

# Friends of the Garnett Library

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MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY - WEST PLAINS

**MARCH MEETING**

*Happy Spring, Friends!*

- Meeting Date: March 10, 2023
- 12:00 noon
- Location: **Drago Hall, Creative Learning Center**
- Cost of lunch: \$10
- **Call in your reservations today at 255-7940**



**The daffodils the Friends planted last Fall are blooming!**

**2022-2023 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS**

Garnett Library and Friends Update Rebekah McKinney and Janet McClure	Mar 10
Spring Fashion Show West Plains Country Club	Apr 13
Tour of the new Ozarks Heritage Research Center Dr. Jason McCollom and Rebekah McKinney	Apr 14

MARCH ...a time when the vernal equinox occurs as the sun travels across the equator and we experience “nearly” equal amounts of daylight and darkness. It is when our spirits may brighten as we enjoy seeing the first blossoms of spring flowers and shrubs, and buds forming where leaves will soon replace them. It is the joy of Springtime, a time of transition.

As Spring signals a new beginning, so do the Friends of the Garnett Library. It is in March when the Nominating Committee presents the members who have chosen to support the organization with their time and devotion. The candidates for the 2023-2024 academic year are as follows: President, Carla Neff; Vice-President, Tiffany Young; and Secretary, Alex Cochran.

We hope that you will give your support to each of them by your vote at the meeting on Friday. Installation will be at our next general meeting on April 14th. Thank you!

*~~Janet McClure, President*

**ATTENTION: Our next monthly meeting on Friday, March 10 will be in a different location.** We want to introduce you to another building on campus — Drago Hall — located on the corner of West Main and Garfield. On the west side of the building is a West Plains police substation. On the east side is our Creative Learning Center/Art Classroom, recognizable by the mural on the front.



The program this month will be presented by Rebekah McKinney, Director of Library Services, and Janet McClure, President of the Friends. They will present reports and updates on the library and the Friends organization. We hope you will be able to join us! Please RSVP by or before Wednesday, March 8.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:**

Individual Members	66
Lifetime Individual	20
Business Member	1
Lifetime Business	4
Total Membership	91

*As of March 1, 2023*

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

General Acct	\$ 85,429.75
Book Fund Acct	856.79
Total Balance	\$ 86,286.54

*As of March 1, 2023*

*~~You are invited~~*

A dedication ceremony will be held at 1:30 pm Friday, March 10 for the new lecture room in Looney Hall. The room will be named in honor of long-time local physician Dr. Marvin Fowler, a strong supporter of the nursing program and a lifetime member of the Friends.

Following the Friends meeting in Drago Hall, you are invited to walk across the parking lot and attend this dedication to honor one of our “Friends.”

**PLEASE RSVP @255-7940 SO THAT THERE WILL BE ENOUGH FOOD AND SEATING!**

## Successful Chili Supper!

Our 2023 Chili Supper fundraiser was a success! We appreciate all of the people who worked very hard to make it happen. Thank you!!! A big thank you, too, to David Hale of Wendy's who donated the delicious chili!!! Proceeds from the event, after expenses, were \$737.00.



### Meet our Nominated Officers for 2023-2024:

**For President: Carla Neff** — Carla is an instructor in MSU-WP's Allied Health & Health Information Technology Division, teaching a variety of courses in the healthcare field. She previously was the Corporate Compliance Officer for Air Evac before coming to MSU-WP in 2016.

**For Vice-President: Tiffany Young** — Tiffany is currently the Coordinator of Secondary Teaching & Learning for the West Plains School District, and recently received a Doctorate in Instructional Leadership. She taught in Ozark and Nixa schools before moving back home to West Plains in 2018. She and her husband, Kevin, have a 5-year-old son, Cash.

**For Secretary: Alex Cochran** — Alex is Administrative Assistant in the University Advancement Office. He graduated from MSU-WP with an Associates of Applied Science Technology and an Associates of Business, and will complete his bachelor's degree in business from MSU-Springfield this fall. He is from West Plains, and previously worked in Garnett Library as a student computer lab assistant.



### Save the date:

*"It's a Fun Time" Fashion Show & Luncheon*  
*Thursday, April 13*  
 at the West Plains Country Club

Reservations must be made in advance. Please contact the library (255-7940) if interested in attending.