

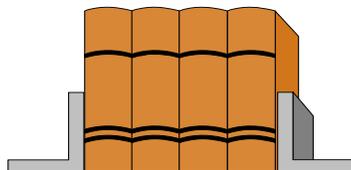
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The President's Corner

by Sue Ann Barnes, President
Friends of the Library Board

Have you been enjoying the new atmosphere at our library? Well I have and I appreciate the work the new director and her staff have been doing to improve the physical appearance of the libraries, but more importantly I like the smiles that come with the excellent service!!

I want to express my thanks to the Library Board and our County Commission and City Council for giving our community back the opportunity to have a library we can love. If you feel the same way, call or write to a councilman or commissioner or board member and express your appreciation.

Two things from the Friends should land in your mailbox in August. Our annual membership drive letter is one of them.

Our new VP for Membership, Dorcus Davis, has been working with volunteers to get that out to you.

The other is this Newsletter which contains information about our fall programs and news of interest to anyone who uses and loves our library.

New A/V Materials at the Jackson- Madison County

Library:
(from Mike Baker,
Media Librarian)

Music CDs

- Old Sock*
by Eric Clapton
- Set You Free*
by Gary Allan
- Wheelhouse*
by Brad Paisley
- Love Will*
by Trace Adkins
- Monk's Dream*
by Theolonious Monk

DVDs

- Mama*
- Jack Reacher*
- The Hobbit*
- Bullet To The Head*
- Warm Bodies*

CD Audio Books

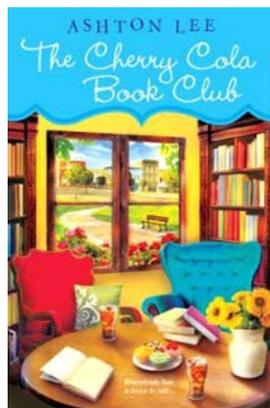
- Old Sock*
by Ace Atkins
- Moonlight Mile*
by Dennis Lehane
- Life of Pi*
by Yann Martel
- The Book of Lost Things*
by John Connolly
- A Chain of Thunder*
by Jeff Shaara
- No Easy Day*
by Mark Owen

Some of you got another kind of mail, the “e” variety with notes about the first program and two music events planned for mid-August and mid-September. If you have e-mail and did not receive that notice and want to receive the FOL e-mails, please send your e-mail address to Dixie Berryman, (dberryman@charter.net) or remember to put it on your membership card when you mail in your dues.

We send out reminders of events, not only those specifically supported by FOL but those happening at one of our library locations that may be of interest to our members. If you do not wish to get the notices, you need only inform Dixie and/or Sue (barnes-s@charter.net) and you will be removed from the list.

Are you revved up and ready to join the Friends of the Library for a wonderful year of programs and special events at the Library?

In September at our first Noon Book Review is on Thursday the 5th and will be an author event. Ashton Lee will visit, read from and sign copies of *The Cherry Cola Book Club*. His book is set in Cherico, MS, where a desperate, young librarian works to save the library for the community and her job. She gets a



lot of help from the town’s booklovers. Do join us at noon as we have a chance to explore this novel full of wit, warmth and charm. To see Ashton’s fan page and a clever video trailer for the book visit: facebook.com/ashtonlee.net and then go to his July 13 entry.

Remember that for all our noon reviews coffee and dessert are served and you are encouraged to come early and bring your lunch and share food and conversation with friends and fellow booklovers. The coffee is usually perked by 11:30 a.m. and the doors of the Program Center open.

A bit later in September on Wednesday the 11th, there will be classical guitar concerts at both the Main and Branch libraries. The performer will be



Jeff Bianchi. You can learn about him and hear a clip of his playing at www.velvetguitar.com.

Light refreshments will be served at 11:30 a.m. before the performance at noon in the Program Room of the Main Library and after the performance in the Program Room of the Branch Library at 3 p.m. So come and join us to feed your body and soul.

At noon on the first Thursday of October, board member Annette Cooley, who volunteers many hours in the Tennessee Room, will join with Tennessee Room staff member Evelyn Keele, to let you know about the projects that have been completed and that are underway in this true treasure trove of history.

FOL provides assistance in the form of supporting the acquisition of acid free boxes and folders to hold precious historic papers; but the real assistance to this important resource are the volunteers who enter data, file papers and extract information to make it available to those who wish to do historical or family research.

Annette, Starla Dugan, Sandra Kelly, Linda Freeman and Jimmy Wilkins are regular Tennessee Room volunteers. Remember there are opportunities for you to volunteer at the library as well, just check with Dinah and the staff. Of course, the Friends need volunteers to help provide refreshments for our noon reviews, to work with Book Sale preparation (this goes on all year) and help hosting other events at the library.

The November program will be supported in part by a grant from The Jackson Arts Counsel. Dr. Heidi Kraft author of *Rule Number Two* and a veteran of the Iraq War will be here to present two programs. One will be at noon in the

Program Room on Thursday, November 7 and the other will be at Union University that evening. Both will center on her book which relates her experiences in

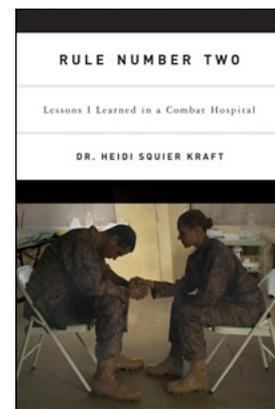
Iraq and how she has used them in her work with veterans and their families. She has been nationally recognized and was honored by SAMSHA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) at the 2011 Voice Awards for leadership and advocacy in trauma.

You can hear an NPR radio piece with Dr. Kraft at: <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=120270774>

Please come and help us honor our veterans. All veterans and their families are invited to this event. Sandwiches as well as dessert and coffee will be provided and ready by 11 a.m.

Come and bring a veteran or a friend with you for this very special event.

Also mark your calendar for a Library Foundation Event on Tuesday, October 29, at 6:30 p.m. when you have the opportunity to be wined, dined and entertained at the third Books of Madison County Event. But this year there will be much more to look forward to at this event. Look for details in this Newsletter.



In the fall there should be two parties that you won't want to miss:

- The grand opening of the new Main Library showing off its new floor plan and refurbished image.
- The new larger and lovelier location of the Branch on Stonebridge.

Dinah Harris, our director, and her staff are implementing changes, revamping spaces, moving old furniture and installing new fixtures. When the process is completed, there will be good times to have in celebration.

These events are wonderful reasons to come on to either library location, but remember the library is a great place to get a book, get connected, bring your children or grandchildren, or just spend a bit of time reading. Please remember it is your Library and so use it well.

Library Director's Column

by Dinah Harris

When trying to design a logo for the rebirth of the Jackson-Madison County Library, I searched for three words that would describe the library of today.

Those words were "technology, literacy, and community." Our new logo uses those words along with silhouettes of people in different shades of blue to represent the

diversity of Jackson-Madison County.

We also used the words "Connect here!" because the library is the location where you can connect with those three elements.

(Special thanks to Joshua Fitzgerald for taking my sketch of the logo and making a useful digital image of it!)

As the library is being "reborn," you will notice these three elements being the focus on all the new offerings.

To begin, our new North Branch location at 6 Stonebridge Blvd offers two additional public access computers, an early literacy computer just for the kids (courtesy of a grant), 15 additional wall book shelving units for a great increase in the amount of books we will be able to house, an improved children's area, a dedicated young adult area, additional guests seating and a program room.

The Jackson-Madison County North Branch opened in its new location on August 6. We offer much thanks to the Friends of the Library members who came and helped us during the move. You all were a great help! We also thank the Library Foundation for funding the new furnishings.

The rebirth of the Main Library is even more dramatic. All of the changes we have been talking about for the past several months are now taking shape.

The new circulation desk is set to arrive around the end of August. The new shelving should arrive around the first of October.

In the meantime, we are working on the new community classroom, improved children's area (thanks to the Friends of the Library), and new teen room.

We have also been working on the behavior in and outside the library, and many people have been commenting on the difference.

Library staff are reaching out to the community, attending events, and passing out information about all the things the library offers the community. Excitement is running high! We even plan to have a booth at the West Tennessee Fair in September, so look for us there!

Children's Department News

by Jennifer Brewer, Children's Librarian

If you came into the library at all this summer, you might have noticed that on most days there were children all over the place. We had a lot going on in the children's department. Once school started back there are still toddlers and home schooling children visiting during the day, and with our new later hours, the children who are in school have the opportunity to come to the library in the evenings.

The Summer Reading Program was a success! We registered 590 children which amazes me. That means a lot of parents, grandparents, and caregivers took the time to bring their kids to the library and made sure that they were reading or being read to each day. It's refreshing to know that so many people in our community recognize the value of encouraging early literacy.

We gave out thousands of little prizes and several big ones as well. There was a Poetry contest, and Autobiography writing contest, and an art contest in addition to the prizes for reading for one hundred minutes each week. We really enjoyed the special events as well. On the first day of registration we were so happy to have Jennifer Eason, an awesome face-painter, with us all day. A magician, a mad scientist, a ventriloquist, a musical family, and an illustrator all visited and entertained hundreds of children in the Program Center. I am so grateful to the Friends of the Library for funding this program each year. It is so much fun and is so important to the children and families of this community. We also want to thank our other sponsors: West Tennessee Healthcare, The Jackson Clinic, The Old Country Store, Sweet CeCe's Frozen Yogurt & Treats, Kids Stop Toy Store, Green Frog Coffee Shop, Back Yard BBQ, The Baker's Rack, Heavenly Ham, and Target.

Now that the kids are back in school, you would think things would quiet down around here, but actually there is still a lot going on. Preschool Story Times are at 10:30 a.m. at the Main Library on Tuesdays and Fridays, and at the North Branch on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.

There is a book club for Homeschoolers that meets now on Friday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. Adults with Special Needs are welcome to come to a fun story time on Friday mornings at 11:30 a.m.

In addition to all that, we are working on our renovations to the Children's Department a little at a time. We've already moved several bookshelves to make room for a Story Time rug and some cozy furniture. The plan is to also make a special room for the teens and the Young Adult book selection, and at the same time we're expanding the Children's Department to make more room for kids' computers and a Story Time area.

As you can imagine, every day is a busy day at the library. Come visit at either our Main Library down town or the new North Branch. Bring your kids or grandchildren.

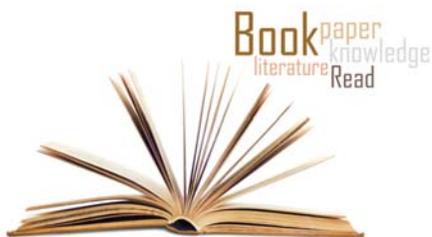
Greetings from the Library Board of Trustees!

by Terica Smith, Board Chairwoman

There are so many great things going on with the JMCL! The Library Board is excited about all that is happening with the Library. July 1, 2013 marked the change of the Board's administration. Terica Smith serves as Board Chairwoman, Dr. Charles Baldwin serves as Vice Chairman, and Jerry Bastin continues his service as Treasurer. Brandon McWherter, Elaine Christian, Glenn Vaulx, and Mike Stone continue their service as Board Members.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mike Stone for his many years of service to the Board. His term will be ending soon. He has been a valuable member of the Board and we will miss his insight. The Madison County Commission will appoint the new board member as his replacement.

We are pleased with the response from Library patrons, the city and county governing bodies, the Friends of the Library, the Library Foundation, and the community about the improvements and changes made thus far. The Board has made some tough decisions and we are thankful for your support. We are committed to continuing the work we have started. We will continue to support the Library and implement necessary changes for the JMCL. Our goal is to make the JMCL the best library!



The Tennessee Room

by Annette Cooley, Tennessee Room Volunteer

The past few weeks have been very busy in the Tennessee Room. Many projects have been completed by staff and volunteers.

Evelyn Keele, assistant librarian, has completed a newspaper collection of West Tennessee Tornadoes and the Seale Johnson Collection. This collection contains manuscript and print materials—including land records, business receipts, advertisements, maps, photographs and letters. Many of these items pertain to Madison County history and feature many names prominent in local history.

Starla Dougan creates Excel spreadsheets and proofreads.

Sandra Kelly transferred vertical files into acid free folders and types in data bases.

Linda Freeman transcribes and is going through collections.

Annette Cooley finished the Settlers of 1861, organized the Lauderdale County Historical Society newsletter and also assisted Evelyn in inventorying the old newspaper collection, many of which predated the Civil War.

Jimmy Wilkins is in the process of extracting obituaries from the Jackson Sun Newspaper issues dated after 1935, which will be immensely helpful to researchers in the future.

There are still many boxes of donated items waiting to be opened and placed in acid free boxes and folders (many thanks to the FOL for these items).

Many patrons visit the Tennessee Room daily working on genealogies and researching their family histories. The reference books on the shelves are treasure troves of information. It gives everyone involved in assisting researchers' great pleasure to help someone locate a "missing piece" of their family puzzle.

In addition the DAR offers a monthly workshop helping potential members compile the required information to file their applications.



Photos From The New Jackson-Madison County Public Library North Branch, 6 Stonebridge Boulevard



**JMCL North Branch
Book Shelves and Computers**



JMCL North Branch Bookshelves



JMCL North Branch Children's Area



JMCL North Branch Exterior



JMCL North Branch Circulation Desk

Tech Talk

by Zoe Pride, JMCL Computer Department
Head and Webmaster

You spoke and we listened! We have subscribed to many new databases for you, our community patrons. These databases include Chilton Library, Fold3, Freegal, Price It! Antiques, TumbleBooks, and Universal Class.



Chilton Library is your one stop online auto repair manual. For those “do-it-yourselfers” this is all you need for car, truck, or SUV manuals from 1940 on. You can view manuals, service information, and maintenance. This includes domestic and imported models.



Fold3 provides convenient access to US military records, including the stories, photos, and personal documents of the men and women who served. The Fold3 name comes from a traditional flag folding ceremony in which the third fold is made in honor and remembrance of veterans who served in defense of their country and to maintain peace throughout the world.



Freegal is “free legal” music from your library. This service allows you to download three free songs per week. With a variety of music you can choose from classic to rock and roll, and country to blues. There is a little bit for everyone. This service is also available as an “app” on your iPhone, iPad, or android devices.



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All databases are free to library patrons and can be accessed through the Jackson Madison County Library Website at <http://JMCL.TN.ORG/Databases.php>.

About The Friends of the Jackson-Madison County Library



When the Friends were formed back in the 60s the Library was very different, it was a place for books, information, activity and intellectual pursuits.

Our Jackson Madison County Library System is still all of those things, but in addition to books we have computers, DVDs, and audio books in our library on Lafayette and our branch on Stonebridge.

There were children’s programs then and there are children’s programs now at both libraries and they draw children and parents as they used to and now there is new dedicated space for these programs that is being upgraded and updated.

The Friends support these programs and help keep these areas bright and current. And now there are plans to include an area for our teen population and the collection of young adult books.

The Tennessee Room has grown its collection and now includes varieties of materials and ways of accessing records and preserving them that did not exist then. The Friends help provide support that adds to and preserves the collection. Programing activities have always drawn of the support of The Friends and FOL still holds monthly book reviews and works to support visits by authors and poets, both local and from other parts of the state and country. We also support other programs at the library and work with the staff, Library Board of Trustees and the Library Foundation to promote the Library. The Friends can be an important link to the community.

The Library has been through a relocation of the branch and is soon to make more changes at the main facility. The new director is helping take the library in new directions. The staff wants to help you find what you need and is there to acquaint you with all the services and equipment available for your use. Take the time to meet Dinah Harris, the director, and the library staff at the main and branch libraries. The Friends urge you to visit and support your library and to be vocal in letting the staff and trustees know how your library can better serve you. It is, after all, **Your** Public Library as it has always been.

The Friends can also use your support:

Come to our events (upcoming ones are listed in this newsletter),

Read our newsletter (well you must already be doing that) and share it with someone when you are done,

Maintain your membership or become a member, by mailing your contribution and the form below to the Friends at the address on the form.

**Return or Mail to
Friends of the Jackson-Madison County Library
433 E Lafayette, Jackson, TN 38301**

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Make checks payable to Friends of the Library.

Books of Madison County 2013

Submitted by Mona Miller and Sue Ann Barnes

Well, it will soon be time to party at the Library and the Library Foundation is planning an even bigger and better event for this year. So do save the date.



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This committee is working hard to make this a very special way to enjoy helping support our Library.

This is the third year for the Jackson Madison County Library Foundation to produce *the Books of Madison County* fundraising event. In addition to a festive evening with a catered dinner and silent auction of sought-after gourmet entertainment, there will be daytime sessions and other new events.

Tickets will be \$55 per person for 2013. Included in this year's event will be activities at Suites of Larue, The Aeneas Building and the Downtown Library. The Author's Corner will remain the highlight of the event featuring the Authors of Madison County and West Tennessee.

Daytime Program Sessions will be introduced this year in a "Book Festival" format. These will include: Panel presentation on "How to Publish a Book", "Favorite Gardening Books" – by Carol Reese, Tennessee History in Books – by Jack Wood. There will also be entertainment by Scott Myatt at the Suites of Larue and classical music inside the Library. Watch for more information and details in your mail and e-mail.

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Friends of the Library Thursday Noon Programs

September 5

Ashton Lee

The Cherry Cola Book Club

October 3

Annette Cooley and Evelyn Keele

The Tennessee Room and Its Collections

November 7

Heidi Kraft

Rule Number Two

Other Events:

Wednesday, September 11

Classical Guitar Concerts

Main (Noon) and Branch (3 PM)

Tuesday, October 29, 6:30 PM

Books of Madison County

(Lower Larue)

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