

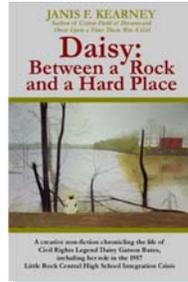
BOOK ENDS

Friends of the (Jackson-Madison County) Library Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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

As I write this for the Spring Bookends, I am basking in the glow of a wonderful noon program last week. There were 48 lucky people present to hear an absolutely wonderful program presented by Dr. Hampton and Ms. Samuels from Lane College about Daisy Bates her life and her work. There will soon be copies of *Daisy: Between a Rock and a Hard Place* by Janis F. Kearney available in your library.



Now we look forward to our spring programs:

A visit March 2 with Jackie Utley will explore her topic of “Victorian Sentimental Jewelry”. Before photographs became our bridge to memory, people would use locks of hair and preserve them in pins, lockets or rings.



The hair in these mourning tokens was often elaborately displayed.

Jackie is active in the DAR, is a business professional and on the Board for the Sue Shelton White Memorial. Many may remember her for

the dance studio she ran for many years or the water aerobics class she taught at the YMCA.

Come and join us for a visit with Jackie and a look at this interesting piece of the past.



On April 6 we will have a poet from Decatur, Alabama, Harry Moore, a retired English professor who received one of his degrees from Middle Tennessee State University. Since his retirement he has produced two chapbooks*: *What He Would Call Them* (Finishing Line Press, 2013) and *Time's Fool: Love Poems* (Mule on a Ferris Wheel Press, 2014). He currently serves as assistant editor

of *POEM* magazine. In 2014 Harry received the Maureen Egen Writers Exchange Award for poetry from Poets & Writers. One of his poems is printed in this newsletter. *I had to look up what this means, so you can too.



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Then on the first Thursday in May 4, we'll welcome master gardener, Christine Warrington and we have our plant exchange: Bring One, Take One, or Bring Two, Take Two, ... etc. It is a great way to learn a bit and share a bit. Christine will be talking to us about succulents. Many of the avid gardeners among us are aware of Tony Avent's Plant Delights Nursery in Raleigh, NC: well Christine lived across the street, so she will have much to share with us.



Please join us for any of our regular programs, always the first Thursday of the month at noon with coffee and treats provided and please bring a friend.

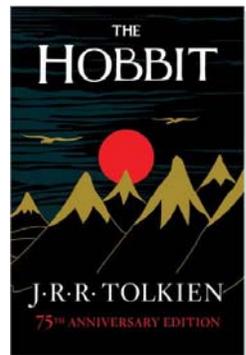
Have you noticed all the programs going on at your Library? Well it is not just the children who are busy, the teens and adults have lots going on as well. Next time you are in the library pick up a calendar, try out one of the new library maps to help you find a good book, trek upstairs to use a computer, drop in the Tennessee room, or come on a Tuesday near noon and relax by coloring. You can find a good movie to take home or check out the e-resources and you won't even have to leave home.

By the way, have you picked up a well wrapped book from the "Blind Date with a Book" shelf? Well I picked up two and it was an adventure that led to knowledge and an expansion of my reading universe. Both of the books were new to me authors, a poet, Ted Kooser, and a novelist, Carlos Ruiz Zafón. From the novel "The Shadow of the Wind", I have taken to heart a paragraph at the end of the first chapter:

Once, in my father's bookshop, I heard a regular customer say that few things leave a deeper mark on a reader than the first book that finds its way into his heart. Those first images, the echo of words we think we have left behind, accompany us throughout our lives and sculpt a place in our memory to which sooner or later—no matter how many books we read, how many worlds we discover, or how much we learn or forget—we will return...

The book that left a mark on me and my life was J. R. R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit*. When a senior in Lawton, OK, a Ft. Sill neighbor recommended the book—"In a hole in the ground there lived a hobbit..." It did go right to my heart. In 1966, my boyfriend and I discovered more Tolkien and spent weekend afternoons reading the books of the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy; and they have been companions for the more than 50 years of our marriage—we do return.

It is my hope that you have a book like that in your life, something that is apart from your job or career, apart from your faith or your politics; a book that has found its way into your heart. If you haven't yet found that book, keep reading and remember that your library is free and public and staffed with helpful people who care about helping you find what you need, and we all need a good book.

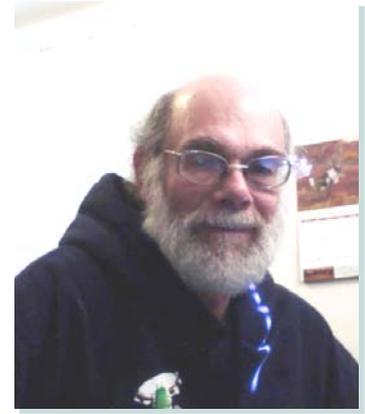


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ROBERT COOPERMAN

by James E Cherry

Robert Cooperman received his Ph.D. in Creative Writing from the University of Denver. He has published fifteen poetry collections, most recently *Just Drive* (Brick Road Poetry Press). *In the Colorado Gold Fever Mountains* (Western Reflections Books) won the Colorado Book Award for Poetry. His interests in poetry range from his old Brooklyn neighborhood to Ireland in the 18th Century, to the Trojan War, the Old West, and to verse biographies of the poets Shelley and Keats. Forthcoming in 2017 are *City Hat Frame Factory* (Aldrich Press) and *Draft Board Blues* (FutureCycle Press). Cooperman lives in Denver with his wife Beth.



James E Cherry: *Why is poetry relevant in your life and should it be to the nation as a whole?*

Robert Cooperman: *Poetry is relevant for the same reason that beauty and prayer are: Poetry consoles us, gives us a reason to keep going, to help us see that we're not alone in this very large and often cold and indifferent world, that other people have thought and felt the same things we think and feel and have been troubled by, only poets express the pain so much better than we can. After the September 11 attacks, NPR radio had then Poet Laureate Billy Collins on; he read a poem he'd apparently just written, about the need to not give in to despair, to still search for beauty in the world. In a way you could call President Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address" a prose poem that on the one hand consoled the Union for the fallen at that battlefield and on the other extolled the sacrifice those soldiers had made to help preserve the Union. Poetry also enlarges us, makes us see there's a world beyond ourselves, that we and our cellphones are not the end-all and be-all of existence. Poetry can shake us up and out of our complacency, can make us see beyond our navels, as when Frost wrote, "Nature's first green is gold/Her hardest hue to hold/Her early leaf's a flower,/ But only so an hour...." Poetry is relevant for one more reason: at its best, it's beautiful, like my favorite line, from the Shakespearian sonnet: "Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May," just gorgeous! Or this one from Yeats' "Byzantium", in which the poet writes about poetry itself and calls it, "Dying in a dance/An agony of trance,/An agony of fire/That cannot singe a sleeve.*



James E Cherry is the author of three volumes of poetry, a collection of short fiction and two novels. His latest novel, *Edge of the Wind*, was published in 2016 from Stephen F Austin University Press. Cherry's work has been nominated for an NAACP Image Award, a Lillian Smith Book Award and Next Generation Indie Book Award for Fiction. He has an MFA in creative writing from the University of Texas at El Paso and resides in Tennessee with his wife, Tammy. Visit him on the web at: <http://jamesEcherry.com>.

Please add these two events to your April calendar.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SPRING SYMPOSIUMS

Poet Robert Cooperman

Poetry Reading at the Library
Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 1 p.m.
Jackson Madison County Library
433 E. Lafayette Street, Jackson, TN

The Not So Mean Streets of Brooklyn, New York
Friday, May 21, 2017 at 6 p.m.
Temple B'nai Israel
401 W. Grand Street, Jackson, TN

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

by Dinah Harris

The increase of activity at the library is a sure sign that spring is just around the corner! National Library Week festivities are already in the works for April 10-15. Watch our website for an announcement as we grow closer to the time. Meanwhile, our regular monthly calendar is filling with programs.

Typically, our calendar of events has only promoted the programs conducted by library staff. Beginning in February, we began adding all the programming we partner to provide. This would include programs such as the Chess Club, Daughters of American Revolution Genealogy Assistance, Family Book Club, GED Classes, Knitting Class, the Minecraft Club, and Tai Chi (led by our own Sue Barnes.) We also offer a Saturday Readers Club for school children in partnership with the Jackson-Madison County School System. When you add all that to our regular Friends of the Library and staff-led programming for children, teens, and adults, the library is a very busy place making a difference in the lives of many.

We also continue to add offerings to our "Digital Library" as well. Check out our "ArtistWorks" database. This database is for the library patron of music and art. You can learn an instrument, voice or art from an accomplished Grammy and award-winning professors. It is suitable for both youth and adults from beginner to intermediate instruction. An array of instruments is offered as well as music theory, scratching and art. This database even adapts to mobile devices. You can access ArtistWorks by visiting our website and clicking on the E-resources tab; it is under "Learn Something New."

In order to do a better job of informing you of all our special programs and offerings, we are restructuring all of our brochures. Before, we tried to include as much information as possible on one document; this meant that information about some of our offerings did not make the cut. Now, we are developing special brochures for each department so nothing is left out. So far, we have one for our digital library, a library circulation guide, our genealogy/local history room, and a map of the library. Others will follow soon. You may pick up copies at the circulation desk.

We encourage you to be a part of all this activity by attending a program, offering to present a program, or volunteering to help. It is community building at its finest.

NEW A/V MATERIALS

at the Jackson Madison
County Library:

(from Mike Baker,
Media Librarian)

Music CDs

Here

by Alicia Keys

Fill This House

by Shirley Caesar

Tony Bennett Celebrates 90

Blackstar

by David Bowie

Blue & Lonesome

by The Rolling Stones

DVDs

Masterminds

Arrival

Jack Reacher 2

The Edge of Seventeen

Mr. Robot Season 2

Audio Books

Night School

by Lee Child

Paris For One

by Jojo Moyes

Escape Clause

by John Sandford

The Fever Code

by James Dashner

My (not so) Perfect Life

by Sophie Kinsella

Twelve Days of Christmas

by Debbie Macomber

ADULT SERVICES COLUMN

by Jenci Spradlin, Adult Services Librarian

It has been a very busy time at the Library as we continue to build an adult services program. One of the biggest projects that we've been working on since late last year has been the preparation of a grant proposal to the National Endowment for the Arts for The Big Read program. Some of you may have participated in The Big Read in 2010 with the selection of the book, *Call of the Wild* by Jack London and remember the events and activities that helped to both promote wide-spread reading of the novel, as well as an exploration of some of its primary themes.

This year, our proposal was built around the novel *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel, a dystopian work of fiction that is set 20 years after a global flu pandemic has wiped away 99% of the world's population. What remains are small groups of survivors who try to navigate a world where the modern conveniences of life are still absent: electricity, public infrastructure, transportation, technology, and means of communication. The theme of Mandel's novel can be summarized by a quote from an episode of the television series, *Star Trek*: "Survival is Insufficient." This becomes the motto of one such group of survivors that call themselves The Traveling Symphony. They represent actors and musicians who travel a circuit around The Great Lakes region performing works by Shakespeare and classical music. In this context, themes in the novel include the role of the arts in society; what we choose to remember from the past and why; the nature of pandemics; and, the importance of having access to media and information. Our plan includes not only hosting a number of book discussion groups throughout the community and a keynote address to discuss literary themes, but a host of other events that seek to highlight the vast wealth of arts organizations and historical sites within this community and the opportunities they provide for cultural enrichment, among others. We will also work closely with the

Jackson-Madison County School System's "Jackson Reads Millions" program to provide books and programming for students. We also selected two other companion books that are more appropriate for young children and middle schoolers. With many community partners ready and willing to help us put this program together, we are hopeful that our proposal will be selected by the review committee for funding. We should receive notification of that in late April.

The relationships made while working on this project have already proven valuable as we make plans for additional programs for adults, including planning for our summer reading program. This February, we launched a very successful new program called "Blind Date with a Book," encouraging patrons to take a chance on finding true love by selecting a book based solely on a brief description. We even expanded the program to include children and young adults. Our hope was to showcase books, both fiction and non-fiction, that a patron might not necessarily know about or select when just looking at its cover. Feedback we receive from readers of these books will then be used to create "must read" lists that can guide patrons toward new authors and new topics. Programs like this will continue to be developed, and our hope is to help patrons find something they will not want to put down.



REGIONAL NEWS

by Janice Perry

Dr. Carla Jacobs, Hatchie River Regional Library Director (Jackson, TN), will retire effective March 31, 2017. Carla has worked with the regional library system for over 16 years and has seen the transformation of the regional system with the 2012 reorganization. Changes during her administration in addition to the reorganization include implementation of the statewide courier system for Interlibrary Loan (ILL), automation of all libraries in the region, and computer technology growth in all libraries in the Hatchie River Regional Library system. Carla previously served as library director at Union University in Jackson, TN, librarian in the state of Indiana, a missionary in Paraguay, and a kindergarten teacher in the state of Tennessee. Her varied experiences, sweet disposition and fairness to all were key to her effective and competent leadership.

We salute Carla on her retirement and wish for success in this phase of her life. She will continue to enjoy even more time with family, which includes her wonderful husband,



Jerry, three daughters and their families, and especially her two grandsons, Jacob and Lucas. Congratulations Carla!

The staff of the Hatchie River Regional Library, located at 63 Executive Drive in Jackson, TN cordially invites you to a retirement celebration honoring Carla on Thursday, March 9 from 1-4 p.m. Please RSVP to Kathy Beshires at (731) 668-0710.

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IN MEMORY OF GWENDA GREEN ANTHONY

Contributed by Sue Ann Barnes

The Board of the Friends of the Library lost a very important member and friend on February 11. Gwen had served as the board's secretary for three years and her smile was a welcome addition to each of our meetings.

She was a senior reporter for the Jackson Sun for many years and to remember that smile, I searched for a photo of her and found this one taken in Los Angeles on the occasion of Wink Martindale getting his star.

06/01/06 Sun senior writer Gwenda Anthony takes a moment on Thursday evening to do as other tourists do — have a snapshot taken by another tourist. Here she styles and profiles with Tinman and Scarecrow from *The Wizard of Oz*, near Grauman's Chinese Theater.



LIBRARY BOARD NEWS

by Elaine Christian, Chairman, Library Board of Trustees

Best-selling author, Sydney Sheldon, said something so powerful about libraries that bears repeating. He said, “Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life.” This statement is very fitting as the Library Board of Trustees embarks upon a long range planning process that will help us both identify the services and programs we already offer, but also look toward the future to plot a course that will accommodate the changing needs of the community to make our library all it can be.

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Our focus as a library has been centered on three key elements: literacy, technology, and community, and we will continue to evaluate our current and future programming and services within those broad boundaries. As community leaders, our role is to look closely at our stakeholders; those who regularly use our library, those who support our library through public funding and private donations, and those we are not currently reaching. We also must continuously nurture our current partners and look to build and strengthen partnerships and collaborations with organizations, service providers, and businesses who similarly have a shared commitment to serve the needs of this wonderful community.

Planning in this way will help us identify and secure additional funding, and will help provide justification for the expansion of and development of new services and programs. We can best serve the public when we have such a tool to help us navigate change in a way that again, is centered upon literacy, technology, and community.

The Board of Trustees has been working diligently in a number of capacities to prepare us for this important work, and I thank them for their dedication to serve our library and our community in this way. I read that there are three A's to public life – authority, authenticity, and accountability. What a wonderful way to view what we, as leaders and champions of the library, are tasked with doing. I am personally committed to these values as we move forward, and I hope you are as excited as I am to see the fruit that will come from this process.



CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT NEWS

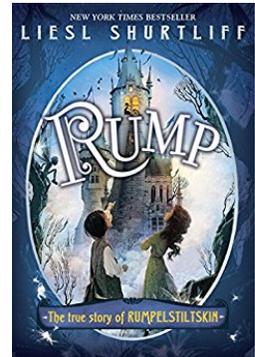
by Jennifer Brewer, Children's Librarian

"A good library will never be too neat, or too dusty, because somebody will always be in it, taking books off the shelves and staying up late reading them." –Lemony Snicket

Remember this quote if you visit the Children's Department. Our library seldom seems "neat" enough for me. There is a never ending job of straightening shelves, organizing misplaced books, and picking up puppets and puzzle pieces off the floor. The wonderful side, though, is that all this mess and work is proof that our library is being used and enjoyed by children, lots of children, and that makes the messes they leave forgivable.

I was on maternity leave during the Fall and early Winter, but I had an incredible substitute handling my Story Times. Mrs. Amanda Chaney made lots of little friends and had fun teaching and reading with them. We're all so grateful for her commitment. Now, I'm back, and Story Times for preschoolers continue on Tuesdays and Fridays at the Main Library, and Thursdays at the North Branch.

Jenci, our adult services librarian, handled my enthusiastic, energetic Family Book Club while I was gone. Thanks so much, Jenci. The kids loved *The Boxcar Children*! Now, for February, we are starting the fairy tale adaptation of Rumpelstiltskin, *Rump* by Liesl Shurtliff. Last week, we held trials for all the fairy tale bad guys. *The Big Bad Wolf*, the giant from *Jack & the Beanstalk*, and the hunter from *Bambi* all went to court to defend themselves. Some of the kids were lawyers and some were witnesses. It was a hilarious show. Any families who would like to join us on Friday afternoons at 3:30 can call me at 425-8600 for more information.



Encourage all the children you know to visit the library sometime if they aren't in the habit already. Assure them and their parents that we will forgive them for being a little noisy, not wanting to sit still, and leaving a few messes here and there as long as they are here learning, exploring, and enjoying the space and resources we provide for them.



DO YOU JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER?

The graphic features a cupid figure on the left, two red hearts above the text, and a large red heart on the right containing the text 'February is Love Your Library Month'. The main text reads 'Try a Blind Date with a Book!'.

CHECK OUT A BOOK BASED ONLY ON ITS PROFILE ALL MONTH LONG!
(MAIN & NORTH BRANCH)

TEEN ROOM NEWS

by Jessi Rieger, Young Adult Services Manager

There are a lot of cool things happening in Young Adult Services this spring!

- The YA Café, the teen book club, is beginning its third book, *Seraphina and the Black Cloak* by Robert Beatty, on March 14 at 4 p.m. YA Café will continue to meet every other Tuesday through May.
- Teen Craft continues to be a fun program, giving teens the opportunity to get creative in a relaxed and social atmosphere every Monday at 4 p.m.
- Teen Council meets the first Tuesday of every month, and all teens are invited to come and make your opinions heard!
- Anime Club meets two Saturdays a month at 3 p.m. Teens can do crafts, watch Anime, learn trivia, play games, and have fun! Check the Teen Events Calendar for scheduling specifics.
- The newest program, Teen Build Tuesday, is taking place on the third Tuesday of every month through May. TBT is an opportunity for teens to compete in STEM challenges, and to play around with supplies to see what they can build.



Of course, planning for the summer reading program is well underway, so stay tuned for more about that. Hope to see you in the Teen Room!

“There are a lot of cool things happening in Young Adult Services this spring!”

TIME’S FOOL

by Harry V. Moore

“Daddy?” she said, her cell phone voice
rising toward some question,
“We’re getting married. David’s
taking off Thanksgiving and we’re
going to St. Simon’s. You can
have a reception for us later, and
Mom can too.”

She didn’t say she missed me
when I left, the golden books we read
when she was two, songs we sang, or
waffles we two made while others slept
or that weekend roads were long and
houses far. She didn’t say she needed me
with nouns and numbers and thunderstorms

that shook her sleep. She didn’t ask
how we who bore her could not speak,
why in our years apart we built no bridge
a child might walk, no place
a girl might marry.

In the tape she sends of palm trees
and marbled seaside houses,
they stand outside before a man
in black robe, who calls them by their names,
wind scuffing the hidden mike and blowing
her dark hair. When she pledges lifelong love,
through riches, hunger, health and time’s slow change,
her voice trembles, her eyes glisten,
and I weep.

[First published in *The Alabama Literary Review*]

FOUNDATION NEWS

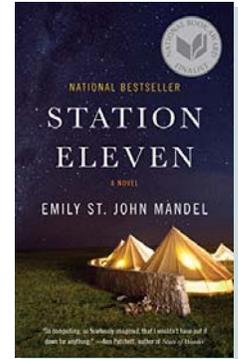
by Wanda Scanlon, Library Foundation Chair

Winter greetings from the Library Foundation. January brought new changes to our board. Dr. Amy Dietrich has served the past two years as Chairman; 2017 marked the end of her term. We are appreciative of Dr. Dietrich's leadership for her efforts have helped us navigate this exciting time of change and improvement as we strive to be of good service to Dinah and her staff. As the in-coming Chair, I would like to welcome Betty Labry as Vice Chair. Lynda Climer and Cathy Farmer graciously agreed to serve another term and treasurer and secretary respectively. I look forward to working with these most capable ladies as we move forward into the future.

At our December meeting we voted to provide funds to refurbish the staff lounge with new paint and furniture. Nothing structural will be done, just a "refreshing" and a permanent retiring of the old sofa. We want the new space to be inviting for breaks and lunch. Dinah and Jenci are currently getting the ball rolling on this project.

We are anxiously awaiting a decision on The Big Read - along with everyone else. On a personal note, I've read *Station Eleven* with my book club and truly enjoyed it. The last Big Read was such a local success; hopefully, we will get a chance to duplicate.

The Foundation continues to work with the Friends "sorting books" for the June sale. We have done several joint Foundation/Friends work days. This proves to be successful as many hands make light work. Sue and I will be posting future work dates, we hope you will join us - in fact bring a friend. You never know what you might find!



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The library recently received an \$8,800 technology grant from the State of Tennessee.

About The Friends of the Jackson-Madison County Library

Our Jackson Madison County Library System is constantly changing to meet the needs of a changing community. The programming at the library has a variety of events, activities and topics that mean that there is something for almost everyone. The Friends support these programs especially the summer programs for children, teens and adults. We also provide some of the archival materials for The Tennessee Room which, though it deals with history, has new and wonderful ways of letting you access and view some of that history. Programming activities have always been a priority of The Friends and FOL invites authors and poets, both local and from other parts of the state and country, that reflect the diverse community in which we live.

We support the library and work with the staff, Library Board of Trustees and the Library Foundation to promote the Library. Dinah Harris, the director of this wonderful facility, is taking the library in new directions aided by a staff that is brimming with enthusiasm and skill. If you have not looked at your library with fresh eyes, take an hour sometime and pretend that you are new to town, and look anew at the facility. Ask about the services, pick up a map and explore your library. You may be devoted to the Main Library on Lafayette, or may usually use the North Branch on Stonebridge, well use a bit of extra gas and visit the other location. It is, after all, Your Public Library, it is open to all and welcoming you into a world of information, a world connected to your community, a frontier of the ever expanding human spirit.

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.

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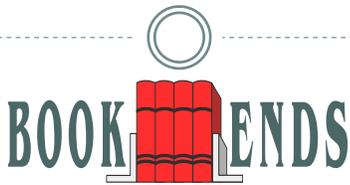
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Thursday Programs • Program Center of JMCL at 433 E. Lafayette St. • Noon

Drinks and dessert provided. You are welcome to bring your lunch.

March 2 • Jackie Utley - Victorian Sentimental Jewelry. See samples of this exquisite art form, both beautiful and macabre.

April 6 • Poetry Month - Poet Harry Moore

Mr. Moore will read his poetry and will have available *Time's Fool* and *What He Would Call Them*, two of his books of poetry for signing and purchase.

May 4 • Spring Plant Swap and Garden Speaker - Christine Warrington, Madison County Master Gardener "How To Develop A Love For Succulents". She will share her love of these special plants with us.