Friends of Forsyth Library brochure

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FORSYTH LIBRARY

As the Fort Hays Normal School began to transition into Fort Hays State University the library was one of the first projects. In the early days, the library was located in a room across from the principal's office with 720 volumes.

According to Dr. James Forsythe's book Lighthouse on the Plains: FHSU 1902-2002, "on July 1, 1902, there were 702 books and at the close of the W.S. Picken era there were 4,000 books in the library." Currently there are approximately 300,000 volumes in the main part of the library and more than 500,000 government documents.

In 1960, President Cunningham recommended to the State Board of Regents that a new library building be constructed. The legislature authorized the funds in 1964 and by the summer of 1967 the new library was put into service. It contained an unfinished basement, two floors and structural capacity for a third floor.

From simple beginnings to a full-service library offering services that include audiovisual materials and equipment; microreproductions and equipment; a premiere juvenile collection, government documents and much more, Forsyth Library is a vital part of FHSU, past and present.
FRIENDS OF FORSYTH LIBRARY

Friends of Forsyth Library will work to enrich the University Library and strengthen it as a vital center for academic excellence.

The group will have an enthusiasm for books and learning as well as an appreciation of the Library’s importance to the community.

Friends of Forsyth Library will support the Library mission through the sponsorship and underwriting of programs and projects not included in the Library budget and through fundraising efforts for specific projects.

IN ADDITION, FOFL WILL:

- Foster closer relations between the Library and the local and regional communities
- Support and cooperate with the Library in developing services
- Heighten public awareness of the Library
- Promote Library services and resources
- Enable the Library to enhance services, expand programs, adding new dimensions that maximize the Library’s role and usefulness for the University and the local and regional communities, and
- Assist in the identification of Library needs.

FRIENDS OF FORSYTH LIBRARY

Forsyth Library and Friends of Forsyth Library host cultural events, the Forsyth Library speaker series, and displays. Friends of Forsyth Library membership categories are:

- Student $5.00
- Patron $10.00
- Family $15.00
- Sponsor $100.00
- Contributor $500.00
- Gold $1,000.00
- Benefactor $2,500.00
- Presidential (lifetime): $10,000.00+

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