

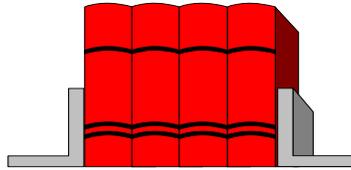
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The President's Corner

by Sue Ann Barnes, President
Friends of the Library Board

Good Things Are Going On At Our Library! Have you noticed more staff about? More smiles on faces? Well I have and as a result there is a bigger smile on my face. I do miss a face here and there, especially that of Arlene Griffin who for many years was the director of Library North. And I wish especially to acknowledge the difficult work she did as interim director of the library while our relationship with LSSI wound down. Thank you, Arlene.

Now we have had our new director, Dinah Harris, with us for several months and as the spring advances and the push to summer activities is on, I feel a new and vital hum about the library. Dinah has put in place a new manager for Library North, Karen White. If that is your regular library stop, please get to know her, and communicate your reading preferences and look forward to having a bit more space in the near future.

If your library is on Lafayette Street as mine is, do the same communicating and look forward to the changes that will be made over the summer to the floor plan.

Soon we will find the library filled with summer reading program events, children and youth looking for a good book to read or DVD to watch, their parents looking for the perfect book to take on vacation or read on the porch. You, through your support of the Friends of the Library, make the summer

New A/V Materials at the Jackson- Madison County

Library:
(from Mike Baker)

Music CDs

The 20/20 Experience
by Justin Timberlake

Unorthodox Jukebox
by Bruno Mars

Warrior
by Kesha

Based On A True Story
by Blake Shelton

Trapped
by Denise LaSalle

DVDs

Argo

Breaking Dawn Pt 2

Sinister

Life Of Pi

The Master

CD Audio Books

Darkly Dreaming Dexter
by Jeff Lindsay

Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake
by Anna Quindlen

Home
by Toni Morrison

No Easy Day
by Mark Owen

reading program more exciting by providing the financing for the performers and acts that come to entertain the children and the gifts and prizes they get for participating. FOL has always wanted to encourage young readers because we know the value of that lifelong skill.

Well, after a warm winter, we had a pretty cool spring and the trees are fully leafed out, the iris and peony are joined by the first roses, the forsythia and dogwood blooms are gone, but the crepe myrtles are beginning to leaf out. What a grand place Tennessee is in the spring.

And what a grand place the Program Center was as FOL welcomed authors Patricia Potter and Carolyn McSparren, who delighted us with their down to earth talk of their lives as writers. I added one each of their books to my collection and I must say I've learned a lot about driving competitions from *One Hoof in the Grave*.

Then UT horticulturist Carol Reese made it to our venue unscathed and provided us with a visual exploration of Edible Landscape plants and with handouts on the plants, as well as the spring and summer events at the West Tennessee Research and Education Center.

We finished our season with Memphis author, Cary Holladay, who read from her new book *Horse People*. It was inspired by a diary passed down in her family, and is a story of a horse loving family that covers nearly a century and a half.

I want to thank all of you who came to programs over the 2012-2013 season and enjoyed talk of books, readings from books, transfer of lively information and sharing good conversation over the coffee and dessert

provided by Margaret Rucker and her cadre of helpers.

The first Thursday of the months from September to May are events to savor, if you haven't come to one, please make plans to join us in September for our opening program.

To whet your appetite for next year two of our fall speakers will be Ace Atkins, a Mississippi writer, contacted for us by Mike Baker, who has been on the staff of J/MC Library for decades.

He tells us that Ace has and is writing a series of books set in northern Mississippi about a veteran who returns home and becomes the sheriff in his home county. The books are: *The Ranger*, *The Lost Ones* and *The Broken Places*. He is also writing the Spencer crime series that was founded by Robert B. Parker and has added two books to that time honored line: *Lullaby*, and *Wonderland*.

We haven't yet set the date in the fall as he is on book tours for the last books in each series which were just released in May.

But there is a date to mark on your 2013 calendar: **November 7**. Our guest will be Heidi Squier Kraft, whose book *Rule Number Two* details the months she spent in Iraq attached to a Marine Combat Hospital. This will be a very special time for us, as we want to honor all of our military veterans and to provide programs of interest to them, their families, health care and social workers. We will not only have Heidi speak at our usual noon time at the library, but will also schedule an evening event that will be more accessible to those who work or have daytime commitments. I hope you think

this sounds like a good start to our next program year. If you have suggestions, please let one of your board members know.

To keep FOL's support of our programs and other efforts at the library, remember that our Membership Drive starts in July, so when you see the FOL return address, open that envelope and send in your membership. We appreciate you and your support.

The year is not quite done yet we still have the Book Sale too, I was going to say contend with, but instead I will say enjoy. More about the sale and how to help or how to be a customer is elsewhere in this issue. But it is June 7, 8 and 9 and it will be **BIG!**

Enjoy your summer and a good book.

Library Director's Column

by Dinah Harris

I am so happy to be a part of Jackson and Madison County. This is such a progressive and welcoming community. The library staff and I are working hard to restore JMCL back to the place of respect it once held not only in Madison County but also in all West Tennessee.

A few staff changes have occurred since the last newsletter. We have welcomed a part-time cataloger, Debby Merritt. Debby formerly worked for the Reelfoot Regional Library in Martin as a cataloger. We have welcomed a part-time circulation desk staff member named Austin Kolb. Austin was recruited because of his outstanding customer service skills. Mirasol Fitzgerald has been a part-time employee of the library but has now accepted a full-time

position with us. She will be my administrative -assistant responsible for the bookkeeping and serving as the point of contact when I am absent. Last but not least, Arlene Griffin resigned as manager of Library North effective April 6. The new manager is Karen White. She is a degreed librarian who comes to us from Obion County. She began her career as head of circulation at Obion County Public and then earned her Master's in Library Science. Her immediate past job was head of circulation at UT Martin's library. Please go by and introduce yourself to her at Library North when you get the chance.

We celebrated National Library Week April 15-19 by waiving fines for patrons that returned overdue materials. We also allowed visitors to register for two door prizes we gave away on Saturday. The \$25 Amazon.com gift card went to Nate Barnard, and the \$25 Books-A-Million gift card went to Lanora Bryant.

We still plan major remodeling and extended hours at the main library after the new fiscal year. We are just waiting on approval of our capital funds requests. We are also still working on relocation plans for Library North in the next few months as their lease at their current location expires.

Between newsletters, be sure and keep up with us on Facebook!

Book Sale

If you want to help with the **June Book Sale**, please contact one of the Friends Board members listed on the last page of this newsletter.

Why I wanted to be on the Friends of the Jackson-Madison County Library Board

by Dorcas Davis, Campus Librarian at the University of Memphis/Lambuth

I want an input into the social and cultural enlightenment of the community, and I believe that the path to enlightenment is knowledge.

Libraries offer a place for people in a community to grow by offering a world of boundless information.

Additionally, I want to actively share my love of libraries with everyone. Without a doubt, serving on the Friend's board will offer me the wonderful opportunity to do just that.

I have come to love the Jackson community and I want to serve it the best way I know how. I am excited and so very grateful for this opportunity to help Jackson and all of West Tennessee.

To see a community of people become enriched through library services, programs and events will make serving on the Friend's board worthwhile.

Library North News

by Karen White, Library North Branch Manager

The North Branch of the Jackson-Madison County Library is currently open Tuesday through Saturday. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday hours are noon to 5 p.m., and Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Presently, the North Branch has two story times on Thursday. The first is at 10:15 a.m.

and the second is at 11 a.m. Also, on the first Saturday of the month, Marisol Fitzgerald holds a bilingual story time at 3 p.m.

This story time is in Spanish and English. Mrs. Fitzgerald is working to determine if this 3 p.m. time slot is a good time for our community of patrons. She is also seeking to determine whether there is a desire for a story time in Spanish. If you would like to talk to Mrs. Fitzgerald, she welcomes emails and phone calls at mfitzgerald@co.madison.tn.us and 731-425-8600.

The North Branch of the library has four adult computers and two children's computers. Summer reading for children of all ages, as well as teens is just around the corner. Registration for summer reading begins on June 10.

Children will be given a log book to which they will add a sticker as they complete reading each book. Children reading for a minimum of two hours each week will receive prizes for their endeavor. There will be many special events and story times during Summer Reading. All are free of charge. For upcoming information, check our website at <http://jmcl.tn.org/>. If you have questions concerning Summer Reading or story times, contact Jennifer Brewer at 731-425-8600.

Did you know that the North Branch is moving? We are moving to Stonebridge Boulevard, very near Jason's Deli. This location will increase our square footage. We look forward to having more room, a dedicated program room, and more shelves for our already cramped books!! The plan is to move before July 1, 2013.

Children's Department News

by Jennifer Brewer

Spring brings about feelings of hope and inspiration to plan new things, and that's exactly what's going on in the Children's Department this season. We are so excited to be planning a great Summer Reading Program this year. We also are brainstorming and coming up with ways to expand the Children's Department both in physical space and in what we offer to the children of the community.

This year's Summer Reading Program theme will be Dig Into Reading. We'll learn about dinosaurs, Native American artifacts, gardening, and buried pirate treasure! The summer will start off with the annual book sale and on Saturday, June 8, the Friends of the Library will host a special Children's Day with storytelling and children's books for sale in the Little Friends Room.

The following Monday, registration for Summer Reading will begin. Bring the kids to either library that week to sign up and get a timed reading log book. The next five weeks the kids can come to the library to pick up prizes if they have read for the designated amount of time. Actually, the prizes just came in the mail and the library staff is anxious to get the toys and treats out ourselves! It's going to be a fun summer!

Each Wednesday at 3 p.m. during the program we will host a big performer in the Program Center. A puppet show/ventriloquist, a musician, a magician, a mad scientist, and an artist are all coming.

Preschool Story Times will continue as usual, but we will also add a movie showing for the kids on Friday mornings in the Program Center. If you would like more information or a

calendar, call (731-425-8600), email (jmclkids@gmail.com) or come by to speak with me.

We are making a devoted effort to include teenagers in our planning for the library this year. There will also be a Summer Reading Program for the teens. Prizes, contests, weekly movies, and a few other programs will be offered specifically for people ages 12 to 18.

We also want to spread the word that we'd love to have teen volunteers at the library and also teen input in decision making. Any interested young people can contact Jennifer, as well.

We are so grateful to the Friends of the Library for their support, both financial and otherwise. The children's programs at the library are so fun and are such an important asset to the community and especially to this library.

We hope to work with the Friends even more over the summer to come up with more ways to make this a place where children of the community can come to read, learn, have fun, and meet friends. What could be more important?



BOOK SALE

June 7-9

**FRI-SAT: 9:30-4:30
SUN: 1-5**

Book Sale:

**Books/CD's/VHS's/DVD's
of all categories**

**All Proceeds Benefit
The Jackson-Madison
County Library**

Preview Brunch:

**Friday, June 7 • 8:30-10
\$5 per person**

Story Time:

Saturday, June 8 • 10-2

**To be held in the Program Center
of the Main Library
433 E. Lafayette • Jackson**



**An event of the Library Foundation and The Friends of the Library
Credit cards accepted.**

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

The Friends of the Library was formed to encourage activities at the Library, to provide support for special events and to fund special projects. Fondly referred to by its members as just The Friends, or in this modern era by its acronym FOL, this group has continued its active support of the Library for forty-one years.

Over the years FOL has:

- hosted receptions and the noon book reviews,
- supported visits by authors and poets,
- helped fund reading activities for children, especially the summer reading program,
- made improvements inside and outside the Library building, including redecorating the children's room and landscaping the new edition,
- worked with the Library Board of Trustees and the Library Foundation to promote the Library and enhance its impact upon our community,
- published Friends Fare Cookbook, and our newsletter, which provides information on events and activities to our members and the community.

A long list of dedicated citizens have served on its board and supported the group as members. To each of them we owe our thanks. But our local group does not go it alone. Besides state and national Friends organizations that provide support for local Friends groups there is the cooperation and assistance of the Library staff and director in creating a dynamic library environment. The Director provides information on the library budget, its public funding, and current needs. The Circulation, Reference, Adult Services, Children's Departments and the Tennessee Room staff not only provide service to the library's patrons, but information and articles for our newsletter. Thanks to all for their support.

And now it is your turn to help support The Friends:

- come to our events (up coming ones are listed in this newsletter),
- read our newsletter (well you must already be doing that),
- maintain your membership or become a member (information on becoming a member is listed below)

Sue Ann Barnes, President

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BOOK SALE
June 7, 8, 9 • 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Special Preview Brunch • \$5
Friday, June 7 • 8:30 - 10 a.m.

Main Library on Lafayette St.
Program Center & Little Friends Room

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