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## **On the Way with Kay**



The Friends of the University Libraries exist first and foremost to support the library and through the library contribute to the University experience. Financial support is our primary contribution, but we're proud as well of the work we have undertaken assisting library staff with projects such as Faculty Scholarship week that emphasize and contribute to academic excellence. In return the

wonderful resources of the library are a benefit to you as a Friends member.

First of all there is the full slate of fine public programming. A list is provided elsewhere in this newsletter, but I want to emphasize that these programs are a wonderful window into topics that are interesting and intellectually challenging.

Additionally, I know the Friends members are intellectually active, engaged in the community and have many interests. Another wonderful benefit is the privilege to explore the resources of the library for your own intellectual pursuits. From the new online catalog you can access from your home computer, to checking out books, to availing yourself of the library research materials, there is a wealth of knowledge available that is important, relevant and not readily available elsewhere.

And finally the preservation of Memphis and MidSouth history through the libraries' special collections is a wonderful benefit that accrues to the entire regional community. As a Friend you can take personal pride in the knowing that the University Libraries preserve the stories of our community's history through newspaper archives, oral histories and personal papers of significant Memphians.

I encourage you to take full advantage of the benefits the libraries offer.

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