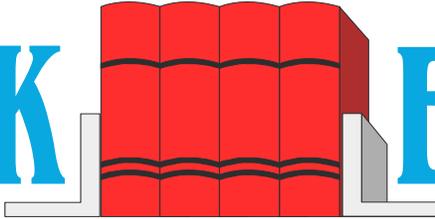


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Friends of the (Jackson-Madison County) Library Newsletter

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The President's Corner

by Perry Burrows, President, Friends of the Library Board

Greetings from the Friends of the Library. We have been fortunate in our 2016 programming with a focus on the past and future of the greater Jackson area.

As many of you know, Beers and Associates in collaboration with the Friends of the Library, published *Jackson & Madison County: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow*. It is a coffee table type edition that includes a pictorial history of Jackson from its earliest history and progresses to survey plans for future development. Written by Harbert Alexander and Thomas L. Aud, the book is not only a photographic work, but one that includes a painstakingly written history. Some copies are still available in the library for \$39.95 per copy. (Let me know and I will arrange a group presentation upon request.)

Mr. Alexander followed that up with a January 7 First Thursday noon presentation of one of his new books *Sons, Saints & Sinners*, again enlightening and thoroughly enjoyable. Unfortunately Mr. Dan Morris' Writers at Dusk had to be postponed due to bad weather and is rescheduled for later in the spring. Listen for announcements.

In February 2016, we hosted a Black History Program that has received more media attention than anything I've seen in Jackson. The Friends of the Library was able to locate two of the surviving sanitation workers who participated in the

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

(from Mike Baker,
Media Librarian)

Music CDs

- Benjamin Booker*
by Benjamin Booker
- Cass County*
by Don Henley
- Losing My Religion*
by Kirk Franklin
- Adele 25*
- Picking Up the Pieces*
by Jewel
- Beauty Behind the
Madness*
by The Weekend

DVDs

- Straight Outta Compton*
- Everest*
- The Intern*
- Woodlawn*
- Bone Tomahawk*

Audio Books

- Yes Please*
by Amy Poehler
- X
by Sue Grafton
- Lair Dreams*
by Libba Bray
- Destiny and Power*
by Jon Meacham
- Soundless*
by Richard Mead

1968 Memphis strike in which Dr. King was assassinated. Jackson State Community College and their Black Students Association joined Friends to host Mr. Baxter Leach and Mr. Joe Turner with a reception at JSCC on February 3, and the two gentlemen were guests of the Friends of the Library February 4 for our First Thursday venue. They were extremely well received by a nice size group at JSCC and a full house on Thursday. These two gentlemen are two of the remaining twenty survivors of the thirteen hundred strikers who participated in that nationally significant Memphis movement. All who missed it missed a once in a lifetime experience.

Continuing our focus on cooperative programming with Jackson area institutions of higher learning, on February 25, Northwestern University professor and poet Allison Joseph, will hold a reading and discussion of contemporary poetry in our Writers at Dusk series. At Lane College on the 26, Ms. Joseph will hold a workshop for any interested participants; this will be held at Lane College at 5 p.m. in the Cyber Café at 545 Lane Avenue. This program is being funded primarily by a grant acquired by Lane College and the Griot Collective of West Tennessee. Friends of the Library was invited to participate. For further questions, please contact James E. Cherry at 731-422-2524; James is the president of the Griot Collective.

Mr. Billy King is presenting a lecture and discussion of the "Big Black Creek Historical Society" on the March 3 First Thursday, continuing the intent to offer a diversified program calendar by the Friends of the Library.

The Friends of the Library will be hosting Dan Morris with a discussion and reading of

his book *Winding Road to Liberty*. It is a true story about a WWII family who escaped Poland. The five children are still alive and the youngest daughter accompanies Dan in his engagements. The two of them will be our Writers at Dusk guests in the Jackson-Madison County Program Room on March 17 at 5 p.m. Nothing is left out and it is a miracle that they survived.

April is National Poetry Month and our First Thursday, April 7 noon guest will be Caki Wilkinson, professor of English at Rhodes College and the author of two collections of poems. She will read from and sign copies of her work.

Friends received a grant to fund our Spring Symposium II, on April 21 and 22. Author Cecelia Brainard will read and discuss her work during a Thursday noon program on April 21 and a community wide discussion on the 22 on "The Impact of Filipino History and Culture upon American Literature". More information on the specifics will come a bit later via the media. Please be aware of the programming closer to the dates and try to attend. There will be ample media coverage.

On May 5, the traditional Plant Swap will constitute the program for that First Thursday. Plans are still being made for that event. Check with the library for further information.

I want to divert my attention in this issue to the highly involved and wonderful additions to our Friends of the Library Board of Directors. Dr. Andrew Kelley and Ms. Gloria Hester joined our board within the last year; both are on staff at Jackson State Community College. Mrs. Sue Davis joined us as Hospitality Chair, and Ms. Audrey Glenn became our treasurer and she is on the staff at the University of Memphis, Lambuth. These four professionals have proven to be involved

and dedicated to their tasks. I am thankful to have them on our board, and everyone in Friends needs to look them up and give them personal “thank you”.

We feel that Friends of the Library is, as always, progressing toward being a contributing component of the Jackson Madison County Library system. Thank all of you for the opportunity to serve and to provide unique programming for the Jackson, Tennessee community.

Library Director's Column

by *Dinah Harris*

The only thing that is constant is change, and the New Year has brought many changes in the form of improvements for the library. Since our last newsletter, we have redesigned our website with many new features and changed our website address to one that is easier to remember. The Library is also now hosting two *Minecraft* servers where kids, teens, and parents can play together safely online.

Over the next few months more visible changes will occur; we will be rearranging some of the adult fiction book collection to make it more user-friendly. We will also be rearranging shelving to make room for more seating. As library use increases, our guests are constantly looking for quiet areas to sit, and finding that space for them is proving to be one of our biggest challenges.

Capital improvements will also be made thankful to monies committed by the City of Jackson and Madison County. New chairs will replace all the old ones at all tables and computers at the Main Library and the North Branch. The second floor of the Main Library

will be retiled. The computer lab will be rearranged to allow for the addition of four children's iPad stations so children will have something to keep them busy while their caregivers are on the computers. We will also be adding a computer with special software to assist our visually impaired guests. Study desks will be added on the second floor along with two computers in the reference department to be used for reference and academic work.

Our children's library will be receiving a makeover as well. New shelving will be installed; it will match the shelving added to the main floor in 2013. Lower height and light tops will enable more sunlight to come in and brighten the area. A special area will be created for “twens” (that awkward age of 9-12 where kids do not think they are kids anymore but are not quite teens.) This area will include youthful furniture along with iPads. A separate area with more iPads will be created for smaller children to use. We also hope to be able to rearrange the Children's area at the North Branch and add iPads there as well.

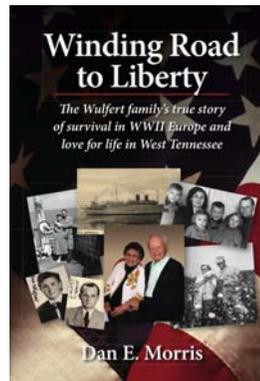
We believe all these changes will make the library more welcoming, comfortable, and useful for all, and that is what it is all about.



Press release for Dan Morris book: *Winding Road to Liberty*

Dan Morris, who has been writing for The Jackson Sun more than 40 years, has written his first book.

“Winding Road to Liberty” is the true story of the Wulfert family from Scotts Hill, Tenn.,



Forced out of their home in Ukraine in 1942 during World War II, Nick and Vera Wulfert became war refugees – always hungry, scared and uncertain of survival.

Each time soldiers took Nick from his family, he and Vera agonized over the unlikely prospects for reuniting. But miracles multiplied, the family survived, and each reunion was sweeter than ever.

When the war ended, Nick and Vera had no home to return to, no family to offer them support. They worked nine years in West Germany in exchange for food and housing. Side jobs, after long workdays, provided money they could save for the ultimate goal – a home in America

In April 1954 they sailed to New York and wept for joy at their first sighting of the Statue of Liberty. They planted a new life in West Tennessee raising cotton and cattle.

Hard work was all they knew, and it paid off in their adopted nation. After five years of required labor for the West Tennessee farmer who sponsored them, they became United States citizens and eventually bought their own farm in 1959. Four of their five children were born in Europe. All five children graduated from Scotts Hill High School and still live in West Tennessee.

The day Nick and Vera moved to their Scotts Hill farm, they literally got on their knees in the yard, kissed the fertile soil that offered them freedom and thanked God for His blessings.

Nick and Vera were married 72 years, and their story of faith, hard work and overcoming adversity reminds us all how blessed we are to live in America.

You can learn more about the story online at www.windingroadtoliberty.com.

Dan Morris can be reached at 731-225-5438 or at danmorrisbooks88@gmail.com

Library Foundation News

by Amy P. Dietrich, Chair

Looking For Adventure?

Do you dream of visiting exotic places, of experiencing various climates, customs, and cuisine?

Are those dreams shattered by the high cost of travel, the hassle of airports with missed connections, or language barriers? Is it impossible to find someone to give your pets the necessary TLC while you are away? Did your passport expire.....10 years ago. Good news!!!

Thanks to the Library Foundation you can visit exotic places without packing a bag or leaving Jackson, TN.

Sit back and relax while Elaine Christian describes *the Seven Wonders of the World*. The breathtaking photo presentation is enhanced by descriptions of Elaine’s personal experiences at each of the seven sites. Imagine the Taj Mahal at midnight and Machu Picchu at dawn. Smell the food (which Elaine describes in mouthwatering terms).

You'll visit China, India, Jordan, Italy, Mexico, Brazil, and Peru while sitting in a comfy chair.

Save the date, May 17, 2016 for your no-hassle travel adventure. Wine and appetizers from each country will be served.

Place: St. Mary's Church, Holy Family Hall (no passport required)

Time: 5:30-7 p.m.

Cost: \$30 per person

Tickets will go on sale in April

All proceeds are used to purchase equipment/materials for the library.

Feeling Creative?

Enter our Re:Book It contest. With an old worn out book, anything is possible. It can be recycled into something amazing. Think outside the box...or outside the book in this case. The products last year were varied and unique. Who knew that a book could become a lamp, a mobile, a wall hanging, an explosion of butterflies?

The contest is open to children 5-8 grade, youth 9-12 grade, and Hobbyists.

First, Second, and Third Place prizes will be awarded in each category. For more information contact Wanda Scanlon: wandascanlon1@gmail.com.

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Teen Room News

by Jessi Rieger

Young Adult Library Services Manager

This is an exciting time for the Teen Services Department. Our Teen Council (rebranded from the Teen Advisory Board) interest has blossomed, and I've been amazed at the enthusiasm and innovation of its members. The Teen Blog has launched, as part of the JMC Library's new website, and so far we've been able to use it to communicate programming, services, and book reviews. I am still searching for teen contributors, so if you know any teens who would like to submit reviews of books, movies, or music, please send them my way!

Teen Services is excited to be partnering with the Children's Department during the month of February for a Science Club, which will culminate with a Science Fair. Jennifer and I were impressed with how quickly all of the spaces in the Science Club were filled! Weekly Arts and Crafts nights in the Teen Room continue to happen on Thursdays, now from 4-5 p.m., and they are planned as a low-key experience in which crafting materials are available for the teens to experiment with, and I am available to answer questions or provide guidance to whatever degree the teens prefer.

On the horizon, of course, is Summer Reading! I am looking forward to my first Summer Reading season, and I know that the teens and I are going to learn so much together this summer. I have a really exciting schedule of events planned for our Summer Reading programs, and I am really looking forward to sharing those with everyone. Keep an eye out for more news on the Teen Blog!

Tech Talk

by Zoe Pride, Computer Department Manager/Webmaster and Tyler Wortham, Computer Technician and Tree House Coordinator

The Jackson-Madison County Library website has a new look and location. We are pleased to announce that our new web address is www.jmclibrary.org. We have a ton of new features such as:

Registering for a Library Card online is a brand new feature for the Library's website. This feature allows the patron to enter their information online to register for their library card. To qualify for a library card you must live, work, go to school, or own property in Madison County. It is a \$25 annual fee for all others who do not meet these requirements. Once a patron has entered their information, they can bring their ID (proof of address, work, or school) to the library and attain their library card.

Registering for an E-card is also a new feature on the website. This allows patrons who can't make it to the library to access all of the E-Resources available. The requirements to obtain an E-card are the same as the requirements for a Library Card. With an E-card you may upload your ID to the registration form and we will email with your E-card information.

The Teen Library is another new addition to the website. With the addition of the Teen Library at the Jackson Madison County Library, we felt it only right to add a new section for the teens on the new website. Jessi, the Teen Librarian, has created a blog for the teens to have news and announcements from the Teen Library.

The Children's Library section of the website has had some changes as well. Jennifer, the Children's Librarian, has her own blog to keep children and parents updated on what is going on in the Children's Library.

The E-Resources section is our collection of online resources. They are categorized by type, such as E-books and Magazines, Continuing Education, and the Tennessee Electronic Library collection. We have made it easier to find what you are looking for.

Requesting a Meeting Room is something that we have added to the website as well. Groups have always been able to use the library for meetings and such, but now you are able to request the use of our rooms online. The group can request which room they would like to use on which day and at what time, this is then sent to our room coordinator who checks to see if the room is available. If it is she e-mails them and lets them know. For more information about our rooms please see the Jackson-Madison County Library meeting room policy.

New Web Site - The new Jackson-Madison County Library website has many more new features available, searching the catalog from anywhere on the website to checking the TN Room blog. Come by www.jmclibrary.org and check out all the new features.



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Board of Trustees News

by Terica Smith, Board Chair

Greetings Friends of the Library!

At our January meeting, the Board of Trustees discussed the need for each stake holding organization of the Library to communicate and continue the great work being done for the Library. We all have the best interest of the Library at heart and the Library will benefit most if we are all “on the same page.” Each board has new leadership and we have not had a chance to get acquainted.

The Board of Trustees is inviting the board and membership of the Friends of the Library and the Library Foundation to a future meeting to hear about the “State of the Library.” Director Harris will offer a report on what is happening at the Library. I will make a report on the work of the Board of Trustees. As Chair of the Board of Trustees, I am extending an invitation to the Chair of each organization to offer a short talk about the current status of their respective organizations. I would like each board chair to introduce their board, share their mission for the Library, upcoming events, outlook for their organization, and any other pertinent information.

Formal notice of the date, time, and location of the meeting will be distributed as soon as it is coordinated.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at

Terica.n.smith@gmail.com.

Children’s Department News

by Jennifer Brewer

Here in the Children’s Department, we are eagerly awaiting Spring for several reasons. Warmer weather is always something to look forward to, as well as the beautiful irises that will be blooming soon outside the window near the children’s nonfiction shelves. Story Time crowds will be busier once Spring comes, so invite people you know to join us with toddlers and preschoolers on Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays. And more schools will be squeezing end-of-the-year field trips in as well, and nothing cheers the library up more than a bus load of little school kids visiting the library for the first time.

This Spring will be extra exciting here because we’re planning several renovations in the Children’s Department. We’ve noticed that we have so much to offer toddlers and young children, as well as teens, but we’ve been lacking in our “tween” department, so we’ve come up with some surprises to offer kids ages 8 to 12. We’ll also be getting new shelving over here to match the shelving in the rest of the library. That will be beautiful as well as more functional. Look for all those changes sometime in April.

Come see us. Pick up a calendar and bring the kids to one of our events, or just stop by on a Saturday afternoon to let the kids explore, learn, read, play, study, or relax.

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SPRING 2016 Library Programs

February**WRITERS AT DUSK
February 25 • 5 p.m.**

Allison Joseph
African-American poet - will be reading and discussing her work.

WRITER'S WORKSHOP

Lane College - Cyber Café
545 Lane Ave

February 26 • 5 p.m.

Allison Joseph
African-American poet
This is open to all Madison County interested writers.

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