

# BOOK ENDS

Friends of the (Jackson-Madison County) Library Newsletter

**Summer, 2015**

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## The President's Corner

*by Perry Burrows, President, Friends of the Library Board*

Greetings to members and friends, by the time you read this our first year of programming will have come to a close. We have had an interestingly diverse year of programs in 2014-2015, ranging from a high noon experience with "David Crockett" to a concert with one of the few surviving blues legends of the era. And, we have two or three others waiting in the wings for presentation opportunities in the fall of 2015. But I have to say that my highlight was to have a once in a lifetime chance to spend most of two days with the great Nigerian-American novelist, poet, essayist, and genius of Chris Abani.

Abani's presentations were on target and spoke with brilliance to everyone in attendance. Author Dave Eggers said, "Chris Abani might be the most courageous writing working...now. There is no subject matter he finds daunting, no challenge he fears...If you want to get at the molten heart of contemporary fiction, Abani is the starting point." It should be added that the library has several of his works on the shelves just waiting to be checked out and read.

Chris Abani was the first author in our Literary Symposium series. The University of Memphis, Lambuth, Union

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

*(from Mike Baker, Media Librarian)*

### Music CDs

*They Want My Soul*  
by Spoon

*Black Messiah*  
by D'Angelo

*Into the Woods*  
Soundtrack

*Raymond Anthony Sings Jimmy Rogers + I*

*Bad Self Portraits*  
by Lake Street Dive

### DVDs

*Taken 3*

*Wild*

*The Babadook*

*Interstellar*

*Gone Girl*

### Audio Books

*Seeker Arwen*  
by Elys Dayton

*Believer*  
by David Axelrod

*Lucky Us*  
by Amy Bloom

*Bones Never Lie*  
by Kathy Reichs

University, and Lane College participated in sending students and professors to share in this experience in which we honored our silent, but strong, Nigerian community. I have already been informed that we will receive a grant for the 2015-2016 event next spring in which our Filipino neighbors will be honored.

We are fortunate to have such a diverse community here in Jackson. We live in an area rich in the opportunity to offer a broad spectrum of program opportunities to the citizens. In making preparations for the 2015-2016 symposium, based on conversations with other library representatives around the country, it became obvious that Jackson is ripe for many types of programs that enrich and magnify the Jackson-Madison County Library and the citizens who support it. Let's all attempt to keep that in mind for next year and the year after and work to support the program opportunities that come our way.

Don't forget the book sale that is coming up, and have a good summer. You will be hearing from me next fall in Bookends. Until then, don't stay in the sun too much and make your vacations poignant with memories.



## Library Director's Column

by Dinah Harris

Ashton Lee, author of the *Cherry Cola Book Club* series, will be at the library on Wednesday, May 27, at noon to review his new book, *The Wedding Circle*. As June is a big wedding month, the talk will center around the main element of the plot which is a lifelong mother-daughter conflict that comes to a head during the wedding plans. This book signing was previously scheduled for the Friends of the Library June Noon Book Review; it was moved up due to the Book Sale being held that week. Please join us!

Summer reading is right around the corner, and we are getting geared up for some fantastic programming for all ages! Our themes this year all relate to superheroes: "Every Hero has a Story" for the children (led by Jennifer Brewer), "Unmask!" for the teens (led by Whitney Norwood) and "Escape the Ordinary" for adults (led by me.) Registration will begin on Saturday, June 6.

We will be holding a "Reading Flash Mob" on the court house lawn and in front of city hall on June 13 from 3 to 4 p.m. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and a good book. Reading is so important to the success of our children; let's model the behavior and get folks to talking about books! Please help us spread the word and encourage others to participate in this statement about literacy.

Our adult summer reading program will feature ways to "Escape the Ordinary" each Wednesday at 2 p.m. beginning June 10

and running through July 15. Ways to escape the ordinary will include the following topics: Learn Something New, Be a Local Hero: Volunteer, Life Hacks, Chocolate Fest, and Community Game Days. We will also have a series of Journaling classes each Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m. taught by Stormie Steele. On Thursdays at noon, we will have a series of weight loss sessions. We will be talking about resources to assist you, support groups, recipe sharing, and more. During the summer reading period, tickets will be awarded for reading books checked out from the library and attending library programs. These tickets will be entered for weekly contests and opportunities to win a Kindle Fire. You may pick up brochures at the library that give you a full listing of activities.

## **Friends of the Library Book Sale June 5-7, 2015**

*by Wanda Scanlon*

Please volunteer to help at the book sale. Workers are needed! Please contact Wanda Scanlon (394-7985) or Sue Barnes (422-5253).

There will be special boxes at the Teacher Sale (June 4, 3-7 p.m.). They will be making box deals for teachers. If you know of a church, daycare, homeschooler, or kids program-please get the info to them. They will have full access to all reference books, children's and youth

literature and educational materials before the big sale starts.

Also we will begin set up on Monday, June 1 and need book sorters all week. Last year we sorted the history books (a typically neglected section) early and it made a tremendous difference in the number we sold. **SORTING MATTERS!!!!** If any of the Friends have a couple of hours during the week it is so beneficial to come up and help sort a section.

There will be a Preview Breakfast on Friday, June 5 from 8:30 until 10 a.m. when the regular sale starts. It is \$5 per person, and this is pure profit for the Friends. All food is donated, please talk this event up. We are asking all members of the Friends and Foundation to make an effort to attend the Preview Breakfast.

Sue Barnes and team have done a terrific job getting these books organized, so let's thank them by showing up to support the sale. The Book Sale has become a huge ongoing event for the Friends and Foundation.

## **Children's Department News**

*by Jennifer Brewer, Children's Librarian*

Drop by the library sometime soon to pick up a calendar of events for our upcoming Summer Reading Program. We have so much fun stuff planned for the kiddos! Registration will begin on Saturday, June 6. The Friends' Book Sale will be going on that day down the hall,

and in the children's department we'll have live music at noon and a visit from Super Why's Whyatt at 3 p.m. If you can't make it that day, you can still register any time after.

The theme of this year's program will be Every Hero has a Story. Super Heroes, heroic community helpers, and people with extraordinary gifts will all be visiting here. The children will take home sticker charts to keep up with how many days they remember to work on developing their reading skills. They also can get bonus stickers for acting as heroes themselves. We'll encourage volunteer work and doing good deeds for family and the community. We also will give prizes to the weekly winners in several writing and art contests. There's something for everyone!

Our Summer Reading Program wouldn't be possible without the generosity of the Friends of the Library. Each year, they fund the weekly performers, craft projects, prizes for the kids, and anything else we need to make the library a great place to spend summer days. With these funds, we are able to encourage, inspire, entertain, and teach hundreds of Madison County children. What could be a more worthwhile contribution?

Tell your friends and neighbors with children to be sure and check out what all the library has to offer this summer.

## Library Foundation News

*Amy P. Dietrich, Board Chair*

A few months ago I attended a workshop on the role and purpose of any board of directors. The facilitator described an effective board as a dynamic, active, problem solving entity. I sat there thinking, she is describing the Library Foundation Board.....and I'm a lucky person to be their chair. Here is a recap of projects completed and exciting things to come.

The first RE; Book contest took place last month. Entrants were asked to remake a book in a creative way. The results were amazing. Flowers emerged from pages, a floor lamp was covered with print, silhouettes dramatized story content. Winners from each of the two categories received a \$100 prize, donated by library supporters. Hopefully this will become an annual event.

In keeping with the mission of the Foundation to provide equipment for the library, new acquisitions have been made. The Tennessee room is the proud owner of a Scanpro 300 micro form scanner, funded by private donors and the Foundation. We have also approved funds to purchase two self check-out stations for the main library and four new tables for the North branch.

Great News for Books of Madison County 2015. Our featured speaker is nationally acclaimed author Frances Mayes! Most of us have traveled vicariously with her *Under the Tuscan Sun* and *A Year in the World*. Her latest book

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takes us to Georgia to experience her early years *Under Magnolia*. This author takes her audience on a delicious journey as she speaks as well as through the written word. Staging of the event plans to be creative and exciting. That's the teaser.....more to come. **Save the date TUESDAY AUGUST 25, 2015.** You won't want to miss it.

Our world traveling ex-chair Elaine Christian continues to send pictures and ideas from libraries throughout Europe. Be on the lookout for something new and very different. Have I aroused your curiosity? Stay tuned.

## **My First Experiences in a Library**

### **Perry Burrows**

As long as I remember we had books at home, from my earliest memories, and then we had books at school in the school library. I lived in a very rural area, but the Memphis and Shelby County Public Library had the book mobiles that brought new and different books to the school, and to the town square where my mother was sure to see to it that I could visit.

Although our school and town were very small, we had great teachers who provided us with books about worlds we had never known and things we had never seen. We did not have a public library as an

independent building in my town until I was out of high school, but my high school had a large library, and I was a helper to the librarian through most of my high school years. It allowed me the chance to get to see and read more and I enjoyed being around the books.

When I visited great aunts and uncles for a few days in the summer as a child, they would take me by a neighborhood library, but we never stayed but a few minutes. They were not readers as I recall, more than the morning and evening newspapers, but they thought they were doing their part to impress their little country nephew!

I joined book clubs and ordered books and read them at home; Ernest Hemingway was my favorite author as a high school student. I ordered histories and geographical accounts of amazing countries like Scotland and Ireland. Frost was my favorite poet.

Then in 1967, I started to college and that was the first time I actually visited a real public library on a regular basis.

It was the old Cossitt Library in Memphis on Peabody at McLean Streets. I was overwhelmed at all of the different sections, media centers, and rooms filled with information. I was late getting there, but it made a permanent impression when I did. Even though Memphis State University had a towering library on campus, I would often ignore it and go to the public library on Peabody at McLean just to get ideas and research my material.

### Scott Cohen

My first experience in a library was at the Carnegie Public Library in Albany Georgia. It was a beautiful old building. I was around nine years old. I fell in love with reading there. My first series of books that I read was Walter R. Brooks' *Freddy the Pig* series. I will never forget my joy of being able to check out books from the library.

### Amy Dietrich

I can't remember a time when books have not been a part of my life. My mother told me that she read poetry to me, before I was born. My grandmother recited *Hiawatha* and the *Midnight Ride of Paul Revere*. *Romeo and Juliet* was "my show and tell" story in kindergarten. (The teacher did phone my Mom with news that most of the kids didn't "get it"). I used my allowance to buy the latest *Nancy Drew Adventures*.

My first library experiences are so vivid that I still see, feel, and smile. My Aunt Amy was the part-time librarian at the public library in Peru, Illinois (population 9,000.) The library was a lovely stone building with hardwood floors, rich wood paneling, and high ceilings.

Each Saturday morning Aunt Amy had Story Hour for children ages 5-12. They sat on the floor at her feet as she read in her lovely expressive voice. As a four year old, I was not allowed to enter the Story Hour room. (Aunt Amy was a stickler for rules.) However I was permitted to sit in her office, at her desk and listen.

I can still smell the lemon polish on the wood mixed with sawdust and the smell of

books. In her big soft desk chair I closed my eyes and traveled through time and space to the lands of *The Five Hundred Hats of Bartholemew Cubbins* and *The Seven Chinese Brothers*. After Story Hour she shared her lunch: American cheese and iceberg lettuce on white bread. To this day memories of those days, those stories, and that lunch make me smile.

### Dinah Harris

Now, here is a story about my first experience with a public library. I grew up in Lexington, Tennessee, and my very, very conservative mother took me to the library regularly.

I would leave with my arms full of Hardy Boy mysteries. When I was about eight to ten years old, I purchased a book that the library was selling. It was *My Sister Jenny* by Dale Davidson.

It appeared to be a good little book, so my mother allowed me to purchase it. As expected, the story was about two sisters. However, "Jenny" had an affair with a married man which resulted in the birth of a little girl. Her sister adopted the little girl not knowing it was her sister's child.

My mother would never have allowed her eight year old daughter to read that kind of story, and I never told her I had.

### Workers are needed!

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## Jackson Madison County Library – Databases

by Zoe Pride

These electronic resources are available to anyone with a Jackson-Madison County Library card.

### ChiltonLibrary -

Get the detailed information you need to tackle vehicle maintenance and repairs. Some of Chilton Library's more popular features include:

- Maintenance and specification tables that provide the unique data you need for each specific vehicle.
- Step-by-step service and repair procedures, and labor estimating tool to help you confidently determine your next move.
- Vacuum diagrams to simplify troubleshooting.
- Wiring diagrams to help explain system operation.
- Close-up photographs and illustrations for visual support.
- ASE test prep quizzes for the most popular certification exams.

### Fold3 -

Fold3 provides convenient access to US military records, including the stories, photos, and personal documents of the men and women who served.

The Fold3 name comes from a traditional flag folding ceremony in which the third fold is made in honor and remembrance of veterans who served in defense of their country and to maintain peace throughout the world.

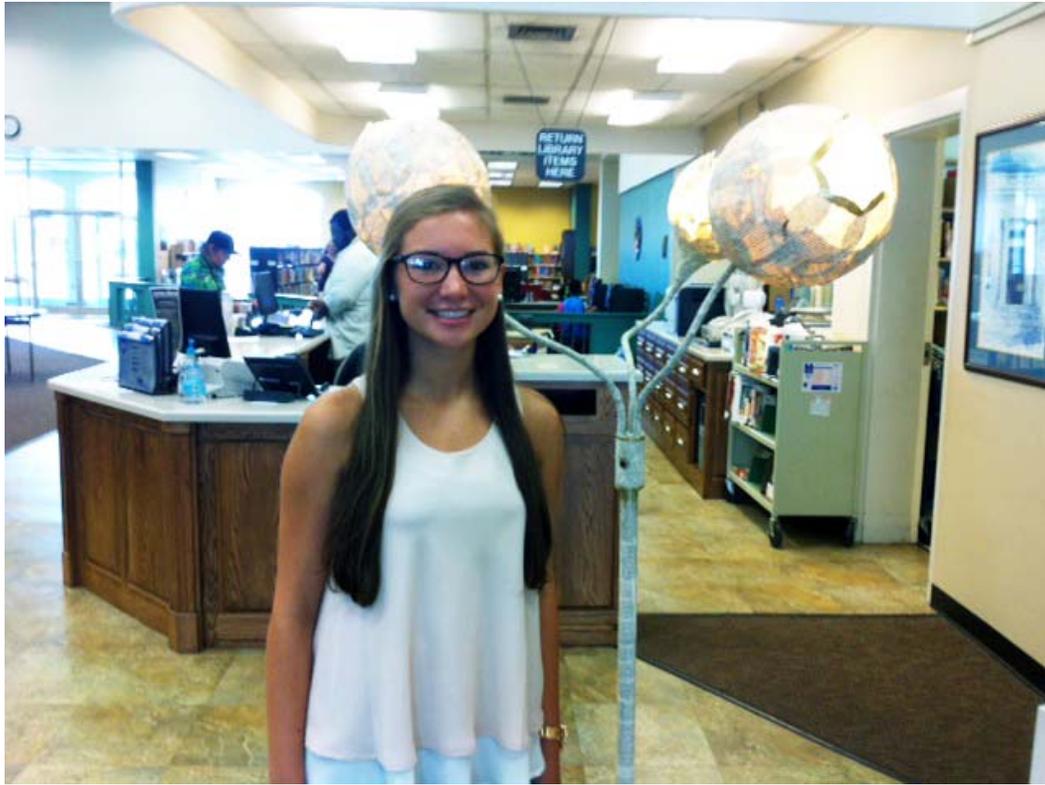
Original records at Fold3 help you discover and share stories about these everyday heroes, forgotten soldiers, and the families that supported them. On Fold3, you can combine records found on the site with what you have in your own albums and shoeboxes to create an online memorial for someone who served.

### OneClickDigital -

OneClickdigital brings exclusive Recorded Books eAudio, as well as content from all major publishers, together with an eBook service. Combine eBooks and eAudio in one collection, offering the most comprehensive platform for your content. Curated title lists feature the best literature in a wide variety of genres along with an outstanding collection of award-winning Children's and Young Adult titles.

## Computer Classes at the Jackson-Madison County Library

MAY		
21	North Branch	Microsoft Office Applications – Word
26	Main Library	Tablet Computers
JUNE		
4	North Branch	Basic Computers
9	Main Library	Microsoft Office Applications – Word
18	North Branch	Microsoft Office Applications – Excel
23	Main Library	Tablet Computers
JULY		
2	North Branch	Basic Computers
7	Main Library	Basic Computers
16	North Branch	Microsoft Office Applications – Word
21	Main Library	Microsoft Office Applications – Excel
30	North Branch	Tablet Computers
AUGUST		
4	Main Library	Basic Computers
13	North Branch	Microsoft Office Applications – Word
18	Main Library	Tablet Computers
27	North Branch	Tablet Computers



**Kayla Puzdrakeiewicz was the winner of the Rebookit contest. Kayla won the contest with her Book Page lamp creation. Below are other entries from the contest.**



# BOOK SALE

## JUNE 5-7

FR-SAT 10-4  
SUN 1-4

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

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

**Pre Sale Breakfast**  
Friday 8:30-10:00  
\$5 per person

**Teacher's Preview  
Sale: Thursday**  
June 4th, 3-7:30p

Teachers Resources, Reference,  
Classics, Youth, and Children's  
books for pennies. Box prices  
available.

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



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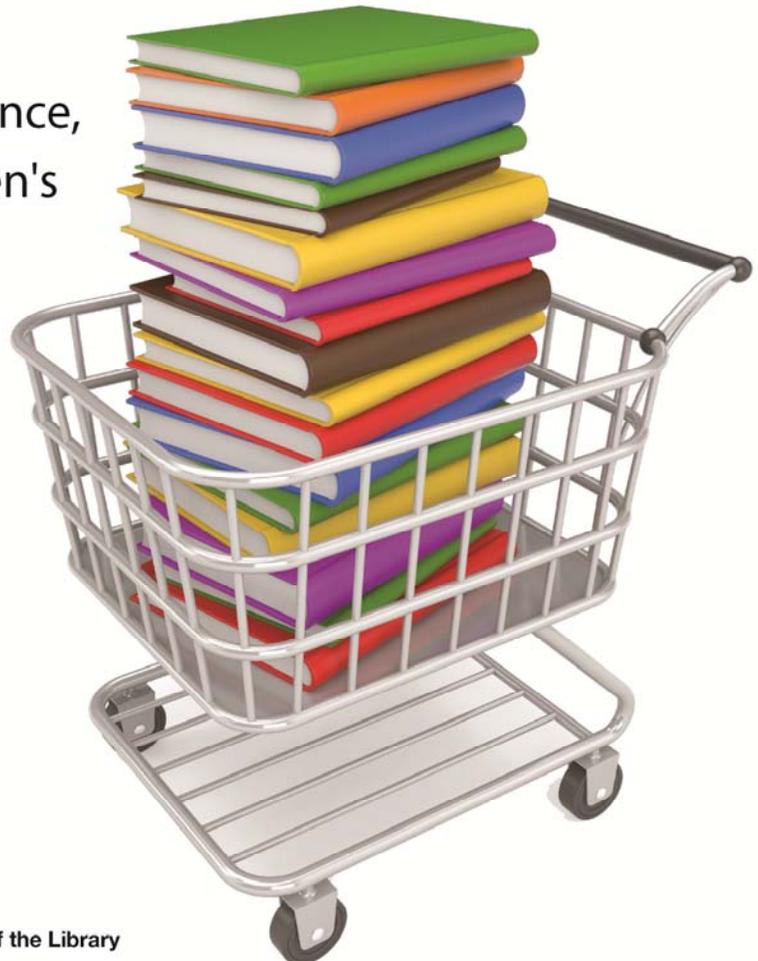
# Teacher's BOOK SALE

## JUNE 4th

3:00 - 7:30pm

Huge Selection of:  
Teachers Resources, Reference,  
Classics, Youth, and Children's  
books for pennies.  
Box prices available.

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



### About The Friends of the Jackson-Madison County Library



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 branch on Stonebridge.

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 and now there is new dedicated space for these programs that is being upgraded and updated.

The Friends support these programs and help keep these areas bright and current. And now there are plans to include an area for our teen population and the collection of young adult books.

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 that adds to and preserves the collection. Programming activities have always drawn of the support of The Friends and FOL still holds monthly book reviews and works 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 Friends can be an important link to the community.

The Library has been through a relocation of the branch and is soon to make more changes at the main facility. The new director is helping take the library in new directions. The staff wants to help you find what you need and is there to acquaint you with all the services and equipment available for your use. Take the time to meet Dinah Harris, the director, and the library staff at the main and branch libraries. 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.

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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Friends of the Jackson-Madison County Library  
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## Summer 2015 Noon Book Reviews

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**May 27**

Ashton Lee

*The Wedding Circle*

*a Cherry Cola Book Club Series Novel*

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