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Among Friends

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**Marilyn Holt
to Speak at
Annual Meeting in June.**

Marilyn Holt of Abilene is a graduate of Eastern Illinois University and holds a Master's degree in history from Sangamon State University, now the University of Illinois at Springfield.

She was an editor at the Illinois State Historical Society, 1982-1986, and Director of Publications for the Kansas State Historical Society, 1986-1990. Since 1996 she has edited the *Overland Journal*, the quarterly magazine of the Oregon-California Trail Association.

Mrs. Holt has been a trustee of the Friends of Kansas Libraries and served as Vice-President for Publications for that organization. She has taught a graduate course in Historical Editing at the University of Kansas and is an active member

of the Kansas Humanities Council's speakers bureau.

She is the author of *The Orphan Trains: Placing Out in America* (1992), now in its sixth printing. Her other books are *Model Ts, Pep Chapels, and a Wolf at the Door: Kansas Teenagers, 1900-1941* (1994) and *Linoleum, Better Babies and the Modern Farm Woman, 1890-1930* (1995).

Her work as an author, editor, and reviewer reflect her thorough research, her keen eye for detail, and her skillful and entertaining style. Her popularity as a speaker is attested to by her innumerable appearances throughout Kansas.

Mark your calendars now for Tuesday, June 23, 1998. The Annual Friends Dinner will be held in the Bradbury Thompson Center beginning at 6:00 p.m. with a wine reception and book signings followed by Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Holt's books will be available for sale. Please return the form on this page to reserve your place.

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Library Annual
Dinner

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**Friends Gift
to
Mabee Library**

**NATIONAL FILM
PRESERVATION
FOUNDATION FILMS**

**By Susan Zuber
Circulation Manager**

Mabee Library patrons and staff are excited about the wonderful collection of classic videos that are now available thanks to the generosity of the Friends of Mabee Library. Their donation of funds has enabled the library to purchase films selected by the National Film Preservation Foundation.

David Winchester, the Serials/Reference Librarian at Mabee, and a serious film buff said, "What a wonderful addition to to Mabee Library's collection to have National Film Registry movies on video. Film is such a fascinating medium. Who does not enjoy a good movie? From comedy and drama; musicals and westerns; to science fiction, the National Film Registry series has them all, and with only the best of the best films."

A sampling of the films selected reads like a who's who of classic cinema: *The Philadelphia Story, Citizen Kane, Gone with the Wind, The Prisoner of Zenda, Gigi, To Kill a Mockingbird, The Wizard of Oz, Salt of the Earth, and High Noon*, to name just a few.

There are also some unusual and very old films such as *The Black Pirate* which was shot in 1926 in the two strip color process and is taken from a rare French print. It stars Douglas Fairbanks. Another is a collection of *Fatty Arbuckle* short films shot in 1915. Also included is the first feature length movie with spoken dialog, *The Jazz Singer*.

Established in 1988 by the Library of Congress to preserve films deemed "culturally, historically, or aesthetically important", The National Film Preservation Foundation selects 25 films per year that meet the criteria and are at least ten years old. Mabee Library has been able to purchase 189 films, all the available films selected for the past nine years. This is a marvelous addition to our library's circulating collection.

Patrons have responded enthusiastically and most of the films have been checked out at least three times. Some of the more popular ones, *It Happened one Night, Rebel Without a Cause, African Queen, and Casablanca* have been very much in demand.

Comments made by patrons range from surprise to delight: "How wonderful to find such great classics in your library!", "I have been wanting to see this for ages." and "My mom told me about this movie and now I can see it for free."

Future plans for displaying this collection include the acquisition of more visible and

accessible shelf space specifically designed for movies.

As our librarian said: "Come see what a great collection of videos this is. View *All Quiet on the Western Front* and then check out Remarque's book as well." See you in the library real soon! (Sorry popcorn is not included with the check-out of each video).

Celebrate Washburn

Mabee Library is proud to be a part of the Celebrate Washburn activities in honor of Alumni Weekend and the Inauguration of President Jerry Farley. The William I Koch Art History Collection will be open for guests to take a look at this very special collection which consists of books, exhibition catalogs, periodicals, auction catalogs and ephemera covering the history of visual arts, photography and architecture.

A Koch Collection featured artist will be on special display. Each month works on an artist are pulled from the collection and put on display so that patrons can see what a varied collection it is.

In addition, two Mabee Library Lectures are scheduled.

"The Menninger Letters"

Thursday, April 16 at 3:00 p.m. in Mabee 105, Virginia Pruitt and Howard Faulkner will talk about their book, "The Menninger Letters" which won them the A. Roy Myers Excellence in Research Award. The book will be available for purchase and the authors will be happy to sign them before and after the lecture.

"From Horatio to Jerry: The History of Washburn's Presidents"

Martha Imparato, Special Collections Librarian, will deliver a Mabee Library Lecture, "From Horatio to Jerry: The History of Washburn's Presidents", on Saturday April 18 at 1:30 p.m. in Mabee 105. Horatio Q. Butterfield was the first president of Washburn and Dr. Jerry Farley is the current and 14th president. This lecture will examine Washburn's past as the campus celebrates the inauguration of Dr. Farley and his hopes and dreams for Washburn's bright future.

"Special Library Displays"

In addition to the Koch Collection artist display there will be a library display on

presidential history at Washburn that can be viewed anytime during Celebrate Washburn. This display will feature unique archive collection material. While you're looking at displays, be sure to check out the Kansas History Museum traveling display "I born again in America: observations on a more diverse nation." This exhibit explores the multicultural nature of America focusing on Garden City, the fastest-growing community in Kansas. The question of what makes us American is portrayed through photographs and oral histories of Hispanics, Southeast Asian immigrants, and long time Garden City residents. In conjunction with the exhibit the library will have a display of Multicultural materials from the Mabee Collection and provide a listing of some relevant internet sites.



The Library is Looking for...

\$300.00 to buy a combination *TV/VCR with headphones* so library users can view in the library the video collection.

\$200.00 to purchase *video and audio cards* to upgrade Netstations.

\$1,100 each to purchase *Netstations* for the new electronic classroom.

\$2,300 to purchase the *New Grove Dictionary of Music and*

Musicians to add to the Reference Collection.

\$675.00 to purchase the *Columbia Gazetteer of the World*. First new edition in 46 years.

\$30.00 to add *Polices and Practice: A Focus On Higher Education Retention* to the collection.

\$20.00 to add *University Secrets; Your Guide to Surviving A College Education* to the collection.

\$28.00 to add *Restructuring Academic Libraries; organizational development in the Wake of Technological Changes* to the collection.

\$125.00 to add *Doing Business in Topeka* to the collection.

Donations in any amount for library materials (books, videotapes, etc.) can be made in your own name or in the name of someone you wish to honor or memorialize. Requests for items in specific subject areas can be accommodated. Every item purchased with such a donation can include a bookplate with the name of the donor and/or the person who is being honored by the gift. Please contact Rebecca Bostian, Director, Mabee Library (785)231-1179.

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- Preserve and restore materials with lasting value.
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- Remain accessible for everyone who wants to use it—today and in the future.

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