Friends Group Celebrates at UMKC & Nationwide

October 22, 2008 - University Libraries celebrated Friends of the Library during National Friends of the Library Week, October 19-28, 2008. Over 3000 letters and bookmarks were delivered to UMKC faculty and staff. The letter provided an overview of what the Friends do for the university as well as an invitation to participate and join. To show support and raise visibility for the group, board members distributed Alphapointe pens to students, faculty, and staff in the lobby of Miller Nichols Library. The turn out was great and the pens were a huge hit - nearly all 250 of them were gone within an hour!

Book Sales Support Collections, Increase Visibility

Friends of the Library monthly book sales are very popular among local book enthusiasts, including UMKC students, faculty, staff, professional book buyers, and community members. Proceeds and community visibility from the sales directly benefit the University Libraries. Additionally, the introduction in 2008 of a perpetual book sale at favorite off-campus hang-out Muddy's Coffeehouse has helped generate even more buzz. Friends' First Friday's Book Sales and perpetual book sales have raised over $10,000 in the past twelve months alone! Your donated books could make the next sale happen. Call 816.235.1682 to schedule your tax-deductible donation.

Friends Books Broadway Bound

September, 2008 - Kansas City Repertory Theatre purchased several hundred damaged or un-sellable used books from the Friends to construct one of the sets for their first show of the season, Clay, written and performed by Matt Sax. After closing at the Rep in late September, the show (and set) moved to New York's Lincoln Center where it ran through Nov. 8.

Literary Fun in the Summer Sun

May 17, 2008 - UMKC Friends of the Library participated in the 2nd Annual Kansas City Literary Festival on the Country Club Plaza. The Friends hosted a book sale, raising over $900. Board members and volunteers manned the booth. They welcomed browsers and shoppers while encouraging them to become members of the Friends.

Friends Present Libraries Annual Gift of $33,000

April 16, 2008 - Friends president, Dan Bradbury, presented Dean Sharon Bostick with a giant check representing 2008's annual gift to the Libraries. The ceremony was part of the Friends' Annual Celebration which was held at the Blue Room and featured the UMKC Concert Jazz Band playing music from the collection of Warren Durrett (part of the Libraries' Marr Sound Archives and Kenneth J. LaBudde Special Collections). The gift was used in support of the Libraries' collections for the purchase of resources such as books, videos, recordings, electronic resources, and music scores.
New Web Site Debuts - http://friends.library.umkc.edu

The NEW and improved Friends of the Library Web site has arrived – and we invite you to keep in touch by visiting often. More attractive and user friendly than ever, the new Web site has been designed with you in mind. Now it's easier to join the Friends, keep up to date with Friends activities and events, share your comments, and – and generally being a part of the UMKC community. Please keep in touch with the Friends and by visiting the new and improved Friends Web site frequently.

UMKC Friends of the Library received national accolades this summer, receiving not one but two "Best Friends Awards" from Friends of the Library USA. The awards recognize outstanding publicity materials in the categories of Academic Membership Brochures and Program Publicity (won for our invitations to UMKC's 75th Anniversary Kick-off event and reception featuring author and KC native, Calvin Trillin.)

Friends Promotional Materials Receive National Recognition

It's Time to Join or Renew Your Membership to UMKC Friends of the Library

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS
- UMKC students - FREE
- UMKC faculty & staff - $25
- Individual - $50
- Family - $100
- Patron - $250
- Individual Benefactor - $700
- Couple Benefactor - $1000

As a member of the Friends, your support will:
- Help fund ongoing purchases of materials for use by students, faculty and the community that are not available in any other area library.
- Further activities which build awareness about the importance of a strong university library so important to the vitality of the greater Kansas City community.
- Help continue regular book sales at substantially reduced prices which benefit library collections.
- Promote legislative advocacy at the state and local levels which underscore our message of the importance of higher education.
- Link members to Friends special events and university activities – and the progress of the expansion and enhancement of the Miller Nichols Library.

UMKC Friends of the Library Membership Application

Name ________________________________
Address ________________________________
City ___________ State _______ ZIP _______
Phone: Home __________________ Office ________________
E-Mail __________________________________

Membership Level: ______________________________
Amount $________ Additional Donation $__________

I wish to pay by... □ MC □ VISA □ Discover □ Check
Card # __________________________ Expires ________

I understand that I am financially responsible for any lost or overdue materials checked out to my Community Checkout account number.

Signature of Account Holder

Join Online at http://friends.library.umkc.edu

Make checks payable to UMKC Friends of the Library.
Your membership/donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Mail application with payment to:
UMKC Friends of the Library
Advancement Services
229 Administrative Center
5100 Rockhill Road
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