

# BOOK ENDS

Friends of the (Jackson-Madison County) Library Newsletter

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## The President's Corner

by Sue Ann Barnes, President  
*Friends of the Library Board*

In the summer edition of Bookends past President of FOL, Perry Burrows, indicated that a move to Memphis was in his immediate future and that a search committee was looking for his replacement on the board. As a member of FOL and as his successor, I thank him for his service and for his efforts to create more adult programming and to securing funding for it. He was ably assisted by the other members of the board who helped obtain speakers and provide refreshments at the events. He worked very hard to obtain grants and projects whose funds not only paid for past projects but will be dedicated to providing programming that will bring interesting and informative speakers and events to your library. Many of these programs will take place at noon in the Program Center in the Main Library on the first Thursdays of the months from September through May and others will take place at other times and occasionally other venues. There is always a calendar of these events on the back cover of this newsletter.

Also on the back cover there is a list of the current members of your Friends of the Jackson Madison County Library

## New A/V Materials at the Jackson- Madison County Library:

(from Mike Baker,  
Media Librarian)

### Music CDs

*Something Beautiful*  
by Jordan Smith  
*Dress to Impress*  
by Keith Sweat  
*Hamilton*  
Broadway Cast  
Recording  
*Anomaly*  
by Lecrae

### DVDs

*Elvis & Nixon*  
*Allegiant*  
*Legend*  
*Miles Ahead*

### Audio Books

*Jewels*  
by Stuart Woods  
*The City of Mirrors*  
by Justin Cronin  
*Kill'em and Leave*  
by James McBride  
*End of Watch*  
by Stephen King  
*The Cavendon Luck*  
by Barbara Taylor  
Bradford

Board. The term of service for a board member is three years and many who serve agree to a second term. I have served on the board in the past for two six year stints, and through this service I have connected with Jackson and its residents and the library staff in ways that have been life enriching. Many of you, who are regular library patrons, know how the presence of a library in your community has enriched your lives. Over decades needs change: a child finding a book that helps them experience the joy of reading, a young parent taking their child to the library so the child can discover the same joy, an adult waiting for the next book of a favorite author to appear on the shelves or to be ready to download on an e-reader. Your library is not static, it changes with the times and the needs of its community. Please use the library and its staff to enrich your life and communicate your needs to that staff as they want to help you and are willing to help create solutions.

Our programming this year already includes a September 1 visit with Dr. Dub Oliver the 16<sup>th</sup> president of Union University arranged by board member Ken Newman and on October 6, Nashville author Brenda Rickman Vantrease will be coming to share with us the background of her historical novels. I arranged for her visit after reading the first of her books, *The Illuminator*. This was a book sale find prompted by a new FOL member and sale volunteer, Sharla Amirault, who recommended it. Many of my favorite reads

are discovered through conversation with book lovers. Remember one opportunity to engage in those kinds of conversations is at our monthly noon meetings. Our Library Director, Dinah Harris, mentioned library volunteers in the summer newsletter and I want you to know that the Friends and Foundation need sorting volunteers (call 422-5253 to volunteer).

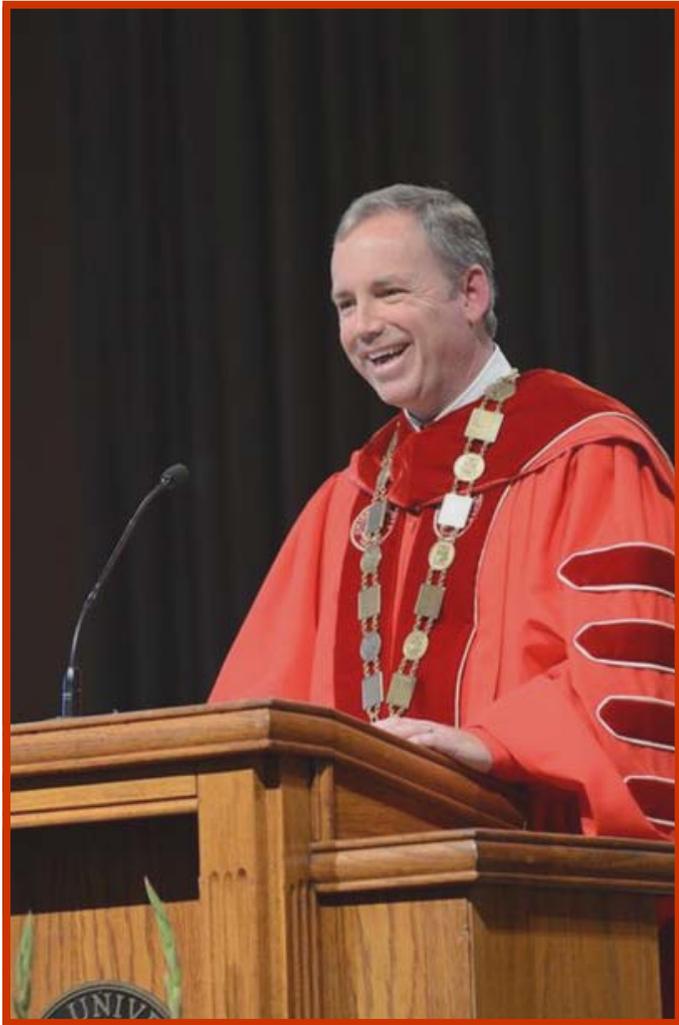
Many of you know that last year FOL added a Continuing Book sale on four shelving units provided by the Library in the hall to the Program Center. This sale (Aug to May) brought in over \$2000 and when added to the annual sale in June the total book sales were over \$8000. Not only were books saved from recycling and added to personal libraries across the county, and beyond, but the Friends and Foundation split those funds and so the library and its patrons benefit from summer programming, new technology and refurbished spaces. If you bought a book this year, thank you for being a supporter of the Friends and Foundation, and, if you are not a member of the Friends, contact Dorcas Davis or ask at the circulation desk at either Main or North.

♥ *Here's to a great year at the Library!* ♥



### Are These Faces in Your Future?

*If you attend Friends of the Library events this year, you could hear and meet these wonderful people!*



**Dr. Dub Oliver**



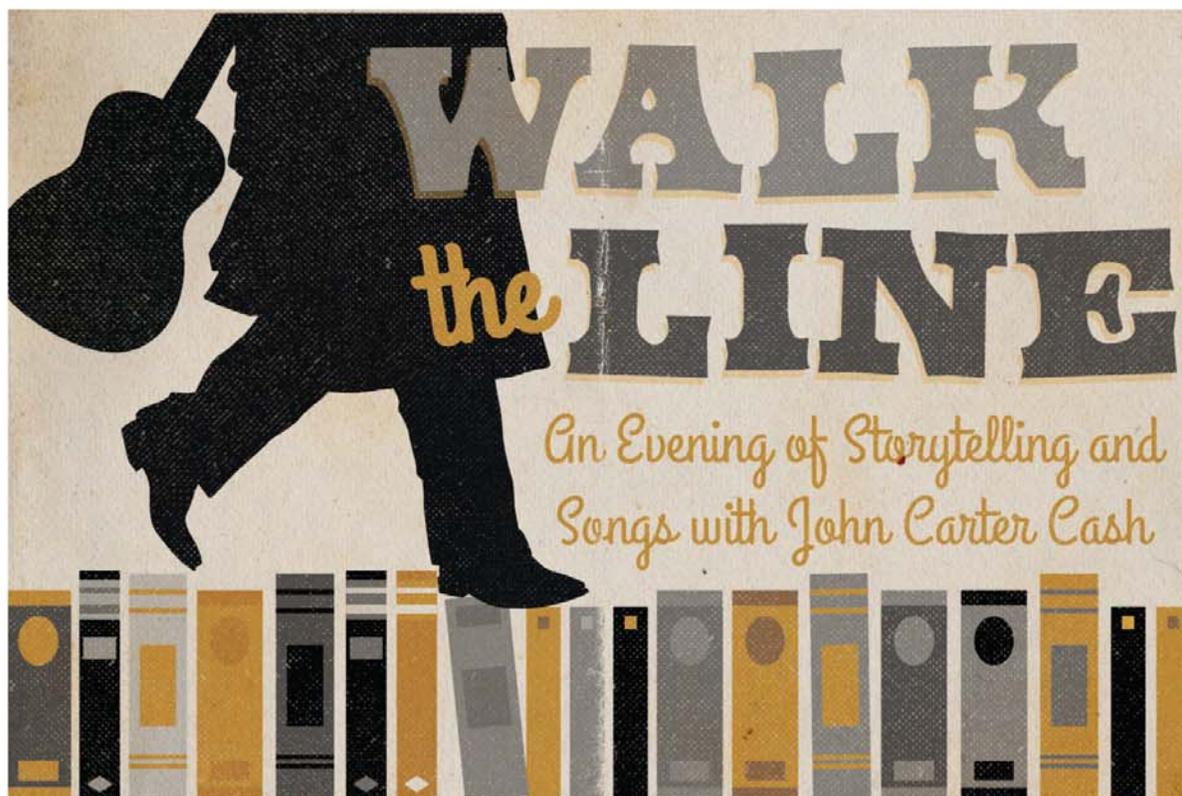
**Brenda Rickman Vantrease**



**Robert Cooperman**

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*An Evening of Storytelling and Songs with John Carter Cash*

BOOKS OF MADISON COUNTY



*John Carter Cash*

THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 6  
AT 6PM

THE JACKSON  
FAIRGROUNDS

*Featuring Special Guest,  
Kellye Cash Sheppard*

Proceeds from this event benefit the Jackson-Madison County Library Foundation.  
For more information, please call the Library at 731.425.8600.

**Jackson Madison County  
Library Foundation  
Books of Madison County  
John Carter Cash  
October 6, 2016**

Our library is a valuable and essential asset to our entire community. The library is one of the few services that are important to everyone and more than 75% of people in Madison County utilize the library in some way. The Library Foundation is dedicated to raising funds for the long-term development of the library as it continues to evolve to meet the needs of our ever-changing world. Funds raised by *the Books of Madison County* event will be used for other needed improvements in equipment and programming. The goal of the Library Foundation, in cooperation with the Library Board of Trustees, is to achieve consistent funding allowing the library to provide high quality desirable programming, cutting edge technology, maintain our facilities and continually improve our collection.

**BOOKS OF MADISON COUNTY**

2016 will be the sixth year for the Jackson Madison County Library Foundation to produce *the Books of Madison County* fundraising event. Attendance for the event has grown over the last four years with over 270 attendees at the 2015 evening event including a catered wine dinner and silent auction of sought-after gourmet entertainment. The event will be at the Jackson Fairgrounds.

The 2016 Keynote Speaker will be John Carter Cash. John Carter Cash is the son and only child of Johnny and June Carter



Cash. Heir to one of the world's most celebrated and influential musical dynasties, he has lived stories no one else could imagine. He is a Grammy winning producer, musician, and an acclaimed author. John will share stories from his books as well as perform songs meaningful to his life. Cash will be accompanied by members of his band.

The unbreakable bond he shared with his father is documented among intimate anecdotes and private collection of artifacts in *House of Cash: The Legacies of My Father, Johnny Cash*. The bond between his parents and his own children inspired him to write three children's books and the tribute to his mother, *Anchored in Love: An Intimate Portrait of June Carter Cash*. He was also the Executive Producer for the Oscar winning film *Walk the Line*, which chronicles his parent's lives and love.

John Carter helped produce several of Johnny and June's later recordings and produced Grammy winning records including, *Unbroken Circle: The Musical Heritage of the Carter Family*. As the

caretaker of Cash Cabin Studios near Nashville, Tennessee, John Carter has also produced recordings for artists as diverse as Loretta Lynn, Elvis Costello and Merle Haggard.

### **SINGLE TICKET \$75**

Our sponsors get great exposure to an appreciative audience and help leverage the ticket price to the public as well as promote the efforts of the local library.

1. The Jackson Fairgrounds will be the location for the Wine Dinner. The evening will start with a cocktail hour at 6 p.m. Dinner will be at 7 p.m. followed by the speaker's presentation and performance. Book Signing will follow.
2. Catering for the festive dinner is by Elegant Events by Mike and Troy with wine supplied by Mid Town Wine and Spirits and beer supplied by Central Distributors.
3. Silent Auction – featuring exciting and unique entertainment and food offerings.
4. Media and Promotion – Extensive coverage in all local media including TV, Radio, newspaper, billboards, VIP Magazine, Facebook, other social media and posters in many locations. Invitations are mailed to approximately 600 people. All feature the sponsors prominently. Promotion materials prepared by Younger Associates.
5. Tickets available at both Downtown and North Library or by mail. Call 425-8600.
6. Entertainment - Scott Myatt will provide music during the cocktail hour.

7. Committee: Elaine Christian; Chairman, Dr. Amy Dietrich, Brenda Whalley, Lynda Climer, Joan Graves, Shelia Arnold, Liza Forbes, Sharon Younger, Gary Grisham, Mary Jane McWherter, Mona Miller, Wanda Scanlon, Robyn Lents, Dr. Susan Francisco, Jacque Hillman, Brenda Nichols, Cathy Farmer, Betty Labry, Joan Tomlin.

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### **Library Director's Column**

*by Dinah Harris*

Thanks to the Friends of the Library's sponsorship, the Library was able to host summer reading programs for all ages this summer. It is my understanding the Friends have been doing this from the beginning of their existence. We are extremely grateful for the support! Programming is such an important part of our mission. Our Children's, Teen, and Adult Services Librarians carry much of the weight of our scheduled programming.

Our Children's Librarian, Jennifer Brewer, is one of the best Children's Librarians I have ever seen. She truly cares about the children. Many times we will discuss how to handle a situation, and she always thinks of the child(ren) and how her actions will affect them. She constantly is thinking of ways to reach out to more kids, creates very attractive and unique programming, and

gladly accepts invitations to go off site for a program.

I can say the same for our Teen Librarian, Jessi Rieger. She brings calm and structure to a room full of energetic teenagers. She has weekly craft sessions with them, cares about literacy, and seeks their input on the programs and services offered. Attendance in the teen room is growing!

Recently, we have added an Adult Services Librarian, Jenci Spradlin. She will be writing grants for some larger programming as well as hosting smaller gatherings. She will be available to the Friends of the Library and the Library Foundation to assist with events as well. We are very excited about the energy and talent Jenci brings to the table. We are so happy to fill this spot which has been vacant since Judy Pennel retired from the Library in 2007.

Speaking of Judy, I knew her many years before I came to be the Director. I have used this library throughout the years while pursuing my education. Judy Pennel, Margaret Rucker, and Dorothy McIntyre were always very, very helpful with my inquiries. However at the time, I had no idea of all the wonderful programming Judy brought to the library. Recently, I viewed copies of newspaper articles about some of the programming Judy developed. Some of the events were as follows: An Evening with Nikki Giovanni, It's all Relative: Families in Art and Literature, The Words and the Music, former U.S. Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky, and Just Desserts: a

delicious mystery at the library. These types of programs require much work and dedication. I give Judy posthumous applause for her gift to the community; her work inspires me today.

As most of you probably know, Judy passed from this life in May of this year. We are placing a plaque in the reference department honoring Judy's contributions to the Library:

**In Memory of  
Judy Pennel  
1946-2016**

*She enjoyed serving as Reference Librarian for 14 years and Public Services Librarian for 8 years, displaying her ceaseless curiosity and delight in helping others. She brought joy and understanding to countless people through her uncanny knack for finding answers and her remarkable talent at finding and arranging quality programs for the library.*

**Board of Trustees Report**

*by Elaine Christian, Board Chair*

With children returning to school each August, fall often feels like more of a new beginning than January, and the same is certainly true at the Library.

It is an honor and a privilege to now serve as the new chair of the Board of Trustees, and I want to publicly thank Terica Smith for her six years of service and dedication to the Library as a member of its Board, especially the two years she served as its Chair. I have served alongside her on the Board for five of those six years and appreciate her commitment to furthering the mission of the Library.

So many of our volunteers, whether members of the Board of Trustees, The Friends of the Library, or The Library Foundation, have served in numerous capacities within these groups over the years, and it's exciting to see them move into new positions of leadership. Our newest Board member, Mary Jane McWherter, previously spent five years as a member of the Foundation board. Like Mary Jane, prior to joining the Board five years ago, I had served three years with the Foundation. Having volunteers in positions of leadership with this deep awareness of the Library's overall needs, challenges, and opportunities for success makes for a stronger, more cohesive base of support, and will ensure we continue to meet the needs of this community through our combined efforts.

To that end, our Long Range Planning Committee members, Greg Jordan, Amy Dietrich, and I, are beginning the process that will allow us to develop a roadmap of strategic long-term goals. We welcome any ideas or suggestions you may have as we move forward in this process.

We also have a new beginning with the hiring of Jenci Spradlin as our Adult

Services Librarian. Building upon the foundation laid by Judy Pennel, we look forward to having Jenci here to bring new energy and attract a new generation of patron, while also providing the kinds of programs and events that our core group of patrons want and desire. She will also help with writing grants and assisting The Friends and The Foundation as needed with their programs.

I look forward to this new season filled with new possibilities and new people.

## **Library Foundation News**

*by Amy P. Dietrich, Chair*

As part of The Foundation's mission, funds are raised by holding events and programs. These funds are then used to purchase equipment, maintain and improve facilities and enhance programming.

### **Programs and Events 2016**

#### **Seven Wonders of the World: May 17, 2016**

Elaine Christian described her visits to each of the seven wonders. The video presentation included personal anecdotes of the Christian's adventures around the world. Wine and international hors d'oeuvres were served.

#### **Books of Madison County: October 6, 2016**

**PURCHASES: 2013-APRIL 2016****2013**

- 15 Wall Shelving units for North Branch
- New sign North Branch
- Mics. Moving expenses, North Branch
- 6 sitting chairs
- 24 stacking chairs for program room
- 3 carts for stacking chairs
- 7 tables for program room
- Birch Playhouse Cubes (2) North Branch
- Birch Playhouse Cubes (2) Main Library
- Indoor Wall Sculpture, North Branch
- Indoor Wall Sculpture, Main Branch
- Rug for Kids Area
- Pup Chair and Phante Chair

**2014**

- 2 Polaris Express-check Units
- Teen Room: \$5000 Grant from Hohenberg Foundation

**2015**

- New computer desk for North Branch
  - Pro-Scan Micro Scanner-TN Room\*
- \*In kind contribution with endowment for TN room

**2016**

- 16 iPads for Children's Area
- 7 mounts for iPads

**Children's Department News**

*by Jennifer Brewer, Children's Librarian*

Most importantly, I want to say a special Thank You to the Friends of the Library for the monetary support of the Summer Reading Program. So many children and families were impacted this year because of the Friends' donation. Some kids discovered a love of reading that they didn't even know they had before this summer. Others challenged themselves to read even more or read a new genre. We learned and experienced new things, and I even witnessed several new lasting friendships develop, all here at the library. The money given by the Friends of the Library afforded us incentives such as water bottles and jump ropes for every kid who reached a goal. We even included children at offsite locations, summer camps like the one at Nova school, the HUB club, and TR White Sportsplex. We also were able to invite in some really incredible "edutainers". Families enjoyed weekly shows including a magic show, two animal shows, a couple of fun and wild science programs, a puppeteer, and a musician. With so many children and their families being inspired and engaged over the summer, you can rest assured the contribution to fund this program was a deserving one. Thank you so much for your support.

Now, school has started back, so we are back to some quieter days in the Children's Department. We continue Preschool StoryTime every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings. All babies, toddlers, and preschoolers are welcome to come sing a bit, dance a little, listen to a few stories, and make a craft. No sign up is necessary for StoryTime.

We also will start back up our weekly Family Book Club on Friday afternoons at 3:30. Anyone is welcome to attend. We choose one book each month, and the library provides each family with a copy to take home and read aloud together. The month of September we've chosen *The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo. We gather on Friday afternoons to discuss what we've been reading and to enrich the reading with games and crafts. Since this program is for the whole family, children of all ages up to 12 can participate along with any siblings, parents, or grandparents who want to read the book with them. Come join us if you can. Let Jennifer know if you plan to attend the first meeting on September 9 by calling her at 731-425-8600 or emailing [jmclkids@gmail.com](mailto:jmclkids@gmail.com).



## FOL Junior Members

by Dorcas Davis, VP/Membership Chair

Did you know that for \$1 children up to the age of 12 can be Friends of the Library junior members? Please complete a membership form and return it with your dues. Junior level members will receive a cool bookmark as a thank you. In addition, junior members will have opportunities to have their writings and illustrations printed in upcoming newsletters. Be on the lookout for these exciting opportunities!

Here is a poem by our April 2017 symposium speaker:

### The Jewish Kid by Robert Cooperman

My old professor never tires  
of hearing of the time Leo Durocher—the  
great manager of the Giants—  
was asked about the best pitcher  
he ever saw.

Without hesitation, he replied,  
"The Jewish Kid," meaning  
Sandy Koufax: a leftie  
with a fastball like a falcon  
snatching a dove from the sky;

a curve so wicked, sluggers  
cringed to barely glimpse  
it screaming at their heads,  
before it dropped away,  
at the last, perilous instant.

For Hyman, Koufax was proof  
there's life for Jews beyond  
the one his mother chose for him,  
had he only defied her desperation  
for a college-educated, book-smart son,  
though she never read anything  
beyond tabloids and the racing form.

"Oh to have been Koufax!"  
Hyman laments now: blind,  
in poor health, but still he dreams  
of an invincible fastball, a curve sharper  
than the crack of a coachman's whip.

To listen to it visit: [http://  
writersalmanac.publicradio.org/index.php?  
date=2010/12/13](http://writersalmanac.publicradio.org/index.php?date=2010/12/13)  
(it is at about 2:40)

## What's Up in the Teen Room

by Jessi Rieger

*Young Adult Library Services Manager*

Between amassing a collective 337.5 hours of Summer Reading, participating in our Candy Olympics and Library Games, and creating many Perler bead projects during Teen Craft programs, our teen patrons have had a very busy summer. Autumn is looming ahead, and the teens want to keep the momentum going! What's on the horizon for our young adult program?

Two new clubs will be added to Teen Services this fall. Anime Club will have its first meeting on Wednesday, September 21, at 4:30 p.m. They will meet monthly to watch anime, discuss manga and anime, and try out some crafts, drawing, and games. Anime Club is open to ages 13-18. The Young Adult Book Club will have its initial meeting on Tuesday, October 18, at 4:30 p.m. The YA Book Club will be meeting every other week through the end of November, with plans to resume in the new year, and it will be open to ages 13-18 (ages 11 and 12 may participate with parental permission).

We still have Teen Council meetings on alternating Tuesdays, and they are open to everyone, age 13-18. These meetings are a great way to get to know other teens, to find out what is happening in the library, and to help shape the future of Teen Services. Also, our Teen Craft program continues to be a crowd favorite. Starting in September, it is moving to Monday afternoons at 4. Be sure to check the Teen Events calendar for any changes, and for additional programming.

## Computer Classes at The Jackson-Madison County Library

### SEPTEMBER CLASSES

#### Main Library @ 3 p.m.

- Tue., Sept. 6 MS Office – Word
- Wed., Sept. 7 MS Office – Excel Basics
- Thur., Sept. 8 MS Office – PowerPoint
- Fri., Sept. 9 MS Office – Publisher

#### North Branch @ 3 pm

- Thur., Sept. 5 MS Word & Excel Basics
- Tue., Sept. 20 MS PowerPoint & Publisher

### OCTOBER CLASSES

#### Main Library @ 3 p.m.

- Mon., Oct. 3 Basic Computers
- Tue., Oct. 4 Keyboarding and Mouse Use
- Wed., Oct. 5 Internet Security
- Thur., Oct. 6 E-Resources
- Fri., Oct. 7 Overview

#### North Branch @ 3 p.m.

- Thur., Oct. 13 Basic Computers & Keyboarding  
Mouse Use
- Tue., Oct. 18 Internet Security and E-Resources

*Computer classes are Free and Open to the Public*



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**Thursday Programs • Program Center of JMCL at 433 E. Lafayette St. • Noon**

*Drinks and desert provided. You are welcome to bring your lunch.*

**September 1** • Host: Ken Newman

Speaker: Dr. Samuel W. Dub Oliver - Dr. Oliver is the President of Union University and you can get a flavor of how much fun he will be to have as our speaker by checking out this podcast:

<http://www.ourjacksonhome.com/blog-2/2016/1/19/podcast-no-47-dr-samuel-w-dub-oliver-of-union-university>

**October 6** • Host: Sue Ann Barnes

Speaker: Brenda Rickman Vantrease - *The struggle for Religious Freedom: Heroes and Villains* - Brenda is the author of *The Illuminator*, *The Mercy Seller* and *The Heretic's Wife*. These books are a series that deals "with religious conflict and freedom" and she says, "the history and subsequent relevance of the history--given our troubled times--with which I engage in my books is something frankly that I love talking about."

**November 3**

Host: Audrey Glenn

**December 1**

TBA - We hope for something musical this year.