

FACTS ABOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE IN KENTUCKY
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<u>Extent:</u>		<u>Support:</u>	
Population of Kentucky	2,614,589	Number of public libraries receiving some tax money	31
Number of people with public library service	860,185	Number maintained by women's Clubs	23
Number of people without public library service	1,754,404	Number supported by other private means: memberships, associations, endowments, etc.	14
Percent of population with	33	Expenditures per capita, based on total population	\$0.12
Percent of population without	67	AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION STANDARD of per capita expenditure	\$1.00
Total number of public libraries	68		
Number of counties with at least one public library	59		
Number of counties without any	61		

Services:

Total number of books in all public libraries	726,412
Number of volumes per capita, based on total population	0.28
-that is, approximately one-quarter of one book	
AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION STANDARD, volumes per capita	1½ to 3
Circulation per capita, based on total population	0.88
-this is, approximately nine-tenths of one book	
AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION STANDARD, circulation per capita	5 to 10

OTHER TYPES OF LIBRARIES:

The facts presented about public libraries reflect in large measure the situation that exists in the school libraries and in the college and university libraries of Kentucky. Again it is a story of weak libraries receiving inadequate support and offering inadequate services.

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MOBILIZING CITIZEN INTEREST

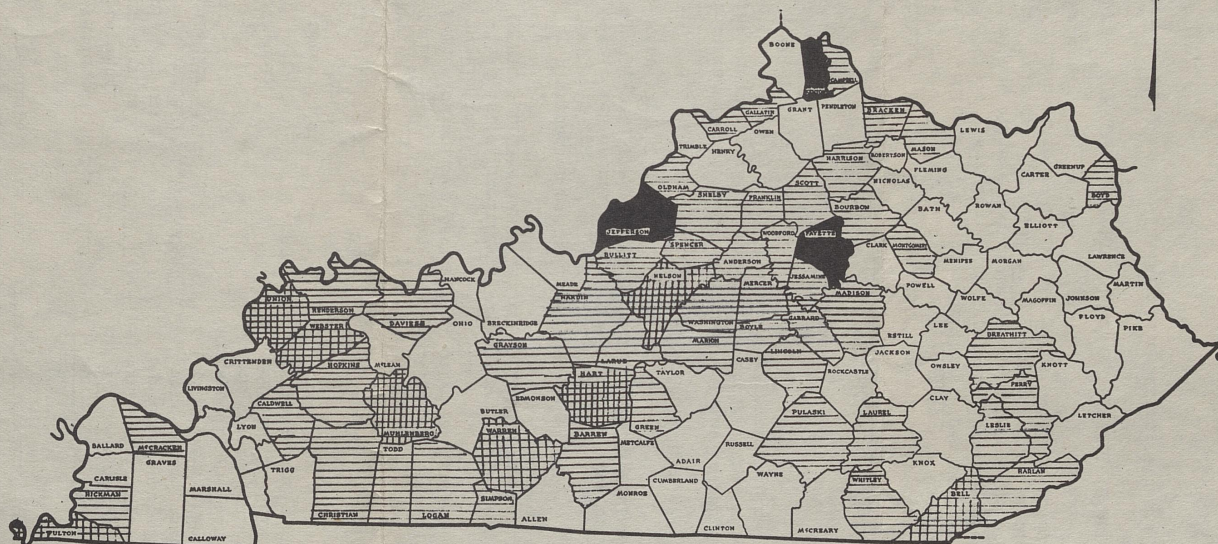
A Citizens Library Movement is now being organized in Kentucky, following the example of other forward-looking states. Its purpose is two-fold, namely, to stimulate local library development, and to mobilize state-wide interest in the extension and improvement of library service. All types of libraries are comprehended in this aim, public, school and college. Its plan is to promote the organization of select laymen into local "Friends of the Library" groups, and to affiliate these local units in a state-wide Citizens Library Movement. There will be no dues and no solicitations of funds from members. The aim will be -

BETTER LIBRARIES OFFERING ADEQUATE SERVICE TO ALL THE PEOPLE

Address inquiries to the Kentucky Library Association, 4th and York Sts., Louisville

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- Counties having county-wide library service (3)
- ▤ Counties having 2 or more local public libraries (8)
- ▬ Counties having one local public library (48)
- Counties having no local public library service (61)

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