

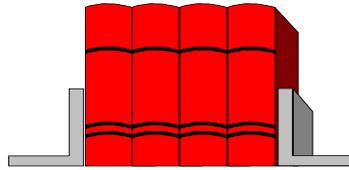
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Bookends



The President's Corner

by Sue Ann Barnes, President
Friends of the Library Board

Oh My! What a wonderful winter we've had!

We have had such excellent programs recently such as the reading by Lee Warren and the music provided by the Carbonell family in December, and the Virginia Conger review of *Unbroken* in January, that I missed but heard was well received and well attended. Finally there was the February visit to our library by Benjamin Alire Sáenz who read from his wonderful and moving poetry, and talked to us about life. Many of you took away a signed copy of his poetry or one of his wonderful bilingual children's books.

Do share with a friend how wonderful these programs have been and encourage them to join you for one of our wonderful first Thursday noon events. And, it would not be amiss to thank the board members who suggested these speakers for FOL: Tyler Swindle, Kathleen Huneycutt, and James Cherry. Also deserving of thanks are Margaret Rucker and her crew of bakers, who provide the delicious refreshments and coffee we enjoy with our programs.

Of course having a wonderful space in which to hold these events is often forgotten, but should not be. Our library is not only our place to meet and to interact, but a place to find books and information that stimulate our minds, expose us to the world of literature and provide a wealth of information on our past and a launch pad for the future.

In the December Bookends, I let you know that the library was facing a big change. Some of that change has happened and many of you have met Dinah Harris, our new library director.

New A/V Materials at the Jackson- Madison County

Library:
(from Mike Baker)

Music CDs

Doc & Dawg
Doc Watson

Sing The Delta
Iris Dement

Girl On Fire
Alicia Keys

Ne-Yo
R.E.D.

*The Essential
Rosanne Cash*
Rosanne Cash

DVDs

Lawless

The Raven

Prometheus

Taken 2

Bernie

Audio Books

Nightwood
Charles Frazier

Indomitable Will
Mark Updegrave

Aleph
Paulo Coelho

The Fear Index
Robert Harris

Amped
Daniel H. Wilson

Elsewhere in this newsletter, she will be laying out plans for a revamping of the Main Library. She has been using this time to study how the space is used and how to make it better for us, the library patrons. If you have thoughts on how your use of the library could be improved please share them with her.

We love our library, but if there has been some inconvenience or lack of access or resource that has been nagging at you, now is the time to get it off your chest. These changes will require some closure time for the Main Library and so be aware and patient while the work gets done. And if you can, use that time to visit Library North. For many of you, that is the more accessible location but, for those of us nearer to the Lafayette Street location, now might be a time to visit our branch library on North Highland near University Parkway.

Things are changing at the library and so are the seasons, though this hasn't been much of a winter. There are still some weeks of winter left but spring is just around the corner, if the daffodils in my yard and the increased bird song in the air are any measure of the season. Spring will bring our final trio of programs for the 12-13 year.

In March, we have a pair of prolific authors who make romance fiction their work and our entertainment. Patricia Potter and Carolyn McSparren both live near Memphis and will be bringing some of their newest works with them to read from and to sign. Patricia's work is often in the historical romance genre and Carolyn's work includes mysteries as well as romance.

Patricia's website informs us that she lives with two insecure shelties and a know-it-all toy poodle, while Carolyn has dogs and cats on her farm, she also keeps two carriage horses. Carolyn has even written a couple of her mysteries around the showing of carriage horses. Their titles indicate a lively sense of humor, *The Cart Before the Corpse* and *One Hoof in the Grave*. Patricia's newest novel, *Rainbow* is due out on March 19 and is already available for Kindle.

In April, we will have UT horticulturist Carol Reese, our local plant expert and writer, explore Edible Landscapes with us as she helps us to put some of our back of the garage plants front and center and enjoy their beauty as plants as well as food and seasoning sources. We have made Carol promise to wear boots until her presentation. A snake bite will not be an acceptable excuse this time.



In May, another Memphis author, Cary Holladay, will visit. Cary is a professor in the creative writing program at the University of Memphis. Her stories have been anthologized in *New Stories from the South: The Year's Best* and appear frequently in major literary magazines. Her story, *Merry-Go-Sorry*, based on the case of the West Memphis Three, appeared in **Alaska Quarterly Review** and won an O. Henry Prize. She has recently won an award for her soon to be released story, *The Deer in the Mirror*, from Ohio State University. The *Quick-Change Artist: Stories* and *A Fight in the Doctor's Office* are two of her more recent works.

Come and join us for some coffee and dessert and bring your lunch if you wish, as always the first Thursday of the month in the Program Center.

Email Updates

Dixie Berryman (dberryman@charter.net) maintains an email posting of events concerning the Friends of the Library. Please email her if you want to be put on the list or taken off the list.

Also, please alert her if you change email addresses.

News from the Interim Director

by Arlene Griffin

The past few months have been a blur with the finish line in sight. I have been the Interim Director and will be returning as Branch Manager at Library North.

If you all remember, the delivery van finally met its match on the road. The county has since given us a Ford Bronco which we have had repaired and have up and running to do deliveries. I am still working on some additional deliveries to several assisted living facilities in town. These sites would like to borrow some of our large print collection for their residents. As part of the Hatchie River Regional Library, it falls upon us to provide said service.

Polaris will continue to be our library system. On that note, we also have good news regarding the self-check machine. It is now up and running. Patrons need to have their library card number and PIN number to check out or renew book items. Patrons can even check their accounts. It's quick and easy to use and saves you time! The self-check machine is at the Main Library on the side of the circulation desk. Come in and try it out!

Our vendor preprocessing is finally up to par. Book ordering will now be much easier and faster. Expect lots of new items on the New Book shelf next month including e-books.

Dinah Harris will be our new director. Dinah comes to us from Lexington and brings lots of experiences and new ideas for JMCL. She has been spending time with the board and staff at both libraries observing. There is a survey she hopes to use to address patron concerns. Surveys may be found online on our website <http://jmcl.tn.org> or at the circulation desk of both libraries. Please let Dinah know what you like or don't like. These surveys are anonymous, so please take advantage of this opportunity to have your voice heard.

Once this transition is done, I look forward to returning to Library North and catching up on all

I have had to put on the back burner these past months. To all the staff at Main and Library North, thank you for your support and patience as I traveled back and forth between the libraries. Without you, I would have not been able to keep the libraries in such good working order or kept the patronage satisfied. THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart, you went above and beyond.

Needless to say, that job would rate combat pay, if it were in the military. It has been an adventure in straddling the fence and keeping everyone apprised.

Finally, here is a list of reviews I did manage to do. If you have questions or would like some readers advisory done, you can call me at 731.425.8600 X6 or email me at my new email address: agriffin@co.madison.tn.us.

The Boy in the Snow by **M.J. McGrath**. Edie Kiglatuk mystery runs colder than readalike **Dana Stabenow's** Kate Shugak series. Great White North tale!

When Snow Falls by **Brenda Novak**. Whiskey Creek series. Contemporary romance/women's fiction. Readalikes: **Susan Wiggs & Susan Mallory**. Brava!

Sleeper Code and *Sleeper Agenda* by **Tom Sniegoski**. SLEEPER conspiracy series. For fantasy readers, adult & teen who enjoyed *Hunger Games*.

Born to Bite by **Hannah Howell, Diana Cosby** and **Erica Ridley**. Short romance stories wrapped around vampires & the women they love. Quick read.

The First Prophet (Bishop Files, book one) by **Kay Hooper** is paranormal romance with lots of suspense to keep you on the edge of your seat. Enjoy!

Tess Gerritsen's Rissoli and Isles mystery series has strong female characters. *Last to Die* is the latest book. Well written enjoyable reads.

Virtually Dead by **Peter May**. For those who visit virtual worlds ie Second Life & for mystery readers, this is eclectic & different read!!

Turn It On by **Vivian Arend**. If you like your romances spicy and hot, this is for you.

Red Rain by **R. L. Stine**. Book will give adults "Goosebumps". Readers will look at kids differently after reading this book. Worth the read!

Steampunk edited by **Kelly Link & Gavin J. Grant**. Young adult/adult collection. Mix technology & romance = steampunk. New genre worth reading!

Guillermo del Toro & Chuck Hogan have written apocalyptic vampire thriller series: *The Strain*, *The Fall* & *The Night Eternal*. Amazing reads!!

Peter May's newest Lewis trilogy starts w/ *Blackhouse*. Contemporary mystery set in Scotland. Writer extraordinaire draws you in. Thumbs up!

Diana Palmer Wyoming Men continuing romance series: *Wyoming Tough* and *Wyoming Fierce* follow three brothers and women they fall for. Mild and quick reads.

Yellow Emperor's Cure by **Kanal Basu**. Historical novel during Chinese Boxer Rebellion where Portuguese doctor searches for cure and finds love.

Riveted by **Meljean Brook**. Part of Iron Seas series. Steampunk romance where mechanical inventions meld w/Victorian England standards. HOT!

The First Male by **Lee Hayes**. African American writer's new fantasy series. The world is ending as we know it as the shadows gather. Good!

Stranger in the Moonlight by **Jude Deveraux** continues Edilean series. Recommend for **Susan Mallery**, **Susan Elizabeth Phillips**, **Susan Wiggs** fans!

Finding Mercy by **Karen Harper**. Home Valley Amish romantic suspense. Alex is under Witness Protection and meets Ella while hiding. Great series.

A Wallflower Christmas by **Lisa Kleypas**.

Victorian England sets the stage for a romance to bloom. Wonderful light holiday read!

Hopsquach by **Michael Newton**. Contemporary mystery w/age old Sasquatch character. Enjoyable read overall. Recommend!

Door in the River by **Inger Ash Wolfe**. Hazel Micallef mystery series. Addictive read w/plenty of suspense & details. Guaranteed non-stop read!!

Vlad by **Carlos Fuentes**. Latino take on Dracula tale set in Mexico City. Short but verbally overflowing w/descriptions. Monstrous read.

Lisa Jackson's romantic suspense continues w/ *Afraid to Die*. Det. Alvarez & Pescoli chase killer who freezes/sculpts his victims. Chilling read.

Susan Wiggs *Return to Willow Lake* Number nine Willowlake Chronicles series. Contemp romances = wonderful. Recommend for Kristin Hannah readers + tissues!!

More Than Sorrow by **Vicki Delany**, author of Constable Molly Smith series. Hannah recuperating from brain injury plus must deal with murder!!!

Bride of New France by **Suzanne Desrochers**. Fact based historical fiction account of French females sent to the New World to help populate Canada.

The Fallen series by **Thomas Sniegoski**. If you love angels and the age old battle of good vs. evil, this is for you. Fantasy at its best!

Wayne Arthurson writes mystery series about journalist w/gambling addiction who now robs banks. *Fall From Grace* & *A Killing Winter*. Gritty.

Spirit Horses by **Alan S. Evans**. New author. Horse whisperer w/bit of supernatural legend. Horse lovers may appreciate this fiction book.

The Beautiful Mystery by **Louise Penny**. Chief Inspector Gamache mystery. Murder in cloistered monastery deep in Northern woods. Excellent!!

Hunger Pains by **Harvard Lampoon**. Off the wall take on *Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins. Laugh out loud funny to be read w/tongue in cheek.

Racing the Devil by **Jaden Terrell**. Local author of Jared McKean mysteries. Nashville cop turned PI has to dig himself out from murder charges.

Low Pressure by **Sandra Brown**. Another worthy contemporary romantic suspense from a great author!

Red Means Run by **Brad Smith**. Virgil Cain just wants to farm his Northern NY land, but murders keep happening and he's the suspect. Solid read.

Nocturnal by **Scott Sigler**. Monsters in SF. What happens when Det. Bryan Causer finds out he is one of them? Read if you dare. Extraordinary!

The Last Policeman by **Ben Winters**. Asteroid about to hit earth. Hank Palace is on the job even though only six months left to live. Interesting!

Rainshadow Road by **Lisa Kleypas**. Second in Friday Harbor series. Contemporary romance sprinkled w/magic creates great light read. Read it!

Library Director's Report

by Dinah Harris

For the past month, it has been my pleasure to meet the people of Madison County and to observe the operations of the library. I have been very impressed to find the care that people have for the library. I am equally excited to find such an active Friends of the Library and Library Foundation.

I am happy to report that we have a plan on what needs to happen to move the library forward. The plan includes the following elements:

- Increased library hours
- Increased security guard hours
- Security system with camera inside and out
- Moving computer lab to second floor
- Re-establish reference department on second floor. Moving these items to the second floor will establish a staff presence in a presently troublesome, unsupervised area.
- Move sitting tables on main floor out of the line of traffic. This will help discourage panhandling as patrons walk by as well as restore the image to that of a library to patrons as they enter the building.
- Move all circulation items to the main floor. This will eliminate the need to climb the stairs or use the elevator to check out any item; some patrons fear using the elevator due to the seclusion of the hallway.
- Expand, upgrade and secure the children's area. This would include a railing in front of the children's area to discourage adult stragglers from wandering into this area.
- Convert old coffee shoppe into a learning center/maker space. Computer classes and other learning activities can be held in this space.
- We also plan to improve our customer service to the "knock-their-socks-off" level.

That is just for starts! (I am so excited!) Please feel free to stop by and talk with me at any time. You may also email me at dharris@co.madison.tn.us.



Dreaming

by Sue Ann Barnes

The visit by Benjamin Alire Sáenz included three events for children and their parents. Several adult members of Friends of the Library were fortunate enough to attend one or more of these events. And, as I was Ben's driver, I actually attended them all. So, three times I got to hear and see him read his bilingual children's book *A Perfect Season for Dreaming* to groups at St. Mary's Parish Hall, Library North and the Little Friends Room at the library. Ben did the readings in English, but they were laced with the magic of the language border, as he lives in El Paso.

The story is about an elderly man, Octavio Rivera, who takes naps on the most beautiful days of summer and has vivid dreams. He keeps these dreams to himself, until finally he thinks his heart will burst, if he does not share them with someone. And he does, at last, tell the dreams to his granddaughter. Her delight in these fantastically beautiful, mind tickling funny, and heart lifting dreams equals his and she calls him the world's most beautiful dreamer.

The friends had purchased 25 copies of this book and 25 of another of Ben's titled *The Dog Who Loved Tortillas*. We sold them at cost and they were all gone at the end of his visit. Some of them were purchased by students who attended the event at Union and who are planning to become Spanish teachers.

In his remarks after the story, Ben told the children (and their parents and all of us) that it was important to share your dreams. And I'm taking his advice to heart and am going to take a moment to share some of my dreams with you.

Twice I've served terms as president of the Friends and this year I finish my sixth year in that post. I have also five years of service as membership chair or treasurer. I even have a couple of years as just a member to my credit, and I'd like many more of those, because I have found the Friends a group of fun folks to be

around. The members of the Friends are social, curious, caring, giving, thoughtful, bright, and ready to enjoy life and think learning is an important part of that process. They are in love with their library and in the idea of libraries in general.

We are entering a new era in the life of our library as we get a new library director and as she and the library board try to bring their dreams for our library into reality. You can help them; tell them your dreams for your library.

My dream is that this library system will be a resource and a meeting place where all the diverse people of Jackson/Madison County can find: information that they need, books that add to their pleasure in reading, resources that help them reach their goals, audio and visual materials that enrich their experience, materials that help them explore their past and events that make the library a destination. All of this needs to be available in a bright, friendly and pleasant place where we feel comfortable and welcome.

Let Us Dream Together.

Saturday Postal Delivery

by Scott Cohen

Many people won't miss Saturday delivery, but I will miss it a lot. I look forward to getting mail, whether it be in print or email.

Saturday is when I get many of my magazine subscriptions; I really enjoy getting printed magazines in the mail.

I usually get a large selection of bills on Saturday too, as well as the daily Publisher's Clearinghouse contest packets.

But, I love getting mail and I will miss my Saturday deliveries. How do you feel about Saturday delivery? Please email me at cohenscott@hotmail.com and tell me what you think.

The Tennessee Room Volunteers

by Jack D. Wood

Tennessee Room Librarian

April is national volunteer month. It is therefore an appropriate time to recognize the individuals, who give some of their time and talent to help make the Tennessee Room a special place. Over the years, volunteers were selected to accomplish specific tasks.

- Charles Richards volunteered his time to help identify, describe, and arrange part of our photograph collection.
- Jonathan Smith spent innumerable time processing various collections, including those of historian/teacher Miss Emma Inman Williams, attorney Walter Key, Masonic Lodge 45 and many other items.
- He, along with volunteers Helen Johnson, Robert Nolen, and A.M. Pounds, assisted staff members in processing and creating an inventory of the Smith Funeral Home records (1930-1993).
- James Hanna shared his interest and expertise with maps and land grants. He created many useful guides to our maps and land grant records. He procured copies of the Tenth Surveyors District entry and survey index. He acquired a set of aerial photographs of Madison County (mid 1960s) and created a locator key map for it, as well as copies of the Madison County tract maps that correlate with the photos.
- For several years, Helen Johnson indexed obituaries for us.
- More recently, Tennessee Room Assistant Librarian, Evelyn Keele coordinated volunteers Annette Cooley, Donna Flack, and Starla Dougan to create a much-needed complete inventory of existing Jackson, Tennessee newspapers, including both the actual newspapers and microfilmed copies.

Volunteers have also provided manpower relief in the Tennessee Room when staff members needed to be away. This included manning the desk, answering the phone, assisting patrons, and other tasks. Thanks to volunteers helping in this way, staff members were able to attend genealogical and archivist conferences and training workshops. Helen Johnson, Sandra Kelly, Robert Nolen, A.M Pounds, and Jonathan Smith all offered their time in this way.

It should be noted that in addition to our official volunteers, numerous members of the Mid-West Tennessee Genealogical Society, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and occasional visiting patrons have frequently volunteered "for a moment," helping a patron, answering a phone, or watching the room while a staff member needed to briefly step out.

Volunteers continue to be valuable assets and indispensable for accomplishing tasks and achieving goals for the Tennessee Room. Currently, there are five regular volunteers actively involved with designated tasks.

- Sandra Kelly is transferring our vertical files into acid free folders and revising and expanding the guide to those files.
- Annette Cooley is identifying and organizing small collections, such as the collection of Earl Willoughby's Dyer County historical articles and the Lauderdale County Historical Society newsletters.
- Starla Dougan creates Excel spreadsheets in which she enters the inventory and descriptive information pertaining to each of the collections, after they are organized. She is our principal data entry person.
- Jimmy Wilkens is currently locating and listing the obituaries found the Jackson Sun newspaper, starting January 1936. This is a valuable addition to previous similar work done by Jonathan Smith for death notices prior to January 1936 and Helen Johnson's extracts of 2000-2005.

- Linda Freeman, our newest volunteer is helping Evelyn Keele to review some of the many stacks of donated material and organizing them into identifiable collections. She is currently transcribing a small random collection of documents obtained from the old Timberlake house on East Main St., just before it was torn down.

This January 2013, our five volunteers clocked in 122 hours. Needless to say, we have a wonderful team of volunteers in the Tennessee Room, working to help us preserve our collection and assisting our patrons in using it.

Proposal for a New Public Library

by Scott Cohen

The new construction downtown with the Jackson Walk, the new apartments, the bustling Farmer's Market, etc. all herald a new era for downtown.

Now is the time for a new Public Library to cap off the rebirth of downtown. A new Public Library can bring about so many cultural advantages for people living downtown and throughout the community.

The library would feature

- an incubator for new technology initiatives in the business community
- a laboratory for people who want to create audio-visual presentations
- a lifelong learning area where patrons would take courses sponsored by the library
- a large meeting area with state of the art sound and visual equipment
- study rooms with whiteboards
- separate computer area for the public to do general searching
- a coffee shop/snack area
- a room where people could do leisure reading with magazines and books

- a true research assistance area
- a section with a clearinghouse of where to find community information
- a large room for story hours and other activities
- a conference room for smaller meetings, including library staff meetings
- ample book shelving for adult and young adult books

There would be checkouts of e-readers and tablet computers.

A large children's area with ample space for kids to move around would be a feature. There would be a large room for story time.

I recommend a committee be started to start planning for a new library. This committee would include:

- the President of the Friends
- the Library Director
- the Chair of the Library Board
- the Chair of the Foundation Board
- the city and county mayors
- a representative from West Tennessee Health Care
- a representative from the Chamber of Commerce
- a representative from area colleges and universities
- a representative from the Jackson-Madison County Schools and
- two interested citizens

Bringing about a new library will take at least five years. It is imperative that we start now. The State Library and Archives may have some money available for planning. It will be necessary to see if there are any funding sources through grants. There may be individuals who would be willing to donate money.

Let's get started now on the planning. We can't wait any longer.

Children's Department News

by Jennifer Brewer

We've been staying busy and warm in the Children's Department this winter, and we're looking forward to a fun filled spring. Preschool Story Times have been well attended. Each Tuesday and Friday morning at the Downtown Branch and Thursdays mornings at North a crowd of energetic, enthusiastic toddlers fills the library. We'd love for you to invite any little ones that you know to join us. Remember that we meet at 10:30 a.m. at Downtown and 11 a.m. at North. In fact, the Story Time at the North Branch has been so crowded lately that we are planning to begin another weekly one. More details coming soon!

We were so grateful to The Friends of the Library for bringing author Benjamin Alire Saenz to town for us. He was a wonderful storyteller. The children at two of our story times loved listening to him read two of his picture books, *A Perfect Season for Dreaming* and *The Dog Who Loved Tortillas*. There were over fifty people in attendance at the Friday morning event, and I was amazed to see that many children sitting quietly enthralled while Mr. Saenz talked. He was a perfect guest for us.

We've also been so excited about welcoming our new director, Dinah Harris. She and I have been brainstorming together and coming up with lots of new ideas and plans for the Children's Department. We are hoping to make changes soon that will make it an even more welcoming place for children in our community. If you haven't met Dinah yet, make a visit to the library soon and introduce yourself. Bring a child with you and introduce them to the library, too.

News from the Library Board

by Brandon McWherter
Library Board Chair

As many of you know, the Library Board terminated its contract with LSSI in November 2012. Since that time, we as a Board have been working diligently to prepare for the transition away from LSSI starting in March 2013. Our first

order of business was to hire a new Library Director. After soliciting applications, considering resumes, consideration of more than a hundred applicants, phone interviews, and in-person interviews, the Board voted to hire Dinah Harris as the new Director for the Jackson-Madison County Library. Dinah is the former Director of the Henderson County Library and the present President of the Tennessee Librarian Association.

The Board is excited about the future of the library under Dinah's leadership, and we expect that our patrons will see changes in the operations of the library over the next few months. Dinah has a heart for customer service, and I have no doubt that her passion for friendly customer service will be immediately noticed by our guests at the library. Also, we are planning now to implement renovations to the library in an effort to obtain a more pleasant environment. We have made a capital request to our funding bodies to accomplish the renovations, and should have an answer to that request very soon. We also plan to install security cameras and equipment at the Main branch of the library.

The Board is also thankful for the service of our interim Director, Arlene Griffin, who has kept the wheels turning for us during this difficult transition period. Arlene, of course, will remain on staff after Dinah assumes the role as Director upon the transition.

I also want to publicly thank the City and County for their contributions to the new Polaris system that will be installed over the coming weeks. One of the obstacles the Board faced in separating from LSSI was a cost of \$60,000 to fund the purchase of Polaris software, which is the primary computer software utilized by the library in its operations. Thanks to the generous contributions by the City and County of \$20,000 each, the purchase of the software was made possible.

The Board thanks you for your support. Should you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at bmcwherter@gilbertfirm.com, or by phone at 731-664-1340.

The Griot Collective



The Griot Collective of West Tennessee presents an afternoon with poet Frank X. Walker April 6, 1 p.m., at the Jackson Madison County Library, downtown.

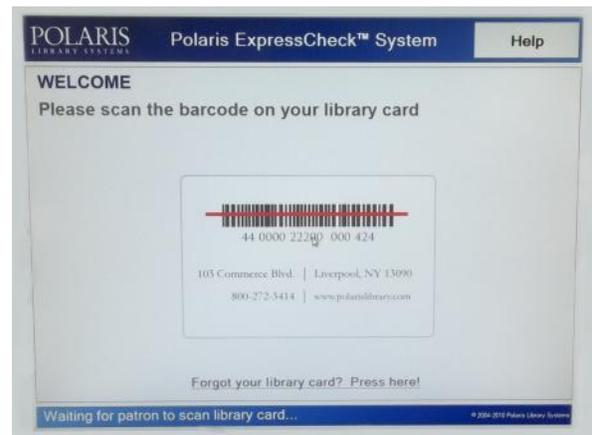
Walker is a Professor of Creative Writing and Literature at the University of Kentucky at Lexington and the author of four previous collections of poetry. An award winning poet, he will be reading from his latest collection: *Turn Me Loose: The Unghosting of Medgar Evers*.

Walker's appearance is part of the Griot Collective's Visiting Writer's Series and is sponsored by a grant from the Tennessee Arts Commission. The Friends of the Library will provide light refreshments.

Technology in the Library

by Zöe Pride

The library has made new progress in technology. We now have our very own self-checkout station. Yes, just like Kroger and Wal-Mart, you are now able to check out books without having to wait in line. All you need is your library card number and your PIN number. Your library card number is located under the barcode on your library card and your PIN number is a four-digit number that you set up when you registered for your card. Don't worry if you can't remember your PIN, we can change it for you at the library front desk.



Also, the library has made great strides with our e-book program. Many more patrons are beginning to check-out e-books and audio books through "R.E.A.D.S.". We have a new feature with our e-books, the advantage books. These are books that the library has purchased that will only be available to our library patrons. For instance, John Grisham's *The Racketeer* has about 250 people on hold for the e-book. With the advantage books you would not have to wait for all 250 people, you would be put at the top of the list for the library's purchased copy.



Last but not least, you can view this newsletter on the Jackson Madison County Library website. Just go to <http://jmcl.tn.org> and click on Friends of the library link at the top. Once you are there you can navigate to the newsletters section. From there you are able to see past and current newsletters. You can also directly go to the page by going to http://jmcl.tn.org/FOTL_Newsletters.php.

The Friends of the Jackson-Madison County Library—Who, What and Why We Are

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 Library North on Highland.

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 but, at least at the Main Library in a dedicated space, that the Friends help keep bright and current.

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 to add to and preserve the collection.

The Friends still hold monthly book reviews and work 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 Library is now going through a transition and 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. We have a staff that would benefit from knowing that you support them at this time of change.

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**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL _____

_____ ADULT \$10 or more _____ PATRON \$25 _____ SPONSOR \$100 or more

_____ JUNIOR \$1 _____ BENEFACTOR \$50 Make checks payable to Friends of the Library.

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