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CHARLESTON, IL --Speakers, an organ recital, and the re-opening of the front doors of Booth Library will be among activities at Eastern Illinois University on Friday, April 10, in observance of National Library Week.

The doors were closed in 1967 when a new addition to the building was completed and the doors on the west side became the main entrance, primarily for security reasons.

Now, according to Dr. Wilson Luquire, Dean of Library Services, new security equipment makes it unnecessary to have only one entrance. At 9 p.m., President Daniel E. Marvin, Jr. and James Edgar, Secretary of State, will officiate at a ribbon-cutting ceremony signalling the opening of the doors.

A symposium, "Academic Libraries: Their Rich Heritage," will feature:

Dr. Robert Downs, Dean of Library Administration Emeritus at the University of Illinois, who delivered the dedicatory address for Booth Library:

Dr. Keyes Metcalf, Librarian Emeritus of Harvard University, who has planned more than 550 academic library buildings;

Dr. David Kaser, Professor at the Indiana University Graduate Library School;

And, Dr. Jesse Shera, Dean Emeritus of the Case Western Reserve University School of Library Science.

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The program will conclude with a panel moderated by Dr. Margaret Soderberg, Assistant Vice President, and will last from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the University Union.

The Symposium will include a 6 p.m. dinner and will honor members of the "Friends of the Eastern Illinois University Library." Luquire said the purpose of the "Friends" is to "assist the total enrichment and development of the academic program and the University Library by providing resources to supplement all aspects of library programs."

Members of the "Friends" steering committee are, from Mattoon: Mrs. Gail Lumpkin, Mrs. Betty Ronchetti, and Mrs. Barbara B. Werden.

From Charleston: Dr. Harold M. Cavins, Dr. Quincy Doudna, Mrs. Olga Durham, Dr. Mack Hollowell, Mrs. Marjorie Hutton, Mrs. Ruth Jaenike, Mrs. Frances McColl, Jerry C. Nikitas, Eli R. Sidwell, Jr., Mrs. Catharine Smith, Mrs. Alice E. Tolle, Mrs. Leyle Waddell, Dr. Marian Wozencraft, and Dr. Lorene Ziegler. Dr. Luquire is Executive Secretary of the committee.