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BOOTH LIBRARY SEEKS SUPPORT FROM ALUMNI

CHARLESTON, IL--As part of National Library Week April 5-11, Eastern Illinois University's Booth Library is beginning an "Adopt-A-Book" fundraising campaign targeted to Eastern alumni and library friends living in Coles County.

The campaign, designed to raise monies to purchase new books for Booth Library, will become part of the library's annual fundraising efforts.

Informational brochures on the "Adopt-A-Book" program along with pledge cards and envelopes will be mailed next week to some 2,500 EIU alumni and friends of Booth Library who reside in Coles County.

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Acting Dean of Library Services Allen Lanham said reduced state funding has made private support essential if Booth Library is to continue being a quality information source for the people of Coles County and the University community.

"Because of a $150,000 decrease in funding for the library this year, we were unable to purchase over 3,000 new books--books which had been considered essential additions to our collection. If our state funding continues to decline in coming years, Booth Library may cease to be the tremendous resource it is today," Lanham said.

He said Eastern alumni are eligible to receive Booth Library services, including borrowing from its collection.

The names of all donors will be displayed in a prominent location in the library.

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