

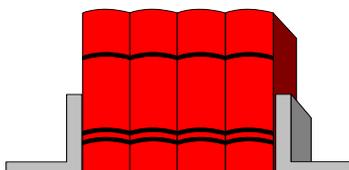
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The President's Corner

by Sue Ann Barnes, President
Friends of the Library Board

Past - Present - Future Fall - Winter - Spring

The Jackson Madison County Library is going through as many changes as the seasons. And as we find with the seasons, there is the familiar and the unusual, the expected and the surprising. The North Branch is thriving, but in a new location. The Main Library is undergoing a metamorphosis and we hope for beauty and efficiency in the transformation. Come along for the ride as FOL supports this process of change and infusion of energy into our beloved library.

The Friends of the Library has taken to heart the Library Board's instructions to support programming and with the result that late summer and fall were lively times with lots to choose from.

If you were willing you could:

- learn about old time music with the Jackson Area Plectral Society
- be serenaded by classical guitar with Jeff Bianchi;
- reflect on the struggles a small southern town's library and its

New A/V Materials at the Jackson- Madison County

Library:
(from Mike Baker,
Media Librarian)

Music CDs

- Random Access Memories*
by Daft Punk
- To Be Loved*
by Michael Buble
- Greatest Hits*
by Earth Wind & Fire
- The Next Day*
by David Bowie
- Annie Up*
by Pistol Annies

DVDs

- Identity Thief*
- Hansel & Gretel*
- The Croods*
- This Is The End*
- Flight*

CD Audio Books

- Friends, Lovers, Chocolate*
by Alexander McCall
Smith
- The Secret*
by Beverly Lewis
- Sum It Up*
by Pat Summitt
- My Beloved World*
by Sonia Sotomayor
- Milk In My Coffee*
by Eric Jerome Dickey

young librarian as told by Ashton Lee, as you enjoyed Cherry-Cola Sheet Cake;

- be taken on a voyage to the past by the staff and volunteers of the Tennessee Room courtesy of Evelyn Keele and Annette Cooley;
- have lunch with our veterans and learn the importance of support for our returning military personnel when Dr. Heidi Kraft discussed her memoir of her experiences in Iraq. FOL received support from the Jackson Arts Council to bring Dr. Kraft to Jackson.

The Jackson Madison County DAR helped us provide lunch for our noon event and to honor our veterans and the Union University School of Social Work helped host an evening class by Dr. Kraft.

But...you, the members of the Friends, provided the most important support.

You came to events, you baked for them, and you paid your dues so that there could be coffee at our programs, and honorariums for our speakers and performers, and money to support our projects in the library and for the growth of our community.

Your board used your dues to put a new floor in the children's area, so that crafts could be done over a surface that was more appropriate than carpet.

FOL contributed to the Imagination Library to support their efforts to create young readers. FOL bought acid free materials for the Tennessee Room and

supported the summer reading program and its performers.

And some of you (bless your hearts) even helped move books in the move of the North Branch. Even more of you helped us raise money at our book sale in June. And we must not forget those who work the year round sorting books as they come in, and chief among these is Margaret Rucker.

To all of you, THANKS, we would not be the strong, vital group that we are without your support.

And we are not done yet!

Our remaining program in 2013 is December 5 at our usual time and place: Main Library Program Room at noon on Thursday.



As usual coffee and desert will be provided, this time supplement by Libby Murphy, who will bring one of her favorite cookies along with the recipe to share with us. Libby invites you to share a favorite holiday cookie or dessert recipe with her.

So in addition to your lunch, you might want raid your recipe box and bring one along that you think makes your holiday season complete.

Gwenda Anthony is our host and informs us that Libby has written a book: "Tennessee Taste & Traditions" and that her interests are varied: cooking; traveling; collecting cookbooks; reading biographies; following University of Tennessee sports; oil painting; and taking care of her white lab, Senator, who is never far from her side. Come spend some time with this interesting and dynamic lady.

FOL will start the new year quickly on January 2 when Don Huneycutt reviews one of his favorite books "April 1865: The Month that Saved America" by Jay Winik. Mr. Winik's Internet biography states that this book is frequently described by readers as "one of the best works of history" they've ever read.

Well, Don must feel that way because his wife, and our hostess, Kathleen says he is reading it again in preparation for this review. And no wonder the blurb on the book summarizes:

One month in 1865 witnessed the frenzied fall of Richmond, a daring last-ditch Southern plan for guerrilla warfare, Lee's harrowing retreat, and then, Appomattox. It saw Lincoln's assassination just five days later and a near-successful plot to decapitate the Union government, followed by chaos

and coup fears in the North, collapsed negotiations and continued bloodshed in the South, and finally, the start of national reconciliation.

In the end, April 1865 emerged as not just the tale of the war's denouement, but the story of the making of our nation.

Jay Winik offers a brilliant new look at the Civil War's final days that will forever change the way we see the war's end and the nation's new beginning. Uniquely set within the larger sweep of history and filled with rich profiles of outsize figures, fresh iconoclastic scholarship, and a gripping narrative, this is a masterful account of the thirty most pivotal days in the life of the United States.

Come join us as Don helps us explore this crucial month in our nation's past.

I hope you haven't forgotten February. On the 6th of our coldest month we are going to have one wonderful program.

Dorcas Davis, a new board member, has a real treat in store for us. Do you remember several years ago (early 2010, I think) Pat Craig reviewed "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett? Well, Dorcas has arranged for Memphis actress Florence Roach to pay us a visit. She played one of the maids in the movie made from this book. So join us at noon February 6.



When he learned of her visit our board member, James Cherry, went ecstatic on us and texted:

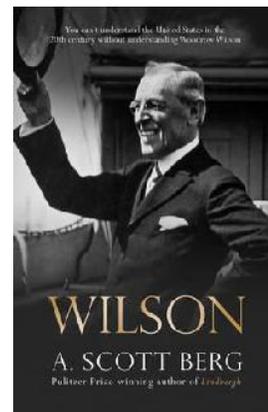
I couldn't think of a better way to celebrate black history month than to have this lady as part of the FOL program on the first Thursday, if possible. But I don't think an hour at lunch time would do her justice; if possible, we need to have her do an evening program as well. look forward to her response

Well that lets you know how happy he is and no wonder Ms. Roach is or has been:

- An award-winning vocational business teacher (Memphis City Schools)
- An award-winning theater teacher (Memphis City Schools)
- Supervisor of student teachers for the University of Memphis
- A professional actress, playwright, director, producer, poet, singer, recorded and songwriter

Come and meet this wonderful, multi-talented, woman who makes a difference in her world and keep your eye on your e-mail, as we do hope to get a twofer and have an evening event as well, perhaps at the North Branch.

When winter is over, we have spring to enjoy. In March Matt Tomlin hosts Elzie Danley who will review A. Scott Berg's new biography of Woodrow Wilson titled simply "Wilson".



In April, Poetry Month, James Cherry has arranged for U of M poet and author John Bensko to join us. Look for his books "Sea Dogs: Stories" and "The Iron City: POEMS".

Margaret Rucker will reintroduce our plant swap in May and has Bill Wyatt providing us with a presentation titled "Vegetable Gardening in Containers". Read more about this program in this newsletter.

Please make sometime in your busy schedule to join us at a program, but if you can't do that check out a book, visit the Tennessee Room, borrow a DVD, take a class on using e-books, bring a child to story hour, use a computer, consult with a librarian, talk with the Director, visit the job coach, volunteer, have a meeting, research a topic...just use your library... because it is Your Library and you deserve it to be the best library it can be and so you became a Friend of the Library.

Library Director's Column

by Dinah Harris

We are so excited about the rebirth of the library! I have been out telling our story to every group that will give me a few moments. Please pass the word around to any civic group to which you belong; I would love to visit and share the good news.

The main library will be closed from November 9 through November 22 as we do the biggest part of our remodel; that is the flipping of the main and second floor furnishings. You may visit our North Branch location during this time as it will be open.

When you visit the Main library after we reopen, new shelving will be on the main floor of the library, and the fiction books will be shelved there. This should make it much more convenient for you to come in and find the materials you need to check out and take home.

The second floor will house the computer lab which is being enlarged by five additional computers. There will be seating for laptop users as well. There will be a dedicated staff member stationed in this area at all times.

Our reference department will be relocated to the left side of the second floor, but we will not be able to add a reference librarian for probably another year at least.

The children's area will have a railing around it defining the area. This will enable staff to better monitor people entering this area.

The community classroom is already up and running. We are partnering with Workforce Essentials to provide internet, email, resume writing, and other free classes for the public. We have received a grant while will furnish the classroom with nine new laptops.

We are still working on our teen room (the former Little Friends Room.) We have received a \$5,000 grant from the Hohenberg Foundation in memory of Sally Ford. This money is to be used to outfit this area with computers and teen friendly furniture.

We still lack installing a new security system, but hopefully, that will be taken care of soon.

Our North Branch continues to flourish in its new location. It is being co-managed by Lantonio Jackson (Library Operations Manager), Mirasol Fitzgerald (Administrative Assistant), and myself.

In December, the City of Jackson's "Season of Cultural Unity" Annual Art Exhibition will be exhibited in the new program room at the North Branch. This exhibit of paintings will reflect the vibrant diversity of cultures and communities within the City of Jackson and raise awareness to the diversity of cultures present within the community.

Our open houses are scheduled for January. The Main Library's open house will be January 7 at 2:30 p.m. the North Branch's open house will be January 14 at 2:30 p.m. Please come celebrate with us!

Children's Department News

by Jennifer Brewer, Children's Librarian

A lot has changed at the library since I wrote this column last winter. It's really amazing how much progress we have made. In the Children's Department, we have renovated and rearranged and by the end of this season we should have everything just the way we want it as far as structural changes. We've also added some new programs and changed some others to better suit the needs of our younger patrons. Change takes time and a great deal of thought and effort, but it's definitely going to be worth it.

Come take a peek at the Children's Department soon and see what we've added. There is a new, beautiful rug for Story Time, as well as several small tables and chairs for children who want to study, play games, or draw. There are two, (soon to be four), touch screen computers for children only, and we've added a bulletin board to display children's art work and other eye-catching décor. Two of the most fun additions are the hide-away cubes where children can crawl inside and hide with a book or two.

One of our most exciting changes has been the addition of the Teen room. What used to be the Little Friends room is now a space for teenagers to hang out, read, play games, study, use computers, or just have some time away from the rest of the world. If you know teenagers in the community, please spread the word that we would love to offer more programming that would appeal to them. We need teens to give us ideas, so encourage them to come in!

As far as programming, we now offer four weekly Story Times for preschoolers. Tuesdays and Fridays they can join us at the Main Library at 10:30 a.m. and on Thursdays we offer two times, 10:15 and 11:00 a.m. We sing, dance, read, chat, and make crafts. Invite any little ones that you know!

The Library Club is another program that has really picked up steam over the past few months. This is a group for homeschooled children up to age twelve. We choose a book to discuss for a month or so at a time and get together on Friday's at 2 p.m. to learn and play.

Also, on Fridays at 11:15 a.m. Book Notes happens. This is a Story Time specifically for adults with special needs. We read stories and sing a lot and have a really fun time. For more information on any of these programs, contact Jennifer at the library.

In January, we plan to start a few book clubs for children and teens. Also, an

afternoon Homework Help session or two each week will be offered. We are always, always coming up with new ideas for what we can do to add fun and learning opportunities at the library. We appreciate the support of the Friends of the Library and your help getting our ideas set into action.

Jackson's Public Library Heritage

by Charles M. Baldwin, member of Library Board of Trustees

Wonderful things are happening in public library in Jackson. Recently, the Library Foundation's *Books of Madison County* event provided us all with a delightful afternoon and evening of literary pleasure while replenishing the coffers that have provided furnishings for the North Branch and improvements in the main library, particularly to the children's area.

Friends of the Library have been just as busy sponsoring enriching and informative events honoring our veterans and providing funding for the flooring in the children's area of the main library. We are forever in debt to these wonderful organizations for the myriad of ways that they support our public library.

The Board of Trustees of the Jackson Madison County Public Library held its regular monthly October meeting in the meeting room of the North Branch. It was

well-attended and very productive.

A presentation to the Jackson City Council was made at its November meeting by board president Terica Smith and library director Dinah Harris. The presentation addressed the state of the library and conveyed the appreciation of the board for the Council's support of the library during challenging times. Additionally, Mrs. Harris has made several well-received presentations to civic clubs and community groups in Jackson while carrying out her duties as Library Director.

As we reflect on recent events associated with the library it is imperative that we remember the significant heritage of Jackson's public library. Andrew Carnegie, a Scottish immigrant made the following profound observation, **"A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert."**

Between 1883 and 1929, Andrew Carnegie provided the means for the construction of 2,509 public libraries including 1,689 in the United States. One of those libraries was built in Jackson, Tennessee. Andrew Carnegie believed in giving to the "industrious and ambitious; not those who need everything done for them, but those who, being most anxious and able to help themselves, deserve and will be benefited by help from others."^[1] Thus, to receive Andrew Carnegie's

support for a public library, the people and government of a community must be willing to raise taxes to support the library. Money was not given all at once but disbursed gradually as the project went on. This is the heritage of the public library in Jackson, Tennessee.

A **public library** is a library that is accessible to the general public and is generally funded from public sources, such as taxes. There are five fundamental characteristics shared by public libraries.

1. they are generally supported by taxes;
2. they are governed by a board to serve the public interest;
3. they are open to all and accessible to every member of the community;
4. no one is ever forced to use the services provided; and
5. public libraries provide basic services without charge.^[2]

Public libraries are considered an essential part of having an educated and literate population; they are highly valued by citizens of most countries around the world.

Let us reaffirm our commitment to the ideal that Andrew Carnegie espoused. Let us continue to support Jackson's "never failing spring in the desert."

1. Andrew Carnegie, "The Best Fields for Philanthropy", *The North American Review*, Volume 149, Issue 397, December, 1889 from the Cornell University Library website

2. Rubin, Richard E. *Foundations of Library and Information Science* (3rd ed). 2010. Neal-Schuman Publishers: New York.

3. Some of the material taken from Wikipedia.

News from the Library Foundation: The Books of Madison County Event

by Elaine Christian, President - Library Foundation

October 29, 2013 was an exciting day as the third annual Books of Madison County was held in downtown Jackson. This year's event was expanded as we took steps toward making the event a book festival which are very popular in other cities. Three venues in downtown Jackson were featured including the Downtown Library, The Aeneas Building and The Suites of Larue.

The kickoff to the Book Festival started with a "What's New at the Library" presentation by Library Director Dinah Harris. Harris discussed the relocation of the North Library as well as the upcoming renovations for the Downtown Library. Mrs. Harris also emphasized the importance of customer service provided by the staff.

Two sessions held concurrently included "How to Publish a Book" and "The Tennessee Room: A Room with a View." A panel of local publishing experts provided tips on navigating the path to achieving the dream of getting a book published. The panel included Jacque Hillman, The Hillhelen Group, Shari Yetto, Main Street Publishing, Mike Garrett, Union University, and Carolyn Tomlin. Tennessee Librarian Jack Wood

shared a wonderful presentation regarding the treasures of the Tennessee Room and suggestions for utilizing these resources.

University of Tennessee Horticulture Specialist and Jackson Sun columnist Carol Reese presented “A Window into the Gardening World” discussing many beloved books featuring the natural world. Audience participation was wonderful with many books being discussed.

A panel of local authors including Harbert Alexander, d n English and Larry Rietcheck provided a panel discussion from the perspective of an author. The authors discussed what their books were about as well as what was the motivation to write a book.

The Keynote Speaker was Rick Bragg, author of the critically acclaimed and best-selling *All Over but the Shoutin’* and a Pulitzer Prize-winning national correspondent for the *New York Times*. Rick is also highly recognized for his feature appearing on the last page of the *Southern Living Magazine – A Southern Journal*.

A full room of attendees shared a great deal of laughter as Rick discussed real life episodes that appear in his writing. Bragg stated that he regularly writes of the blue collar, working-class southerners. “I’ve always thought those people deserved a love song.”

Guests of the Books of Madison County were treated to an evening with more than 25 of Jackson’s favorite authors – including Harbert Alexander, Tom Reed, Linda Higgins, d n English, Gary Cook and others. The authors answered questions from Patrons regarding their books, their experiences and future publishing intentions.

The evening’s activities were very similar to previous years and featured a wonderful dinner at Lower Larue at the Suites of Larue catered by Elegant Events by Mike and Troy. The event then moved to the main floor of the Downtown Library for coffee and dessert provided by The Friends of the Library. Jazz music was provided by Dr. Sax. An opportunity for Library patrons to mingle with local authors highlighted the evening. Over 25 local authors participated.

The Library Foundation Board members worked very hard to organize this year’s event. Members include: Denise Allen, Tammy Boyd, Elaine Christian, Lynda Climer, Amy Dietrich, Cathy Farmer, Susan Francisco, Gary Grisham, Jacque Hillman, Mona Miller, Brenda Nichols, Monola Patterson, Wanda Scanlon, Brenda Whalley, and Sharon Younger.

The funds raised are used by the Foundation to benefit the Library in many ways. The most recent use of funds was provided furniture and fixtures for the new North Library Location including a new

Program Center and expanded Children's Area. Future plans include funding for the Children's area and the newly proposed Teen Room at the Downtown Library.

The Books of Madison County is sponsored primarily by Bancorp South, Aeneas and John H. Allen Company. Other sponsors are Younger & Associates, Ringger Law Firm, Central Distributors and Mid-Town Wine Shoppe and Spirits.

Reuniting a Scattered Collection in the Tennessee Room

by Jack D. Wood, Tennessee Room Librarian

If you have read *Historic Madison*, you will have noted the references that author, Miss Emma Inman Williams made to various collections, such as, the Curtis Bray collection and the Seale Johnson collection. Frequently she cites items from individuals such as Fonville Neville or Miss Mary Timberlake, without referring to collections. Where are these items today?

The papers of Fonville Neville were acquired by Union University some years back and the collection can be found in their archive. Mr. Seale Johnson's collection became part of the Tennessee Room's archive when several boxes of materials were donated by family members in 2007. The Curtis Bray collection is a mystery to us, although a Bray family collection was donated to the Tennessee

Room in 2012. It is clearly not his collection, but it contains two photos of him and is definitely related to him. Miss Mary Timberlake is cited in *Historic Madison* only once, as furnishing material of her own and having material from Miss Mary Campbell. What kinds of material did Miss Timberlake provide and where is it?

At 601 East Main Street in Jackson, stood an Italianate house built in the mid-1870s by William P. Timberlake, a cotton buyer by trade. He and his small family lived here well into the early 20th Century. His wife, Susan died in 1928 and he died in 1932. The house was inherited by his daughter Mary Timberlake, who lived there until about 1960-1962. The house remained vacant for several years and about 1965-66, plans were made to tear it down. Apparently, many individuals followed their curiosity and went in the house, some taking souvenirs from the vast amount of papers scattered about, including letters, documents, envelopes, photos, cards, magazines, and other items.

Early in 2013, a patron gave the Tennessee Room a handful of paper items she had picked up from the floor of the house just before its demolition. Tennessee Room volunteer, Linda Freeman arranged and transcribed this material into twenty-six folders. Included among the items are letters and postcards to Mary Timberlake dating from 1909 to 1930, as well as

articles and papers pertaining to the Timberlake family history. There are Hunt family bible records and a few copies of applications to the Daughters of the American Revolution for other ladies. Miss Timberlake was an active member of the DAR and helped many women with their family research for membership.

This material will form the core of the collection, along with a few items already in the Tennessee Room files, such as an 1879 insurance policy taken out by Mary's mother, Susan to provide fire protection for their East Main Street house. It is a sad irony that we have the insurance policy preserved, but the house it was written to protect is gone.

Several months after Linda completed her transcriptions, the Tennessee Room was given another bundle of papers and photos, which had been similarly retrieved from the Timberlake house. As with the first group, this batch contains several letters and frequent references to DAR related research. A most unique item is a compilation made by Mary Timberlake as historian for the United Daughters of the Confederacy. It is an alphabetically arranged list of men serving in the military during World War I, who are descended from a Confederate veteran. The list gives name, branch of service, address, date of enlistment, name of Confederate ancestor and relationship to that ancestor. This material has not yet been processed, but will become part of the Timberlake Collection.

It is known from people who visited the old Timberlake house right before demolition, that the floors were literally covered with papers of all sorts, including documents and letters. As I write, another batch of similar Timberlake papers has been promised to us. It is hoped that as time passes, other bundles of souvenir paper from this old house, will find their way to the Tennessee Room to become part of this evolving and potentially useful collection.

Tech Talk

*by Zoe Pride, JMCL Computer Department
Head and Webmaster*

This year has marked a new beginning for the Jackson Madison County Library. This is especially true with the technology and computer department.

We are bringing the technology back to the public, better than ever, by offering computer and tablet classes, free to the public, in our new community classrooms.

These classes range from basic computer operations, setting up email, and navigating social media sites.

These free classes will be held on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. and Thursdays at 3 p.m. Anyone who is interested in learning about computers or how to better navigate a computer is welcome to attend.

We will also be having tablet classes (Kindles, iPads, Nooks, and androids) for ebook instruction at our north branch location on Wednesdays twice a month.

Other changes in to the technology department consist of new laptops for the community classroom.

With the relocation of the computer lab to the second floor in the main library, we have replaced several of the older computer and have added five new computers.

We are excited about the changes in the library and appreciate our patrons continued patience in the rebirth of the Jackson Madison County Library.

For more information please contact Zoë Pride at the Main Library at 731-425-8600.

The Imagination Library

by Dr. Anna Clifford

“Glu-ook!” The sound of a text message! A picture of our grandson holding up the arrival of his new Imagination Library book, grinning from ear-to-ear! A text message: “Grannie, I got a new book in the mail. We have already read it! We are getting ready to read it again. These books just keep coming in the mail. They have my name on them, too. I like them. I love you, Grannie!” – Davis

The mental image of this possible life changing experience is the heart of the Imagination Library program. Did you know about 3000 children (about 50%) in Madison County from birth to age five are



experiencing a similar experience, receiving a book-a-month in the mail through the Madison County Imagination Library program?

What is the Imagination Library? Dolly Parton's Imagination Library was created in 1996. Dolly's vision was to foster a love of reading among her county's preschool children, birth to age five, and their families by providing them with the gift of a specially selected book each month.

By mailing high quality, age-appropriate books directly to their homes, she hoped children would be excited about books and feel the magic that books can create. Moreover, she hoped to insure that every child would have books, regardless of their family's income — at no cost to them.

Madison County's Imagination Library began in the fall of 2005 with immediate support from the Jackson-Madison County Library Foundation and Jackson and Madison County. Almost 1000 Madison County children were enrolled in the program the first month.

Today, there are nearly 3000 children registered in the program and another 3000 children eligible! Do you know young children (birth to age five) who are not enrolled in the program? Would you help us locate them and register them? Registration forms can be picked up (and submitted) at the Jackson-Madison County

Library OR visit <http://ilmctn.com> for online registration! Let's enroll them today – at no cost to their family! Thank you for your help.

Dolly Parton gave birth to the idea and supports the work of the local community; however, it is the *local IL affiliate who is responsible for funding the program*. All monies are matched by the Governor's Books from Birth Foundation and are used for purchasing books for our children. There are no administrative fees – our work is all volunteer.

Would you consider helping us make a difference?

- One child in Madison County would receive a book a month for an entire year for \$12.
- Ten children in Madison County would receive a book a month for \$120.

You choose the amount – our children will benefit!

A donation makes a perfect gift in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Need a gift for a birthday, a baby gift or a holiday gift? This is the gift that keeps on giving.

For online gifts, go to <http://ilmctn.com> or mail to:

Imagination Library Madison County
PO Box 3027
Jackson, TN 38303

Volunteers from the Imagination Library Madison County would love to visit your civic club, church group or professional organization, sharing information about the Imagination Library in Madison County. Contact us: ilmctn@gmail.com or 731-660-7364. We are here for you and our children!

Early childhood teachers recognize the impact the Imagination Library program has on children and their families – the community. These teachers agree the program fosters the development of early literacy skills, creativity, and the imagination. Families involved in the program show an increase in reading fluency at all levels (e.g., young child, sibling, adult).

By now, Davis has probably had his book, *My Farm Friends* by Wendell Minor, read to him dozens of times. Reading the text, looking at the pictures, making the animal sounds, turning pages – not to mention that warm-loving relationship created when a child sits in the lap of a loving adult – are invaluable. What a picture!

Together, we can instill a love of reading and prepare our children for success in school and in life. Thank you for your support.

Anna Clifford, Executive Board
Imagination Library Madison County

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. Programing 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.

**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.



**The Jackson/Madison County
Library Foundation**

Pass on the joy of reading and the love of knowledge, by honoring the people on your Christmas list with an honorarium to the Jackson Madison County Library Foundation.

It's the perfect gift – thoughtful and long lasting, and it's easy to do! Simply list all the people you want to honor. Then each person will receive a beautiful card notifying him or her of your gift! You will receive an acknowledgement letter noting that your gift is tax deductible.

Fill out your Christmas list before December 14 to ensure delivery of the gift cards before Christmas. Make your own list and check it twice for everyone who has been nice!

- Parents ● Grandchildren ● Friends ● Co-workers ● Teachers ● Postal Carrier ●
- Hair Stylist ● Business Associates ● Anyone who loves reading!

Your Name _____
(As it will appear on honorarium card)

Your Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Best way to contact phone number _____

Send cards to the following: (attach additional sheets, or use the back if more space is needed for names)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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