



## *Between Friends*

### **Becky Barry and The World of Circulation**

I am a native of Florida as were both of my parents. I was born and raised in Ft. Myers and attended the University of South Florida in Tampa where I met my husband, Dennis. We married 34 years ago and lived in Tampa until 1992 when we moved to East Tennessee. To live near the Smoky Mountains had been a dream of ours for many years as we came up here on vacation whenever we could. When my husband's company decided to open a branch in Knoxville, we took the opportunity to move here. We knew we wanted to live close to the mountains so we bought a house in Rockford. We have been blessed to live here and can't imagine living anywhere else. My husband is now self employed as a builder and remodeler and is doing what he has always wanted to do. We have 8 children, ages 23 to 31, and 5 grandchildren who all live in East Tennessee except one.

Our children have graduated from the University of Tennessee, Pellissippi State, East Tennessee State University, University of Tennessee in Chattanooga, and Erskine College in South Carolina. One of our daughters has recently graduated from the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston and has moved back to do her residency at UT Hospital in Knoxville. My parents, my in-laws, and a sister have followed us to Blount County. Family has always been an important part of my life and my favorite thing to do is to be with my large (and ever-growing) family. I

was blessed to be home with my children when they were young, working only part time jobs. I enjoy sewing, quilting, scrap-booking, and reading when I have any spare time.



I began working at the Blount County Library part time and became the Circulation Supervisor just before we moved into this beautiful new building. It has been such a perfect fit for me, working with the other staff members in the Circulation department.

The Circulation department is responsible for the circulation of materials in the library. We check out Books, Videos, Magazines, Audio Books, and Music CDs. Then we check them all back in again and put them back on the shelves in their proper places. We collect overdue fines and payments for lost and damaged items. Library cards are also issued in our department. We are kept busy making new and replacement cards. We also keep the patron's library accounts updated, assist patrons in locating different materials in the library, and check to see if an item is available

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# Let's Meet Nancy

I grew up in Detroit when it was a booming, industrial center with all the cultural advantages and activities you'd expect. I graduated as a theater major from Michigan State University, worked summers at Northland Playhouse, obtained my teaching license from University of Detroit and taught children's theater in the public schools. Bob and I were married in 1958 and started our family in 1961 when daughter Robyn was born. Joanna came along in 1963, and son Karl in 1967, the year of the great riots. In 1969, we moved to Wilton, CT, where our children grew up. I was very active in Wilton Community Theater, and son Karl also got his start as a theater carpenter/technician there. I was also a member of the League of Women Voters, both in Wilton and in Stratford where we moved in 1985. During our years in CT, I substituted in the public schools 4 – 5 days a week and enjoyed the feeling of being able to say NO if I wanted to, or if one of the kids was sick.

We remained in CT until all three kids were married and raising families of their own, making us proud grandparents of 9 grandchildren, 3 boys and 6 girls. We are proud of each and every one of them.

We moved to Maryville in 1994 and I was fortunate to find a job teaching English as a Second Language at Maryville College. My many years of teaching English, history and ESL in CT allowed me to interact with students from many countries and I'm really enjoying my work there. When enrollment went down, I subbed in the public schools for a while, but am happy to be back at the college now.

Aside from school, Vandy Kemp and I were talking a few years ago and both of us missed working with the League of Women Voters,

so, along with a few others, started the Maryville chapter. This has been a most rewarding activity and led me to become an active member of the AAUW, too. Both organizations keep me busy with a variety of activities and programs. I also sing with the college/community chorus, work with Bob in the East Tennessee Jazz Society, and enjoy my association with the FOL as both of us are avid readers and go through as many as 15 books every 2 – 3 weeks.



*Nancy Heintz*  
*A True "Friend of the Library"*

I love keeping busy, reading in my spare time, being with the kids whenever possible, and playing with our latest addition to the family, an 8 year old shelter border collie mix.

# The President's Corner

I hope you were able to join us at our recent annual meeting. If you were there you were able to help us honor the great group of volunteers that make the library the wonderful place it is. During the past year our volunteers donated over 10,000 hours of their time. That's equivalent to nearly five full-time people – at no cost to the taxpayers! If you know one of our volunteers, be sure to say “thank you”.

Be sure to check the library calendar, as there are some great programs coming up. Barbara Zurl will present a demonstration of the “ex Libris” program on July 13<sup>th</sup>, and the popular “Edible Book” contest is later in the month. The summer months, especially, are filled with great programs and performances, so check the calendar often.

In this time of economic stress the library continues to play an important part in the life our community. We just want you to know that we are committed to helping the library fulfill it's mission of promoting literacy, sharing knowledge, and providing programs that benefit everyone in the community.

Sincerely,  
*Phil Baker*, President



*Our President, Phil accepts a check for \$100 from the Friends of Tennessee Libraries.*

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## ***Phil Baker Honored***

The Friends of Tennessee Libraries held their annual meeting in May at the Haley Farm outside of Clinton, TN. Many informative sessions were held. At the end of the program there were three recipients of the Volunteer of the Year Award. One of those recipients was our own president of the Blount County Friends of the Library, Phil Baker. Phil has been a tireless volunteer for many years and has dedicated hundreds of volunteer hours to the BCFOL. As appreciation for all of his efforts he was awarded a check for \$100 from the Friends of Tennessee Libraries. He is a much deserved and appreciated volunteer. When you see Phil, please thank his for his numerous contributions and loyal service to the BCFOL.

Way to go Phil!

# Books for Soldiers: Our Pride & Joy



The fact that deployment of troops to Iraq is winding down doesn't mean there isn't still a great need to support our armed forces. We have men and women serving their country in many areas of the world besides Iraq and Afghanistan, like Korea, Germany, Kosovo and parts of Africa. During fiscal year 2008-2009 eight active volunteers sent 238 boxes, containing 150 CD's or DVD's and 4,299 books to troops in many parts of the world. They spent a total of \$1,341 in postage, mailing at the cheapest rate, media mail. This compares to fiscal year 2007-2008 when seven volunteers sent 228 boxes, 50 CD's and 3,814 books, spending \$1,257.50 in postage.

All of the postage money is from donations received in jars set out at the book sales or by checks mailed specifically for this program. We are always accepting checks, made out to "Friends of the Library", designated especially for the Books for Soldiers program and mailed to 508 N. Cusik Street, Maryville TN 37804.

Several of our volunteers have been unable to send boxes this last six months due to illness or other factors, so we are seriously in need of new volunteers. Albert and Wilma Myers have faithfully sent one or two boxes every week, and Jane Bennett has been very active soliciting book donations from other sources and mailing 5 or 6 boxes every two weeks. It requires a person to spend at least 2 to 3 hours a month searching, selecting, packing and mailing books.

## Hey Friends,

We're looking for some volunteers from those who have a few hours that they can donate to our wonderful library, specifically helping out in our "Books for Soldiers" area. We are very proud of our efforts in this area, but we don't have enough hands to get the "needs" done. If you are interested, please contact Vivian Selectman at 379-2568 or <Selecman@msn.com>

## BooksforSoldiers.com Requests

Soldiers here and abroad exhibit a variety of interests and needs when they make requests on BooksforSoldiers.com. Many request personal items, especially beef jerky and shaving creams. Some want generic types of books, such as action, sci-fi, new age, or romance; others request specific titles, like Helter Skelter, or the Post-American World by Fareed Zakaria. Other popular topics are: How-to's, stock market investing, Italian or Japanese primers, photography, and mathematics. Some soldiers indicate a desire to learn about Islam, war history, or true crime. Many also request adventure or comedy DVD's.

Some requests recently are especially poignant: One fellow requested books or “anything” and in the lower column of the email was these words:

*“His mom writes, ‘He was just deployed. Please send him anything you can’”*

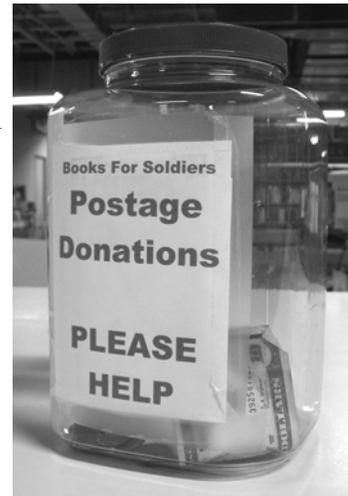
Another request of note follows:

*“Located in a remote area of Afghanistan, when they are not out on patrol they have a very small FOB with just the basic things that are hard to come by at times. When they are out on patrol for 10-14 days, they sleep in holes they dig and have to have a drop zone for supplies, no water, no electric, etc. They all just deployed Feb. 19th from here in Alaska and have a long rough deployment ahead of them. In need of some support from us in the US, they are at their FOB for a few days at a time and there they have electric and a microwave but then they are out (which is mostly) for 2 weeks at a time and no electric or running water. Thank you for helping.”*

45 Friends books were sent, some rather worn ones with the message that these can be taken into the field with no worries of harming them further.

Finally, Afghanistan units are setting up centers where soldiers can be video reading children’s books. These DVD’s are sent to their children, and one chaplain wrote in thanks for the children’s books the BCPL Friends sent, saying that the children watch those stories over and over.

What better way to thank donors than to send their books to those who, also, love to read and who are working to keep America free!



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and when it might be due back. We take holds on materials that are checked out and we also take suggestions for new materials.

I am responsible for the scheduling and management of the 3 other full time and 22 part time staff members in our department. The schedules are arranged daily so that each person gets to do a variety of duties during each day. Hiring and training of new staff and continuous re-training of current staff is part of my duties as well. Our department is constantly changing, to be more efficient and productive. Since the library is open 7 days a week, there are plenty of hours that the check-out and check-in desks need to be covered. I also do trouble shooting and negotiations with patrons.

During the management of my large family, I learned many skills that helped me in this position. The staff members that I serve with make my job a pleasure. I have never known such a hard working and flexible group who serve others so willingly. It is such a privilege to work here that I truly enjoy coming to the Library each day. And getting to be around books all the time is the icing on the cake!

# Let's Meet Walt...

After growing up in Bristol, TN, I followed the Orange Brick Road to Knoxville to get a degree in accounting and to go to football games (not necessarily in that order). After graduation, I was off to Nashville where I spent the next 20 years pursuing an accounting career in Insurance and Banking. I love that city. I often thought how lucky I am to be living here!

One day I was told that if I want to keep my job, I would have to relocate to Delaware. Delaware? I thought I knew where it was, but had to get out a map to be sure. I decided that a pay check is a very good thing and made the move.

Delaware is divided into two distinct sections of lifestyles, north of the canal, and south of the canal. North of the canal is Wilmington, a bustling financial center. South of the Canal is a step back in time; laid back; mellow. There are no trees; they have all been cut down for farming. It surely is the flattest place on earth. It does not snow much there in South Delaware due to the proximity of water, but when it does, it does by the foot. There are no plows or salt. The attitude is "when spring comes, it will thaw".

I was relocated to the capital city of Dover, South of the Canal. It took little time to question what I was doing with my life. Out of desperation, I made a bold move, 50 miles from my office to Lewes (prn. Louis). Lewes, first town of the first state, was established in 1631 by Dutch immigrants. A quaint, historic village by the sea. And just down the road is hopping resort Rehoboth Beach. Any day I wanted, a short bike ride led me to a stroll on the beach. There were birds, dolphins, whales and all sorts of other creatures about. What was so great, I had the luxury of doing this 'off season'. Just me. No one else. All mine.

I often thought how lucky I am to be living here!  
"Every day is a holiday when you live at the beach!"

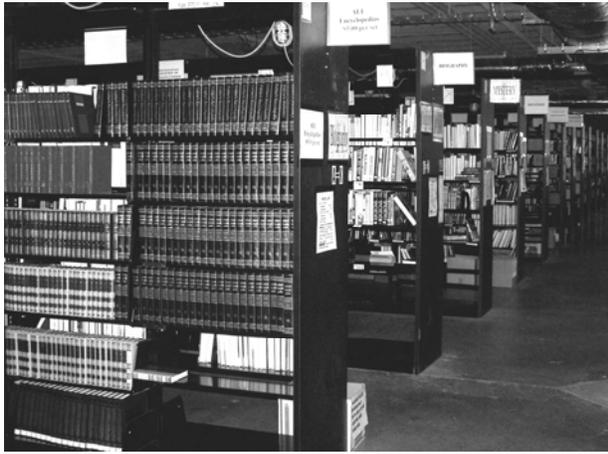
The corporate hammer fell again; I found myself in Hartford, CT. It gets very cold there and they don't have a great fondness for Lady Vol fans. The hammer had one more swing in it, and I was done and finished. Taking the money and running away from a life in a cubical was fine with me.

Fortunately fate was good to me and I landed living across the Hudson from New York City. I had always wanted to taste the life in a big city. And I did. Broadway. Museums. Concerts. Parades. Riding the Subway. Yes, riding the subway. Get on the train, make a change or two, and get off somewhere I had never been and stroll around. I often thought, how lucky I am to be living here. So I packed those memories and gave Florida a try. I always wanted to live there. It is flat; there are few trees; it is hot.



**Walt Smith "A Pro's Pro"**

So there is an Orange Brick Road from Florida to Tennessee. Found it. It's not too hot or too cold. Certainly not flat, we have the most beautiful mountains in the whole wide world. Trees? Lots of them, and lakes and rivers too!. Every day I think "ain't it great to be alive and to be in Tennessee".



## Did You Know?

In our foreign language section we not only have a collection of various subject books in English-textbooks, fiction, "how to", but also a large collection of books in their original languages-Japanese, German, French, Dutch, Spanish and many others. We hope that our Friends of the Library members who need books in their native language will dig into this section. Remember, the price is right.

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## Spring 2009 Donations

Sylvia Bedford  
Wilson & Sue Borden  
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Dr. Samuel B. Cheek Jr. & Lisa D. Duncan  
Omer & Betty Dyer  
Friday Duplicate Bridge Group  
at Everett Senior Center  
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Memory of Patricia Vranes  
*from Kids Korner,  
First United Methodist Church,  
Guntersville, Alabama*

Memory of Linda Dunford  
*from John & Mary Baugues*

## Welcome to your Summer "Between Friends" Trivia Quiz

Here is our Summer Trivia Quiz entitled "Famous Quotes". It is a rerun of the Spring trivia quiz. We had no winners, in fact no responses at all to the spring quiz. If we get no responses to this repeated quiz, the feature will be dropped from future issues. You are asked to identify the author of each quote. Please send your responses to; Editor, Blount County FOL, 508 Cusick Street, Maryville, TN 37804. Responses must arrive no later than one week after the last day of the summer quarterly book sale. Again two winners will be drawn from the correct entries and each will be able to select eight books, videotapes or DVD's from the FOL regular collection, Collectibles excluded.

### Famous Quotes... Who Said?

1. I must get out of these wet clothes and into a dry martini
2. The fog comes on little cat feet
3. When you call me that, smile!
4. Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.
5. For auld lang syne, my dear, for auld lang syne.
6. He slud into third.
7. If you have to ask what jazz is, you'll never know.
8. Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country.
9. This is like déjà vu all over again.
10. I am not a crook.



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### ***Don't Miss the Summer Book Sale!***

*Thursday, July 16 Noon to 6 pm (for Friends of the Library Members Only)*  
*Friday, July 17th and Saturday, April 18, 9 am to 5 pm*

### ***What a Deal!***

Dig into our “mystery” boxes of books—at least 25 books in a box for the terribly high price of \$ 2.00 per box. Yes two dollars for a box of at least 25 books in all the popular categories- Mystery, Historical fiction, Action Adventure, Romance and Assorted. What a way to fill in your reading hours with new material, and you can donate the books you have finished reading back to your Friends of the Library for a future used book sale. Two bucks for a box of at least 25 books in a category you like. WHAT A DEAL!

### ***On Your Way Out ...***

As you leave the Friends of the Library book sale you will pass by several stacks of books located behind the book sales area. Did you know that those shelves contain many, many hours of reading for free. ALL of the books and magazines shelved in that area are FREE! That's right FREE!!, so why not spend some time seeing if there is Something you'd like to take home. Remember, the price is right....FREE!

