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K-STATE SELECTED TO HOST FIRST FOLIO EXHIBITION

By Karin Westman

Kansas State University has been selected as the only host site in Kansas for "First Folio! The Book that Gave Us Shakespeare," a national traveling exhibition of the Shakespeare First Folio, one of the world's most treasured books. The Folger Shakespeare Library, in partnership with the Cincinnati Museum Center and the American Library Association, will send a First Folio to all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico in 2016.

**THE ONLY PLACE IN KANSAS
TO EXPERIENCE THE NATIONAL
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"FIRST FOLIO! THE BOOK THAT
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WILL BE KANSAS STATE
UNIVERSITY, FEB. 1-28, 2016.**

The exhibition comes to Kansas State University Feb. 1-28, 2016.

Don Hedrick, professor of English and expert in Shakespeare and Renaissance drama, initiated the successful application.

The Department of English will co-host the exhibition in partnership with K-State Libraries and the Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art. There will be a wide array of exciting Shakespeare-related programming throughout the month. Community organizations and campus venues such as McCain Auditorium are planning additional supporting programs and events.

The First Folio is the first collected edition of Shakespeare's plays. It was compiled by two of his fellow actors, and the 36 works were published in 1623, seven years after Shakespeare's death. Eighteen titles would have been lost if they had not been published in the First Folio, including "Macbeth," "Julius Caesar," "Twelfth Night," "The Tempest," "Antony and Cleopatra," "The Comedy of Errors" and "As You Like It."

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