



AMONG FRIENDS

The Friends of Mabee Library Newsletter

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Mabee sets new
in-person
usage record

283,650

2017

GATE COUNT

A Note From the Dean

2017 was a banner year for Mabee Library and the Center for Student Success, **breaking another in-person usage record**. As more students used the Mabee, our First Year Experience Program set a freshmen retention record at 74%, up from 62% in 2012.

All this means that your support of the Mabee is changing student lives. Please **renew your membership today** to continue providing the information and academic resources that drive student success and on-time graduation.

Congratulations to our First Ichabod Success Institute Graduates

The Ichabod Success Institute, a nationally-recognized bridge program, is celebrating its first class of graduates in May!

Institute students are from USD 501 Topeka Public Schools. They are first-generation, Pell-eligible, minority, and in need of remedial classes.

Nationally, the graduation rate for this cohort is under 10%. But, we are proud to announce that **35%** of our incoming 2016 class will graduate in May with an Associate's Degree—in just two years! Congrats Ichabods!

Want to give to the project? Contact Sean Frost at the Foundation.
sfrost@wualumni.org

"Looking back on my two years at Washburn, I think of the people and their support that got me to where I am today. Most of the support came from Mabee Library, which is basically a second home to not just me but to everyone. The library gave each of us, individually, the aid and encouragement to achieve our success."

-Brandon Moreno, Biology

Immersive Classroom Project Underway

In its most forward-thinking project yet, Mabee Library will break ground on three new immersive classrooms in Summer 2018. The most technology-rich of these will feature a decision theater for data analytics, visualization and gaming, and a one-button recording studio.

Another classroom, the Math Emporium, is designed to increase success rates in Math courses needed for graduation.

Immersive Learning Classroom with Decision Theater



Want to give to the project? Contact Sean Frost. Naming opportunities are available. sfrost@wualumni.org

CALLING ALL TALENT! Friends Board Elections are in May. If you are interested in serving in a leadership role, please contact President Gary Schmidt at garyschmidt@bsrconsulting.net.

Renew your Friends of Mabee Library membership today!

Membership at every level is very important to the library.

Donation options:

Check payable to: Friends of Mabee Library _____
Washburn University Foundation Name
1700 SW College Avenue _____
Topeka, KS 66621 Address

Credit Card: # _____ City, State, Zip

Exp. Date: _____ Phone

X _____
Signature Cell

Donation amount enclosed: _____

- Bibliophiles.....\$50-\$99
- Mentors.....\$100-\$999
- Conservators.....\$1,000-\$4,999
- Visionaries.....\$5,000+



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SAVE THE DATE!

2018 Hefner Heitz Kansas Book Award
in Literary Nonfiction winner Louise
Krug will read from her winning book

Tilted

Thursday, April 5, 2018
4:00 p.m.
Mabee Library