

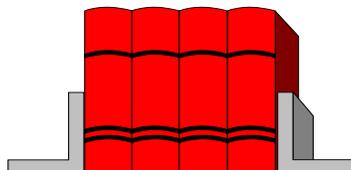
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The President's Corner

by Perry Burrows, President, Friends of the Library Board

The Friends of the Library group is busy planning the 2014-2015 program year with some new board members and a renewed sense of growing the county population who take advantage of the library system.

I met a lady just yesterday from a town in Oregon whose library offered very little. She was amazed at what our system provides to our citizenry. I felt proud of being a part of Jackson's success in expanding what we offer.

The FOL Board had three new additions: We welcomed back Dr. Ken Newman to the board, a man who has served before and is dedicated to the library and its offerings. Another new board member is Eduardo Morales who is already filled with ideas and programs to address our J/MCL system. Mr. Gonzales is also involved with Mayor Gist's work to enrich cultural activities that reach all of the populations of the county. And, I came onto the scene as the new president-elect of the FOL board. Our program committee has just about filled our program schedule for 2014-15; please put these events on your calendars so you can come and enjoy them:

On September 4, Don Huneycutt will review and discuss John Fea's 2011 book *Was America Founded as a Christian Nation* during the First Thursday Noon Reviews.

New A/V Materials at the Jackson-Madison County

Library:
(from Mike Baker,
Media Librarian)

Music CDs

Love Marriage & Divorce
by Toni Braxton

Pure Heroine
by Lorde

Storyline
by Hunter Hayes

Love in the Future
by John Legend

Kuntry Livin
by Big Smo

DVDs

I, Frankenstein

The Grand Budapest Hotel

The Class of '92

300 Rise Of An Empire

Joe

Audio Books

The Chase
by Janet Evanovich

Robert B. Parker's Cheap Shot
by Ace Atkins

The Smoke at Dawn
by Jeff Shaara

Deep Blue
by Jennifer Donnelly

The Dead in Their Vaulted Arches
by Alan Bradley

On October 2, Dr. Arthur Hunt, a professor at UT-Martin will present "Crockett Speaks", a culmination of many years of research on the Scots-Irish pioneer, patriot, and leader. He tells Crockett's story from a first person point of view in period costume. Check out [www://crockettspeaks.com](http://www.crockettspeaks.com). This will appeal to a diverse population of attendees and we want to fill the meeting room with excitement filled visitors. (Who says there's nothing to do at lunch in downtown Jackson?)

On October 10 and 11, Jackson will be fortunate to experience the Scottish Festival at the Old Country Store. The Friends of the Library group has been asked to set up a tent and table and read Scottish stories to the children and other attendees to that annual event.

On November 6, R.F. Stewart, author, will have a reading/signing of her novel based on Western State Mental Hospital in Bolivar, TN.

In late November, we are trying to tie down a date for author Ace Atkins to be our first literary guest at the Fall Community Symposium. We hope to offer one such event in the fall, and another in the spring. You'll have to wait for the next newsletter to find out about our April surprise Symposium!

On December 4, yet to be determined or announced, we will host an Hispanic artist to feature his work, and introduce it to the Jackson area.

We are well on our way to help extend the Jackson/Madison County Library System across the county and make other counties aware of what we have to offer here in

Jackson. It is a pleasure and an honor for me to be a part of that growth.

*Note:

Arthur W. Hunt III is Associate Professor of Communications at The University of Tennessee at Martin. Born and raised in Clarksville, Tennessee, he became interested in David Crockett after reading Cameron Judd's historical novel *Crockett of Tennessee* based on the life of the state's most famous volunteer. Having a previous background in theatre and having taught storytelling at another college, Hunt decided he would pursue a project that would allow his appreciation of local history, his love of drama, and desire to make Crockett come to life something all audiences could enjoy.

When asked what he likes most about portraying Crockett, Hunt said, "I like his energy. Crockett was a live wire--a fighter! He fought the rugged frontier. He fought for his wife, Polly. He fought in the Creek Indian War. He fought bears. He fought for political recognition." Hunt said Crockett represents that strain of American heritage we call "the fighting Scot-Irish."

Although Crockett rode to national prominence on the coattails of Andrew Jackson--also of Scot-Irish stock--he later distanced himself from Jackson over Indian removal and acquisition of property for poor farmers in West Tennessee. Crockett grew up in East Tennessee, settled in Middle Tennessee, and spent the last years of his life in West Tennessee. When Crockett went to Texas in 1835, he knew nothing of the Alamo; he was looking for new lands to settle his family.

Jackson Madison County Library Foundation 2014 Fall Update

by Elaine Christian

The 2014 Books of Madison County Event benefitting the Library foundation will be held on October 14. A wonderful schedule of presenting authors has been planned for the afternoon book festival. The evening will be capped off with dinner with the authors of Madison County.



Mark Greaney will be the keynote speaker at the event. Greaney is a New York Times bestselling co-author of the most recent four of the Tom Clancy series including the newest book *Support and Defend* released in July. Mark also publishes his own series - *The Gray Man*. A feature film adaptation of *The Gray Man* is in development by New Regency Pictures.

Mark has a degree in International Relations and Political Science. In his research for *The Gray Man* novels he has traveled to more than fifteen countries, visited the Pentagon and many Washington, D.C. Intelligence agencies, and trained alongside military and law enforcement in

the use of firearms, battlefield medicine, and close-range combative tactics.

A wonderful line up of authors will complete the afternoon sessions. The Book Festival will be held at The Ned, 314 E. Main Street. A cocktail dinner will be held at the Suites of Larue, 416 E. Lafayette Street. The dinner will be followed by dessert and coffee with the Madison County Authors which will be held at the downtown Library. Tickets will be \$25 for the book festival or \$75 for the full day including the dinner. Tickets are available at either the downtown or the north library. For more information please call Elaine Christian at 731-234-1862.

Library Director's Column

by Dinah Harris

We just finished a very, very busy season of summer reading. June and July were filled with summer reading programs for all ages. Each week there was one teen program, one adult program, and one big program for the kids. This was in addition to several smaller programs each week for the kids.

The adult program theme was "Literary Elements." Eighty-nine adults participated in this program. Adults earned entries in our prize giveaway by filling out weekly worksheets, attending programs and reading books. Janice Boss was the big winner of the Kindle Fire given away.

Our teen program theme was "Spark a Reaction." We had 38 teens register to participate. Our reference librarian, Whitney Norwood, did a great job working with the

teens. She had some very interesting programs for them including a talent show. PM Music donated a Stratocaster guitar which was given to Skylar Spencer, the talent show winner. Amber Martin played the keyboard and won second place; Jonathan Martin came in third with a number on the saxophone. Teens earned entries by attending programs and reading books. The grand prize winner was Anna Moore; she received a Kindle Fire.

Our children's programs had record numbers in attendance. Please be sure and read Miss Jennifer's column for more information on that.

The Teen Room was dedicated to the memory of Sally Ford on June 26, thanks to a generous donation of \$5,000 from the Hohenberg Foundation. This money was used to buy four touch screen computers and "teen-friendly" furniture for this area. Library

employee Austin Kolb donated an X-Box gaming system for the room. The Friends of the Library furnished the television to use with the X-Box gaming system and also several games. Eduardo Morales and Boy Scout Troop #12 painted the room. Library staff members Jennifer Brewer and Mirasol Fitzgerald assisted with the design and décor. All this teamwork produced a space that the teens are really enjoying!

We are now in the process of planning what programs and classes that we will be offering in the fall. If there is a specific topic you would like to know more about, let me know. We will see if we can arrange a class.

I look forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming first Thursday "Noon Book Reviews" that the Friends of the Library have scheduled.



The Foundation organized the dedication of the new Teen Room at the Downtown Library on June 26, 2014. Funds for the Teen Room were provided by the Hohenberg Foundation in memory of Mrs. Sarah "Sally" Davis Ford. Mrs. Ford's family and friends were in attendance. The funds that were donated were used for furniture, fixtures and technology. Several teen patrons contributed to the dedication by sharing how the use of the Teen Room has benefitted them.

Interview with Isaiah Johnson, Library Tech Associate

What is your job title?

My title would be considered Library Tech Associate.



What do you do at the Library? How do you assist library users?

I assist patrons with everything ranging from basic computer use, tablet functions, resume creation, printing, graphic design, and everything in between.

Who are your favorite authors?

Two of my favorite authors would have to be J.R. R. Tolkien and C. S. Lewis. I grew up reading their works and it has stuck with me all my life. Also the tales of Sherlock Holmes greatly influenced me.

What technological gadgets do you own?

What technological gadgets that I own is a good question. I currently own around six computers that are in various conditions, running or tinkering with. Also in the collection would be a Nook tablet that works well for reading or movies.

Would you buy a Google Glass device?

I would love to have a Google Glass, despite some of the reputation they have. The concept and technology behind them have

been around years and I've always had an interest in augmented reality.

What do you see as the role of the Public Library in the community?

The public library is an enrichment and service to the community not only in the surrounding community but also for anyone that is passing by. I believe that applies to all libraries as well, specifically if they have a community usage policy.

Children's Department News

by Jennifer Brewer, Children's Librarian

The kids are returning to school as I write this, and the Children's Department is quieter today. We stayed busier than ever all summer long. Now I'm looking forward to planning some fun weekend and after-school activities for the Fall and Winter.

The Summer Reading Program was a huge success. Over 600 children registered. They were encouraged to read at home and given a sticker sheet to log their progress and prizes each week as they visited the library. We also offered weekly writing contests. Winners were chosen for writing the best poems, short stories, essays, and even for creating artwork related to a favorite book. We had some impressive entries each week.

We also had fabulous turnout for our Wednesday afternoon "edu-tainment" events. The Program Center hosted a mad scientist, a magician, a puppet show, an incredible shadow puppeteer, and a dinosaur expert. We averaged 220 people each week at these shows and the families loved them.

We are so, so grateful to the Friends of the Library for the financial support that makes the Summer Reading Program possible. It is such an important opportunity for children in our community. Kids come to the library not just to find books, but to find support, encouragement, friendship, and ideas. The children that I've met this summer have really learned to think of the library as a place where they are always welcome. Without the Friends' sponsorship we wouldn't be able to offer so much enticement for these families to come to the library, so I thank you.

This Fall we will continue Story Times Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. We'll also start our Homeschool Kids Book Club again. Saturday afternoon fun will continue every week with art activities and board games for any kids who would like to come and go. Check our calendar or follow us on Facebook to see what else we decide to offer.

A Tennessee Room Briefing

*by Jack Wood,
Tennessee Room Librarian*

First of all, let me say thank you to the Friends of the Library for your continuing support of the Tennessee Room by purchasing archival materials for the organization and preservation of our non-book collections. Currently there are several projects ongoing.

Assistant Tennessee Room Librarian, Evelyn Keele, is at work processing a small

collection of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of World War I of the U.S. Barracks 1897. Originally formed to provide assistance and relief for the aging World War I generation of veterans, it later became committed to helping all U.S. veterans, sometimes through political activism.

The collection contains minutes of meetings, correspondences, newsletters containing interesting news about activities on the local, state, and national level as well as information by and about individual veterans.

There are a few artifacts, such as the gavels and banners used at meetings. Evelyn is using archival materials purchased by the Friends of the Library to give this collection a protective home.

Volunteer Annette Cooley is processing the Winston/Seward Family History Collection, which has, in addition to much written family history information, a few hundred photographs. Annette will be using clear protective sleeves and several acid free folders and boxes which the Friends of the Library recently purchased, to store these items.

Volunteer Linda Freeman has been transcribing many handwritten letters and documents in the still growing Mary Timberlake Collection, which I mentioned in an earlier issue of *Bookends*.

We are still receiving occasional phone calls with reference to remembrances of Miss Mary, and, thanks to continued inquiries by

D.A.R. member Sherry Taylor, we have received a few more items, such as two ventilation grates from the old William Timberlake house. In addition, we are excited about a promised copy of a photograph of a young Miss Mary to add to the collection.

Volunteer Sandra Kelly has been working on an index to the Lawrence-Sorenson Funeral Home records which we were given late last year. Volunteer Starla Dougan set up an Excel spread sheet, as she has done for many of our other collections and Sandra is transcribing information into this. This will give us a wonderful tool for locating information from those funeral records.

Volunteer Jimmy Wilkins is continuing with his "forever" work of extracting the name and citation for obituaries in the *Jackson Sun* newspaper. He started last year with January 1936 and has made it so far to 1948. He, too, is creating a long needed tool for locating that information; in fact, we already have used the completed parts more times than we can count.

I am embarking on a mission to reclassify certain segments of the genealogy books in order to cluster each county's information together on the shelf. One area, for example, is the section on genealogical records for Tennessee. Currently they are classified 929.3768 (the 68 part indicates Tennessee).

Then they are arranged by author's last name (e.g. Smith). A county's information is thus scattered throughout the 3768 section depending on the author. The change will be

this: after the 3768 classification, the books will be arranged alphabetically by county (e.g. Madison) then by author (e.g. Smith). Cemetery books will remain separate (e.g. 929.5768) but will follow the same system.

Thus you can see that there is a lot of interesting work going on in the Tennessee Room in addition to helping patrons with their multitude of questions. It should also be apparent that the Tennessee Room volunteers are invaluable members of our team, without whom many things would never be realized.

As Tennessee Room Librarian I have long ago learned to treasure our staff and volunteers, as well as supporting organizations, such as the Mid-West Tennessee Genealogical Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Friends of the Jackson-Madison County Library.

All you NEED is a GOOD BOOK

by Sue Ann Barnes

Summer is always a good time to read. If it is pleasant the front or back porch can be a great place to read. If it is wet or too hot you can retreat to your favorite chair inside. If it is bedtime, of course that is a great time to pick up a book.

When I was growing up, my senior year was spent in Lawton, Oklahoma in a Victorian house with a large cottonwood tree in the backyard equipped with a tree house, well really a platform, but that was the best

reading spot, especially if you need to escape four siblings, two of them boys and one a toddling little girl. That was the summer I read *The Hobbit*.

This year, thanks to the summer adult reading program, my reading included more than my usual mysteries and novels. I participated in the program, attending several of the presentations and collecting reading activity sheets which were focused on science. But I turned none of the quite intriguing activities in. One of them was like a tic-tac-toe board, and had suggested types of reading: something from the new book shelf, something non-fiction, an old favorite, etc.

Well, I did check the new book shelf in the Main Library out, and I found two non-fiction books worth taking home with me, and on my trip out west to visit family. They were:

Uprising: A New Age Is Dawning for Every Mother's Daughter by Sally Armstrong and

John Sevier: Tennessee's First Hero by Gordon T. Belt.

Sally Armstrong is a journalist and human rights activist. In her book she explores women's issues around the world and tells of the women who are leading the efforts to improve the status of women worldwide. An example is the plight of grandmother-led households and HIV/AIDS in Africa.

"One of the women, Constance Sohena, sixty-three, told me that after her daughter died of AIDS, she locked herself in the house and wouldn't come out for six months. But once she met the other grannies, she began to recover, could devote herself to raising her grandson and leading a granny support group, in the process turning into a formidable human rights activist."

Gordon Belt is director of Public Services for the Tennessee State Library and Archives. He has used his considerable skills in history and knowledge of archives to write a biography of Tennessee's first governor. This book includes much about the early years on the first frontier of the new nation and the important part Sevier played in the establishment of a rule of law for this part of North Carolina.

"1772, the settlers founded the "Watauga Association" to organize the region. (82) Ramsey described the government as "paternal and patriarchal...simple and moderate, but summary and firm." (83) Five elected commissioners functioned as the court and conducted the business of government, including all executive, legislative and judicial matters. James Robertson, John Sevier, John Carter, Charles Robertson and Zachariah Isbell served as the court's first commissioners."

You will find these books in your library. While you are there, check out *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak and *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer. These two books are set during and just after World War II, one in Germany and one in Guernsey which was occupied by the Germans during WWII. Both deal with the human spirit and how books can keep it alive during very difficult times.

There is not much summer left, but you can read all year round, and you can make any corner your reading corner,---*all you need is a good book.*

Notes from the Treasurer

by Jane Maclin Moore

I thought perhaps readers of the newsletter would like to hear a little about how we fared with the Book Sale and to get some idea of how the Friends of the Library spend the money we collect primarily from your dues and our half of the sale proceeds (The other half goes to the Foundation).

First, I want to thank all of you who bought books at the sale. Thanks to all of you we collected a total this year of \$7,272.00.

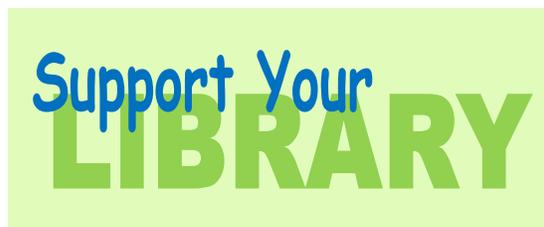
This is \$860.49 more than last year.

Most of the money we spent recently has gone to the Children's Summer Reading Program at the library. This money has afforded the children to have top notch performers, some of whom charge over

\$400.00. (Wish I could have done that when I was a school librarian!)

We also supported a Cinco de Mayo celebration which was very popular and speakers for our monthly programs. We are so happy to see so many paying their dues for this year and hope anyone not a member will decide to join. A basic annual membership is only \$10.00 and can be sent to:

**Friends of the
Jackson-Madison County Library
433 E. Lafayette
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Board of Trustees Report

by Terica Smith

Greeting from the Board of Trustees!

The Board is in a time of transition. We have two new board members. Greg Jordan has replaced Brandon McWherter on the board. Also, Jerry Bastin has completed his term on the board and Barbara Johnson will take his place. The Board would like to thank Jerry and Brandon for their service to the Library. They made a tremendous contribution to the Board and we appreciate their service. We are excited to have Greg and Barbara join the Board. We look forward to their new ideas and contributions to the board.

The Board has undertaken the task of updating the Library Policies and Procedures. This will be a tedious and time consuming process but is necessary for efficient operation of the Library. It is necessary to have policies and procedures that are enforceable and address the operation of the library.

The Policy and Procedures committee consists of Terica Smith, Greg Jordan, and Dinah Harris. If you have any suggestions or

comments on things you would like us to consider, please feel free to contact any of the Policy and Procedure committee members.

As always, the Board thanks the Friends of the Library for all of the work you do for the Library. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments for the Board, please feel free to contact us. We welcome you to our monthly meetings which are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. in the Library Boardroom.

Off on my Sixty-fifth Birthday

by Perry Burrows

Coffee cup sits on the worn wooden base at her desk
where it waited for parting lips to sip.

Leaving soon, I felt angst and joy to
visit my aging mother inundated with political mail
she thinks it is her job to answer –
mailed from people she thinks she has met.
One sent her a note about her insight and penmanship.

Painfully, I heard her silenced whimper,
reservedly, in confusion, asking me to come
down and help her organize her desk and mail –
no one else there to assist her to do it right
The lucent mind now tentative, bringing sorrow to both.

Disbelief, defensive, denying the condition docs
call “age related forgetfulness”. Fighting fury, I know
her better than anyone on earth -- remembering the
quick intellect, talks, guidance, sacrifice, Wisdom
and Common Sense, double majors in Math and Lit.

Resenting claims of sister caregiver, breath quits
me when I hear callous, judgment claims so indignantly
spurned – lacking patience, forgetting dirty diapers
and Mama’s fretful nights
not knowing what the morrow was to bring.





The Books of Madison County

*Benefitting the Jackson
Madison County Library Foundation*

Tuesday, October 14, 2014
Book Festival at "The Ned"

- Noon *"How to Publish a Book"* - panel of publishing experts
- 1:00 pm Lilli Leonardi - *In the Shadow of a Badge*
- 2:00 pm Bill Carter - *Get Carter*
- 3:00 pm Larry Rietcheck - *Cayman Escape, Fatal Pursuits*
- 4:00 pm Gary Cook - *Wounded Moon, Creative Writing*
- 5:00 pm Keynote Speaker: Mark Greaney - *The Gray Man*,
Co-author of the last four Tom Clancy books
- 6:30 pm Wine Dinner - Suites of Larue
- 7:30 pm Coffee & Dessert - Downtown Library

AND

Meet the Authors of Madison County

Tickets: \$25 for the afternoon sessions or \$75 for the full day.

Tickets are available at both library locations
For more information call Elaine Christian at 731-234-1862

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