

# Friends of the Garnett Library

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MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY - WEST PLAINS

**APRIL MEETING**

*Happy Spring, Friends!*

- Meeting Date: April 14, 2023
- 12:00 noon
- Location: **Garnett Library**  
304 W Trish Knight St.
- Cost of lunch: \$10
- **Call in your reservations today at 255-7940**

*Bring a friend to Friends!*



APRIL...the month when spring truly comes alive with more flowers blooming and trees filling with leaves. Perhaps that is how April got its name, from the Latin word aperio, meaning "to open or bud." It is also a fresh start for the Friends of the Garnett Library as the MSU-WP 2022-2023 academic year comes to an end.

This is the time when the "Friends" welcome the elected officers for the 2023-2024 year. At the March meeting they were elected; now in April, they are officially installed as officers. I have no doubt that they will shine as brightly as the April birth stone (the diamond) and that they will serve the organization in fulfilling the goals set forth by the Friends of the Garnett Library.

The Executive Officers for the 2023-2024 academic year are: Carla Neff, President; Tiffany Young, Vice-President; and Alex Cochran, Secretary. I know that you will support them, as you have me. Have a wonderful and relaxing summer. See you at the Friends' September meeting.

~~Janet McClure, President

**ATTENTION: Our last monthly meeting for the academic year — Friday, April 14 — will be held at Garnett Library.** The program will be presented by Dr. Jason McCollom and Rebekah McKinney, who will introduce us to the new Ozarks Heritage Research Center and give a tour of this newly renovated area in the library. Please RSVP soon and then join us at 12:00 noon for lunch, interesting discussions, and fellowship with fellow Friends.



**2022-2023 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS**

- Spring Fashion Show  
West Plains Country Club Apr 13
- Tour of the new Ozarks Heritage Research Center  
Dr. Jason McCollom & Rebekah McKinney Apr 14

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:**

Individual Members	67
Lifetime Individual	20
Business Member	1
Lifetime Business	<u>4</u>
Total Membership	92

*As of April 1, 2023*

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

General Acct	\$ 86,376.10
Book Fund Acct	<u>856.79</u>
Total Balance	\$ 87,232.89

*As of April 1, 2023*

**2023 Bears of Distinction Dinner and Awards Ceremony**



**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
to the Friends of the Garnett Library for this very distinctive and well deserved honor!

Missouri State University Volunteer Group of the Year

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

**\*\* More news on page 2! \*\***

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## The Director's Corner

As we come to the end of another academic year, I would like to say THANK YOU! for supporting me, my staff, and the individuals who use Garnett Library, including each of you!

Did you know April 23-29 is when we celebrate National Library Week? Libraries are welcoming spaces that bring communities together, but there is so much more to the story of libraries. Libraries play a critical role in the economic vitality of communities, and especially our campus, by providing internet and technology access, literacy skills, and a large selection of services. If you haven't checked out Garnett Library lately, you're missing the full story!

How can you celebrate **National Library Week**?

- **Tuesday, April 25: National Library Workers Day**, a day for library staff, users, administrators, and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers.
- **Wednesday, April 26: National Library Outreach Day**, a day to celebrate library outreach and the dedicated library professionals who are meeting their patrons where they are.
- **Thursday, April 27: Take Action for Libraries Day**, a day to rally advocates to support libraries.

Please consider helping the Garnett Library by inviting others to join the Friends, attend our events, and/or giving a donation no matter how large or small.

We appreciate you and thank you for another wonderful year of supporting Garnett Library!!!

Rebekah McKinney  
Director of Library Services



*I wandered lonely as a cloud  
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,  
When all at once I saw a crowd,  
A host, of golden daffodils;  
Beside the lake [belltower], beneath the trees,  
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.*

*For oft, when on my couch I lie  
In vacant or in pensive mood,  
They flash upon that inward eye  
Which is the bliss of solitude;  
And then my heart with pleasure fills,  
And dances with the daffodils.*

~ William Wordsworth  
(My apologies to Mr. Wordsworth  
for altering his word.)

## Daffodil Campaign

Please help us build a "host of daffodils" in front of the amphitheater and belltower



\$5.00 per bulb

To be planted on campus next Fall — or delivered to you to plant in your yard.

Order by September 15, 2023