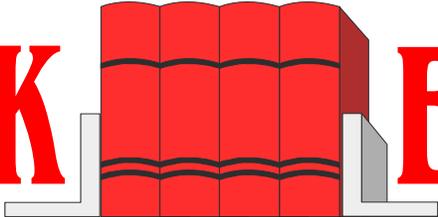


BOOK ENDS



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The President's Corner

by Perry Burrows, President, Friends of the Library Board

Greetings Members and Friends:

The Friends of the Library are having a good year; I only hope more Jacksonians could benefit. Dr. Ken Newman's November presentation was a kicker, some attendees told me they wish they could have listened longer! This fall is continuing with two authors in December, one on First Thursday, December 3 and a noteworthy author at 5 p.m. on December 10 for Writers at Dusk.

Friends sponsored the publication (at no out of pocket expense) of a coffee table book, *Jackson & Madison County: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow*. Ronald P. Beers and Beers & Associates published the glossy work written by Harbert Alexander and Thomas L. Aud with extensive photographic research and contribution by Mitch Carter with corporate profiles by Mary Reed and Ginger Williams.

It is intriguing how a city grows so that one can match photographs taken generations apart and can track that growth and development. The text, with profits being used to sponsor the FOL

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

*(from Mike Baker,
Media Librarian)*

Music CDs

- Benjamin Booker*
by Benjamin Booker
- Death Magnetic*
by Metallica
- Fleetwood Mac
Greatest Hits*
- Unbreakable*
by Janet Jackson
- Just As I Am*
by Brantley Gilbert

DVDs

- Mad Max Fury Road*
- Better Call Saul*
- Mr. Holmes*
- Maggie*
- Trainwreck*

Audio Books

- Naked Ground*
by Stuart Woods
- The Murder's Daughter*
by Jonathan
Kellerman
- Make Me*
by Lee Child
- The Redeemers*
by Ace Atkins
- Little Sister Death*
by William Gay

program budget for years, is filled with history and information.

Copies will be available on December 15, but preorders of \$39.95 each can be sent in to the main library earlier, payable to Friends of the Library. Information can be obtained by calling me at 984-7497. We look forward to selling out the 400 volumes in December, so get your volume reserved early. Checks of \$39.95 per reserved volume can be left at the library in an envelope addressed to Friends and the prepaid volumes will be delivered as soon as the books arrive. Any member of Friends or interested party wishing to assist in the December sales and distribution of these first edition copies, or even in just sharing ideas, is welcome to call me at the number given herein.

In February, our program schedule includes a city-wide reception for two of the surviving 1968 Memphis Sanitation Workers Strike that corresponded to the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Jackson State Community College will hold a reception for the Jackson Friends of the Library guests on campus on the evening of Wednesday, February 3, and the two gentlemen will share their presentation with us on the 4th, the First Thursday program.

The Friends of the Library were invited to participate in a week long Lane College residency program with the noted Chicago poet Allison Joseph. She will be the featured

artist in our Writers at Dusk venue at 5 p.m. on February 25 and the Friends of the Library are invited guests at a Writers Workshop at Lane College at 5 p.m. on February 26.

Our Tennessee Arts Commission grant for 2016 was awarded and the esteemed Filipina author Cecelia Manguerra Brainard will be our guest for our Spring Symposium II on April 22. We plan for that to continue on April 23 with a community celebration honoring the Philippine-American population in the region. Venues are still being worked out, but be alert, we'll give you plenty of time to include Mrs. Brainard's presentation to your spring schedule!

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Library Director's Column

by Dinah Harris

The holiday season is my favorite time of year at the library. The decorations add so much warmth and cheer to the atmosphere. During November, I especially like to pause and say thanks to all the people who have made the library the wonderful place it is. So, thank you, Library Board, Library Staff, Library Friends, Library Foundation, Library Guests (that's the people we used to call 'Patrons'), the City of Jackson, Madison County, and the State of Tennessee Library and Archives. All of us working together have made a huge difference. Our library is once again a welcoming place, and the people of Jackson-Madison County are delighted!

We are continually improving and offering new materials and services. Since the last newsletter, the library has been the recipient of a \$10,160 grant from the State Library. This money will be used to upgrade our circulation computers and to add four desktop computers to the Community Classroom. These computers will be equipped with advanced hardware for power user applications like video editing and computer programming classes. A new computer will be equipped with special hardware and software for the disabled and/or visually impaired.

The Library is also preparing to receive gigabit Internet service. As you know, the Internet is the information highway. You could say that we are currently driving

down a two lane highway; when we go to gigabit service, it will be like driving down a twenty lane highway. Much more information can be transported at one time. We will be able to handle much more traffic on our information highway. We have already had the equipment installed and are just waiting on the green light to go.

The Library has also recently purchased a subscription for ten users to access Treehouse. Treehouse is an online interactive education platform that offers courses in web, mobile and business development. With our very talented technology staff here at the library, we hope to be able to assist people through these courses making it possible for them to obtain lucrative jobs. If you would like to take some of these courses, please contact Tyler at the library.

In addition to our new technology, we have also hired a Young Adult Librarian. Jessi Rieger joined us in August. She is doing an excellent job engaging the teens and planning programs for them. I am happy to say that Jessi has created a safe and fun environment for the teens. We are so happy to have her on our team!

Last but not least, we would like to invite you to join library staff on December 16 for a Community Holiday Party in the Library's large program room. We will be playing Bingo and serving all kinds of holiday goodies. Come fellowship and share in the joy of the season!

Children's Department News

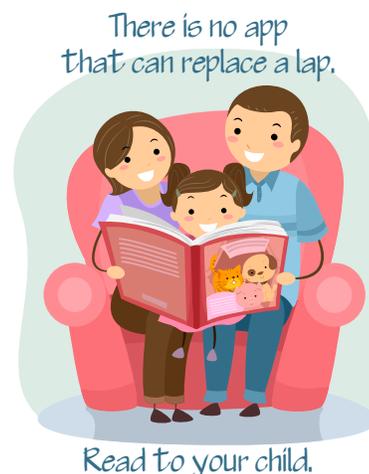
by Jennifer Brewer

“At the moment that we persuade a child, any child, to cross that magic threshold into a library, we change their lives forever, for the better” That quote, from President Obama, has been on my mind lately here at our library. I remember coming to this library decades ago when I was a child. The stories I heard, books I checked out, the art on the walls and even the sounds and smells of the library made lasting impressions on me. I hope to make the same positive impressions on children today. With the holiday season approaching, we have plans to bring a little magic and a lot of learning and fun into the library this winter.

We've been offering book clubs, math clubs, and writing classes in the afternoons which have been such a joy. We'll continue Book Club with a new book, *Wonder* by RJ Palacio. If you haven't read it yet, you are missing out! Then, we'll do The Best Christmas Pageant Ever. Math Club was a ridiculous amount of fun with the 3rd-5th graders, and we'll do another session for younger kids in March. The writing classes have been entertaining as well. Next time you visit, be sure to check out the books written by young local authors. We are gathering quite a collection and they are actually catalogued, so you can check one out and make a child's day!

Program dates and times are on our calendars and on the website. Santa will be coming on December 18 and PBS's Daniel Tiger will be here on the 11th. We're planning several crafty Story Times, a movie day, and even a gingerbread house making program. Any time the kids are home for the day with nothing to do, come by the library and see what's going on. Chances are, we can find something to help make the day a little more magical, or at least to help ease the stir-craziness of a stay-home day.

We have such a great opportunity and responsibility to reach out to and make memories with the children of this community. Hopefully, when they grow up, they will remember that “magic threshold” into this library, a place where they could feel welcome and encouraged to grow in knowledge and friendship. I am so appreciative of the support of the Friends of the Library for helping to make this happen.





The photo is of Ron Canter playing Santa at the Library last year. He will be back on December 18 to visit with the children.

What's up in the Teen Room?

by Jessi Rieger

Young Adult Library Services Manager

Many exciting developments are taking place in the Teen Room! We have the beginnings of our first Teen Advisory Board, whose mission will include helping with YA collection development and programming. We are also designing a teen blog, which, once published, will contain programming updates, book and movie reviews, challenges, and links to our databases. I will be the blog host, and I hope to have many teen contributing writers!

Teen programming is underway, with weekly arts and crafts nights on Thursdays at 5:30. So far, we have experimented with calligraphy, braided bracelets, blackout poetry, and decoupage bookmarks. We are also having a clothing drive throughout the month of November for National Homeless Youth Awareness Month. As always, we have our book collection, as well as our dedicated teen computers and our Xbox 360 and collection of board and card games, so that the teens can have a place to unwind, think, dream, play, socialize, learn, and create.

Library Foundation News

by Amy P. Dietrich, Chair

The last newsletter column was written a few weeks before the Books of Madison County program, Under the Tuscan Sun. A week before the event a problem arose..... a wonderful problem. Response to the event was so strong that we were unable to accommodate the crowd in the library.

How do you find a new larger venue in a week? Luck was on our side. The Fairgrounds was available on the only night our speaker was available. Out went the “intimate Italian atmosphere” of the library. Through the magic of Brenda Nichols, the Foundation “dream team”, and the amazing Fairgrounds staff a field of Tuscan sunflowers greeted our 270 guests. Frances Mayes delighted us with her Tuscan adventures, Elegant Events pleased our palates, and the silent auction provided opportunities for unique parties and delicious treats. Best of all, funds were raised to support the library.

In January the Foundation Board will have a brainstorming session to establish goals, plan events, and reach for the stars. Ongoing projects include:

Take a Book, Remake It-Win: Last year our participants transformed books into gardens, lamps, butterfly groves, and other lovely displays. The contest has two divisions, student and adult. For more information contact Wanda Scanlon.

Book Sale: Wanda Scanlon and Sue Barnes are sorting books in preparation for the annual books sale, a joint project of Friends of the Library and the Library Foundation. Please feel free to join them at any time. This is a wonderful way to meet new people, help the library, and increase your personal library. Many of us make on the spot purchases as we sort.

Seven Wonders of the World: Elaine Christian will take us on a magical trip around the world with her photos and stories. What a delightful “up close and personal” opportunity to travel vicariously with the Elaine and Daryl. This fund raiser will include refreshments from various parts of the world. Watch for details and dates. When Elaine gave this presentation in Florida, the 200 seat venue was overflowing.

On a personal note, I am thankful for my amazing Foundation Board, the library staff, and all the people who help make our library a vital part of our community.

Hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving!



Consider an honorarium gift to the library this year. This would be a great way to honor someone who loves to read.

A form is on the following page.



**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)

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Send this form along with your check or debit/credit card info to:

<p>Make checks payable to J/MC Library Foundation. Or provide Credit/Debit Card Information: (please print) Type of Card: <input type="checkbox"/> AMX <input type="checkbox"/> Discover <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> Visa Cardholder Name _____ Account Number _____ Expiration Date _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Credit <input type="checkbox"/> Debit</p>

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WINTER 2015 Library Programs

December

**FIRST THURSDAY
December 3 • Noon**
Aston Lee introduces
his newest book,
"A Cherry Cola
Christmas"

January

**FIRST THURSDAY
January 7 • Noon**
Harbert Alexander
introduces his
newest book.

January, cont.

**WRITERS AT DUSK
January 21 • 5 p.m.**
Jackson Sun writer Dan Morris
is introducing his new book
(It sounds like something
you do not want to miss!)

February

February 3 • 5 p.m.
Reception at Jackson State
for two of the surviving
Sanitation Worker's Strike
in 1968, Memphis.
More information will be
available from the library.

February, cont.

**FIRST THURSDAY
February 4 • Noon**
The Sanitation Worker's Strike
guests will be giving their
presentation to the noon
program group.
Be sure this date is on your calendar!

**WRITERS AT DUSK
February 25 • 5 p.m.**
acclaimed African-American
poet Allison Joseph, presenting,
reading, and discussing
her work.

February, cont.

February 26 • 5 p.m.
Writer's Workshop at
Lane College given by
Allison Joseph.
This is open to all
Madison County interested writers.
(Please call the main branch library
to get the building location.)

March

**FIRST THURSDAY
March 3 • Noon**
Billy King will be discussing
and sharing information
regarding the "Big Black
Creek Historical Society".

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