



Between Friends

Friends of the Library in the Christmas Parade

by Lee Downey



Pictured left to right are: Lee Downey, Harry Downey, Joel Richards, Cristy Mowery, Jackson Richards, Neal Mowery, Emily Richards and Julia Webster

On Saturday, December 12th, Harry and I, along with our daughter and her family, participated in the Annual Alcoa-Maryville Jaycee's Christmas Parade in support of the Friends of the Library. We gleefully decorated our son-in-law's boat, draping it in silver

garland and fake snow. We even had a snowman "driving" the boat. While Harry drove us along the two-mile parade route, we handed out several hundred flyers, gave away CD's to seniors, and passed out hundreds of donated children's books to the little ones we saw. The

reactions of those watching the parade were very supportive and we heard many positive comments about the Friend's of the Library's involvement. We had a joyous beginning to this holiday season, and are already making plans to have this become an annual event!

Don't Miss the Winter Book Sale! January 21st - 23rd!

President's Message

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that another year has gone by. I don't know about you, but last year went much too quickly, and was a year of both good news and bad news.

The good news was that we kept our membership over 1000 in spite of the bad economic climate, and thanks to your support, we were able to help the library in a significant way. Indeed, the library had a record year of attendance, and that put an extra strain on a limited budget. Fortunately, the Friends of the Library were able to help.

We had some sad news to report as well. Our friend Bob Heintz passed away late last year. Bob was on the Board of Directors and was the editor of our newsletter "Between Friends". Bob was always promoting the Library and it's programs, and he helped at every book sale. He was also an accomplished musician and was a very active member of the East Tennessee Jazz Society. Because of his involvement in community activities, Bob will be missed by many people.

With your help we will meet the challenges of the new year. If you would like to volunteer in any capacity, please contact us at the Library or pick up one of our brochures at the circulation desk. We have lots of important jobs to do, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,
Phil Baker, President

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Blount County Friends
of the Library, then click
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Wednesday Morning Library Book Club

Upcoming Selections:

February: THE READER
by Bernard Schlink

March: SASHENKA
by Simon Montefiore

April: CATALOOCHEE
by Wayne Caldwell

May: RAIN OF GOLD
by Victor Villasenor

June: A TREE GROWS
IN BROOKLYN
by Betty Smith

Winter 2009 Donations

- George & Pat Blackburn
- Richard & Marilyn Finney
- Blaine & Ann Gooden
- William Harmon
- Robert & Alice Hirche
- Elizabeth Holley
- Joy & Robert Hurm
- Ruth Lakey
- Eloise & Robert Landers
- Marcelle Lillard
- Carol Luther
- Sarah MacKenzie
- Betty Neal
- Jane Qualls-McGuire
- John & Betsy Quinn
- Jim & Libby Ratledge
- Tom & RaRa Schlitt
- Judy & Andy Simon
- Linda Sontag
- Carroll Sterne
- Marzel & Nancy Stiefel
- Robert & Sara Tarbox
- Kay Waters

Memorials

Susan & Robert Hirche *in memory of*
Bob Heintz *and* Danny Norman

Friends from the Library Program

by Barbara Zurl

December 7, 2009 – *cold and windy*. Gray skies threatened freezing rain on the day commonly acknowledged to live in infamy. And yet this day marked a joyous occasion for the Ex Libris Library Extension Program as it debuted its first session at Sterling House, in Maryville. On that dark afternoon sixteen residents gathered together in a festively decorated room, filling it to capacity. Stories, poetry, trivia, and jokes occupied the entire hour. The significance of this famous date demanded a recap of Chart Topping Hits from the 1940's, and not much encouragement was needed before an impromptu sing-along was in progress.

Sterling House has become the sixth facility served by Ex Libris; preceded in September by number five, Asbury Place Assisted Living. Twice a month Ex Libris Team members – Friends from the Library – deliver hour long programs at each facility.

In 2010 Ex Libris will celebrate its sixth anniversary. What began as one volunteer reading at one facility once a month in an activity described as “Book Club” quickly grew into a more encompassing project. A name change was necessitated so that residents at the MorningView Transitional Care Center would not confuse the program with a traditional Book Group where members are asked to read a particular work and then meet for discussion. Since Ex Libris brings a wealth of information from the library to those people unable either to get there themselves, or who are no longer able to read for themselves (vision issues, arthritic or other physical limitations), the name was deemed a perfect choice in that Ex Libris means “from the book” or as commonly used on bookplates “from the library.”

Over the years our Team has grown to include Linda Arnold, Janetta Baker, Suzanne Ensslin, Dolores Philpot, Joan Worley and Barbara Zurl. Ask any of these Friends from the Library just why they are part of the effort and you will hear things such as: “It’s the best thing I’ve ever done”, or “I’m continually amazed at how much I learn from the folks I meet.” Some team members speak about Paying things Forward while others talk about Giving



Suzanne Ensslin at Christmas with the Transitional Care Center at MorningView Village Activities Staff

things Back - to the community. What is eminently clear is that being part of Ex Libris allows one to truly become the change which they wish to see in the world.

Abraham J. Heschel once said, “A test of a people is how it behaves toward the old. It is easy to love children. Even tyrants and dictators make a point of being fond of children.”

But who speaks for and to the elderly?

Fortunately, here in the Volunteer State, many of those who were and still are The Greatest Generation are not forgotten. Residents at six Blount County facilities served by Ex Libris know they can always depend on their Friends from the Library.

On behalf of the entire Ex Libris Team, may I wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year. Perhaps 2010 will be the year that you too decide that you would like to be more than just a Friend of the Library by becoming a Friend from the Library.

Care to know more about the program? Call Barbara Zurl, Program Coordinator at 865-977-5034 or e-mail badger630@aol.com. With your help additional facilities and residents will be able to enjoy that which Ex Libris brings to them.



Thelma, 100 year old resident, at Liberty Assisted Living with Barbara Zurl, Linda Arnold and Suzanne Ensslin.

Farewell to Bob Heintz: BCFOL Friend

by Jane Bennett

Almost a thousand people belong to Blount County Friends of the Library. Some Friends come every week and work in the basement, some contribute dues, some volunteer in the main library, some go into the community and read books, some donate money to Books for Soldiers, some mail books to soldiers, some buy books at the book sales, some donate books to the book sales, and some serve on the Board in various capacities. Many Friends never even see the people on the board, nor do many of the board members actually know all the members. Between Friends will help remedy this by bringing a friend or two to the front lines each quarter.

Bob Heintz was a Friend, serving on the board as publicity/newsletter chairperson. In November Bob Heintz died at the age of 78, and it seems fitting to share with the entire membership what some people, including Bob himself, had to say about Bob Heintz.

Bob, in his Between Friends bio, relayed that he was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, and worked in Manhattan, NY and Connecticut in marketing, corporate communications and events planning, among other things. He told us that he produced concerts, cabaret evenings with top area jazz musicians, and was a student and lover of the American jazz art form, plus founder and president of the East Tennessee Jazz Society, Inc.” He shared, too, that he played the trumpet and was a member of the Maryville College Community Concert Band.

Steve Wildsmith, Weekend Editor of the Daily Times, shared his recollections of this Man of all Arts in his columns on November 12 and 13: *Bob Heintz was a tireless advocate for the fine arts in this area. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, who said her husband had battled congestive heart failure for several years. She said he fought cancer in 2000, and a couple of years later, they discovered he had diabetes. He would psych himself up for meetings of the East TN Jazz Society or the Friends of the Library, but then he would come home and just sleep because he was so exhausted.*

The couple were married for 51 years and had been residents of



Bob Heintz

Blount County since 1994. A passionate supporter of the arts, Bob Heintz became a volunteer at the Knoxville Museum of Art and began investigating the jazz scene.

“He will be very much missed and irreplaceable,” said Dr. Larry Smithee, associate professor at Maryville College, a friend of the deceased.

Wildsmith’s personal comments about Bob reveal a man totally immersed in the world of music/art. *“I think I can count on one hand the number of times over the past eight years that I didn’t get a notice of an East Tennessee Jazz Society meeting. Sometimes there were phone calls. He never hesitated to let me know what he thought of the some of the rock’n’roll I covered over the years. He was just a direct sort of guy. Sometimes, he’d call me just to see how I was doing, concerned when I took a vacation and didn’t write this column that I might have flown the*

coop or lost my job.

As intense as he could be when it came to his music of choice, he was just as laid-back when it came to people. The first time I attended an ETJS meeting, it made me grin to watch Bob work the room, shaking hands and remembering every name, asking about spouses or kids, exchanging ideas for future programs, making everyone feel at ease.”

Wildsmith concludes, *“so long, old friend. I’m sure you’re somewhere up there, not far from whatever heavenly club Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington and Count Basie are performing in tonight. Enjoy it, Bob. God knows you earned it.”*

I had the privilege of working with, or maybe the correct word would be for, Bob Heintz, as he got publicity together for the last two Friends book sales, and his last two newsletters. He had an agenda about the volunteer and staff articles. He felt that those being written about in the newsletter should write about themselves, giving it the flavor of all of them, not just him. He would sit down with me and we would brainstorm about what would be “fun” to put into it, where would be good to publicize, etc. When he met David Clabough, who designs the newsletter now, he was amazed at his expertise and emailed me about it. Said he just couldn’t believe how good it looked and how fast he got it put together. He just seemed to have a genuine admiration for talent in whatever form he found it.

Bob will be missed.

Books for Soldiers Project Report

by Vivian Selecman

The Books For Soldiers project continues to be an active support for our troops overseas. In 2009, our seven enthusiastic volunteers sent 254 boxes, containing a total of 136 CDs or DVDs and 4,303 books, to requests all around the world, with most of the packages going to Afghanistan.

The Books for



Soldiers Committee wishes to thank everyone who has donated their time to this project. We also extend a special thanks to our many supporters for their generous donations to the Books for Soldiers postage fund. When added to those collected at the book sales, these donations have enabled the successful continuation of this important service.

“Quotes” From Our Soldiers

Below are quotes from some of the thank you notes we have received

From wolfpacksmoke - “Thank you for the package. I am truly grateful for your support of all deployed soldiers”.

From Dave – “I received your package today, put together by the Friends of the Library, and I just wanted to take a minute to thank you all for supporting us.

My squad and I deeply appreciate that you took the time to think about us and what we are going through over here. The job we do over here is really hard sometimes, especially around the holidays, but it's people like you that keep us going and at the end of the day make it all worthwhile. Thank you again so much for your support!”

From Michael - “Hello my friends at Blount County Friends Of The Library. I want to first off thank you on all the wonderful books that I have just received from you all. I am currently reading the book “The Last Juror” by John Grisham. Everyone in my unit was pleased with the book selection in fact I have an Airman raving about one of the books. My name is SSgt Michael **** and I am

currently deployed at Kandahar AB Afghanistan. My home base back in the states is Davis-Monthan AFB located in Tucson, AZ. Reading books is some of the best pastime

ing unit so they can too enjoy these wonderful books. Feel free to email or send books anytime; these wonderful books will not go forgotten. Once again thank you so much!!



here away from our families and friends and definitely keeps us occupied. I just can't thank you enough for the time and effort that has been invested to see that these wonderful books found a new home. I will personally make sure that these books will be here for the next arriv-

From John - I got you information from the care package you sent us. Hope you are well. I am working on several fronts here. I have a team of about a dozen that are working with me to help the Afghan Army. No specifics mentioned on here.

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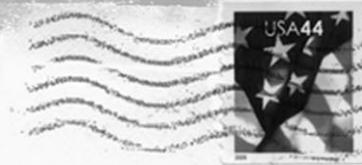
I am gathering a bunch of pictures and will try to send them at regular intervals. We are working more closely with the Afghan Forces here in a place called Tarin Kowt. So I am getting to meet a great bunch of people. Of course, always taking care of my Soldiers first. But if you see more

and more of pictures of us working with Afghanistan soldiers, you will know the reason why. In the last week we have been teaching them fire prevention. It is a real learning curve because everything has to be translated to the simplest level through an interpreter prior to mov-

ing on to the next learning point. If you think about it, the Soldiers are looking for some pens, writing paper, envelopes. We have plenty of cards right now.

Also if any one is in the quilting bee, put us on the list for some of those. Thanks a bunch.

Books for Soldiers Postage Fund Donations for 2009



The Books for Soldiers Committee wishes to thank the following people for their donations to the Books for Soldiers postage fund. They are greatly appreciated.

- Michael J. Cohan
- Mary Ruth Hoyt
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- Mrs. Marcelle Lillard
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- Charlie Butera
- Marion Stokes
- Ted Flickinger
- Judith Spies
- Susan Mills
- Ruchelle E. Post
- Joann Garrett

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

"Books For Soldiers" is a ongoing project in which volunteers organize and send books to our troops stationed overseas. In 2009, the postage cost for these shipments was \$1,478. We were also blessed with \$1,853 in donations. We continually need more. If you would like to donate, please mail to the address provided on the right. If you are interested in being a "Books for Soldiers" volunteer, please call Vivian Selecman at 379-2568 or e-mail at Selecman@msn.com.

*If you wish to donate, mail your check to Friends of the Library
508 N. Cusick Street,
Maryville TN 37804.
Please designate that it
is for the Books for
Soldiers program.*



BCFOL welcomes a Couple of Pros

Layout for the Friends of the Library newsletter is now under the direction of David Clabough, who along with wife Kate and daughter Kacy, owns and operates Sealost Manor, a graphic design, creative writing and advertising business located in Louisville, TN. Clabough has more than 15 years computer graphic design experience, and an extensive background in management and print related industries.

Clabough has designed thousands of advertisements and presentations in his career and his work has appeared in regional, national and international publications as well as online presentations. He is the former production manager of the Farragut Press in west Knoxville and a graduate of Pellissippi State Technical Community College.

The Claboughs' family business,



David and Kate Clabough at a local fundraising event.

Sealost Manor, specializes in graphic and written preparation of materials for magazine and newspaper ads and articles. Other services include designs for billboards, books and ebooks, brochures, church bulletins, company newsletters and reports,

direct mail postcards, e-mail ads, press releases, real estate flyers, trade catalogs, web pages, custom web sites and more.

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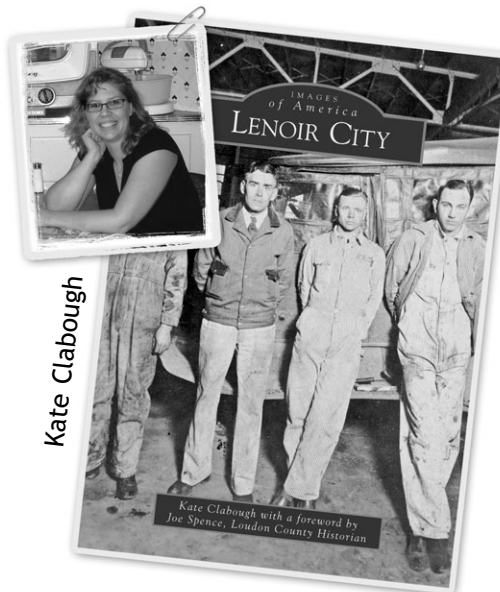
Blount County Librarian Publishes History Book

Kate Clabough recently contributed to Arcadia Publishing's "Images of America" series with a new volume on Lenoir City. The book, which covers the town's history from its early years as the Lenoir family estate to the mid-20th century, was released on December 14. It features photographs, drawings and documents provided by the Lenoir City Museum.

Clabough is a freelance writer, genealogist and amateur historian from Louisville, Tenn. A consummate researcher with a love for musty courthouse records and ancient history books, she has published hundreds of articles on various subjects in local and regional publications across the country.

A native of Nebraska, Clabough moved to east Tennessee in 1997 where she found herself at loose ends

in her newly adopted state. In an effort to familiarize herself with the



Kate Clabough

area, she started digging into local history. Her discoveries soon led to a history column in a weekly west

Knoxville newspaper.

In addition to magazine, newspaper and internet venues, Clabough's work can be found in such places as the visitor's kiosks at the Sunsphere in Knoxville and on display panels in historic buildings such as the Carmichael Inn in Loudon, Tenn. She also gives historical presentations to civic, church and other groups and has been known to dress in costume when it fits the occasion. In her spare time, she works as a fulltime children's librarian at the Blount County Library in Maryville, Tenn., where she hosts story time for preschoolers on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

The Lenoir City Book is available at area book sellers. For a signed copy, contact the author at 865-256-2329.



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Don't Miss the Winter Book Sale! Jan. 21-23!

Winter Book Sale Promises Great Selection

Thursday, January 21, Noon to 6 pm (for Friends of the Library Members Only)

Friday, January 22 and Saturday, January 23, 9 am to 5 pm.

If you love books, this is a Book Bargain Event you cannot miss!!!

**Friday and Saturday
January 22-23
9:00am to 5:00 pm**

JANUARY CLEARANCE BOXES
Sets of Collectibles
Historical Romances
Religious Books
Biographies

**FOL Members only
Thursday Jan 21
12:00 to 6:00 pm**

**CDs
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