled Memorial Hall for the Two-Millionth Volume Presentation and the accompanying address of Dr. Vartan Gregorian.

A recital of music for trumpet and organ, given by Professors Vincent DiMartino and Schuyler Robinson of the Department of Music, preceded the evening program, which was broadcast live by WBKY radio. Mr. Willis welcomed guests and gave a brief account of the development of the libraries. He then introduced
Mr. Paul A. Willis, Director of Libraries; Dr. Otis A. Singletary, President of the University of Kentucky; Dr. Vartan Gregorian, President of the New York Public Library; and Dr. Thomas D. Clark, Professor Emeritus and donor of the university’s two-millionth volume.

Dr. Thomas D. Clark, Professor Emeritus and former Chairman of the Department of History, who presented the two-millionth volume to Pres. Otis A. Singletary. The work is one of the earliest obtainable printings of Kentuckian Abraham Lincoln’s 1863 Gettysburg Address.

Mrs. Faye Claiborne, President of the University of Kentucky Library Associates, followed, offering the two-million-and-second volume on behalf of the Library Associates. This book, one of the chief works of modern fine printing, is the 1896 edition of The Works of Geoffrey Chaucer produced by William Morris at the Kelmscott Press, London. A twelve-minute audiovisual presentation, “The University of Kentucky Libraries,” was next on the program, portraying the origins of the libraries, their growth, development, and future mission.

Dr. Otis A. Singletary, President of the University of Kentucky, introduced the evening’s featured speaker, his friend and fellow historian, Dr. Vartan Gregorian. Dr. Gregorian, President of the
Mrs. Faye Claiborne, President of the University of Kentucky Library Associates, presents the two-million-and-first volume. Also on the platform at Memorial Hall are Mr. Paul Willis, Prof. Thomas Clark, and Pres. Otis Singletary.

New York Public Library, then delivered a thoughtful formal address, “On Reading, Literacy, and the Book.”

Mr. Willis concluded the festive occasion by thanking special guests, the Library Associates, and those who worked on the Two-Millionth Volume Celebration Committee to make this special commemoration a success.

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