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by Bonnie Holmes

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President’s Message

Dear Friends,

Our July book sale was a great success and we’re getting ready for our next sale October 20-22. The 2nd annual Cardboard Boat Race was wet, wonderful fun, and we’ve enjoyed another season of excellent Hot Summer Nights programs. Our library offers 400 free educational and entertaining programs per year, which your memberships, donations, and volunteered time help provides. If you are not attending, check the monthly calendar via e-mail or bulletin board in the entry rotunda, and come join us!

We contributed books and labor to help send almost 20 tons of books to the people of the Republic of Georgia as they start a library in the capital city of Tbilisi and learn English as a second language. Recycling books while extending friendship across the globe, that’s a win-win.

Thank you for your continued support of the Friends, come to the October book sale, and have a great Fall.

See you at the library,
Larry Moore, President

Loading books for the Republic of Georgia

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QUARTERLY DONATIONS

George Lytle, Dr. Colin and Jane Kemperman, and New Providence Presbyterian Women.

Check Out Our Facebook Page

If you have a Facebook account, log in. In the search box, type in Blount County Friends of the Library, then click “Become a Fan.”

If you don’t have a Facebook account visit our Web Site: www.bcfol.org and click on link!

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reenactors and visitors may want to acquire. Barbara and her husband, Wayne, display goods, such as flintlock rifles, powder horns, historic and how-to books, woven goods, and Delftware. Delftware includes blue and white pottery and tiles. In pre-Revolutionary days, it was imported from the Netherlands. In present times, it is still the primary source.

Traveling is another interest for Barbara. The Zurls combine the business of replenishing merchandise for their sutler sideline with the pleasure of touring. Book fairs are a special draw for both to support their retirement hobby.

A favorite place to travel is Scotland, based on Barbara’s report of more than 12 trips taken and even considering it as a place to retire in the 1980’s. Blount County was decided on when comparing its sim-
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These subscriptions include the following:

**GALE®,** part of Cengage Learning, is a world leader in e-research and educational publishing for libraries, schools and businesses. Accurate and authoritative reference content and intelligent organization of full-text magazine and newspaper articles. Includes Literature Criticism Online. Blount County Public Library subscribes to three titles: Contemporary Literature Criticism; 19th Century Criticism; and Short Story Criticism

**AUTOMOBILE REPAIR REFERENCE CENTER:** Covers models from 1945 to 2009, including technical service bulletins and recalls.

**The Tennessee Electronic Library (TEL):** A virtual library that you can access from your home PC, your school library computer lab, or your iPhone – anywhere with an internet connection.

**REFERENCEUSA:** The leading provider in business and consumer research! Offering a full-service platform, ReferenceUSA helps users create marketing plans, conduct competitive analysis, raise funds and locate people.

**BOOKS & AUTHORS:** Looking for a good book, but not sure where to start? WHO WHAT WHERE WHEN lets you browse by Character, Subject, Location and Time Period.

**GLOBAL ROAD WARRIOR:** Need Country Information? Use Global Road Warrior for a Passage to the World to find information on 175 countries.

**MANGO LANGUAGES:** Learn a foreign language using actual conversation skills. Site covers 37 languages.

**ATOZMAPSONLINE.COM:** One of the world’s largest subscription-based database of proprietary, royalty-free world, continent, country, and state maps.

**POINTS OF VIEW:** Researching current or controversial topics? Use Points of View to gain a balanced perspective

**COIN:** Planning your career or education after high school? Use COIN Career for self-assessment tests.

**THE DAILY TIMES:** One of several newspapers that are readily available.

Each volunteer’s programs are unique, e.g. discussing current and past events, poems, stories, and sharing humor, show and tell, and music. However, Barbara’s presentations are noted for her inclusion of witty and old jokes and puns, which always invite a chuckle from the elderly audience. She also shares with them her interest in reading, cooking, travel, history, jigsaw puzzles, and once everyday items like aprons. Like her docent experience, she gets great satisfaction when being able to “connect” with her audience at a presentation. That’s a time honored payment for volunteer work, isn’t it?

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Attention Male Readers

Are you interested in participating, reading in, and joining a BCFOL Men’s Book Club?

If the answer is YES!

Please call the President, Larry Moore, at 233-0459.
Can a book be an Orphan?

by Bonnie Holmes

The problem with orphans....is that you can’t find out their ownership when you need or want a copy of out of print materials. Orphan materials, those works whose ownership is unknown or can’t be found or identified, have been a problem for some time.

Millions of works are out of date and can’t be legally copied or reproduced by others without permission. By one professor’s estimation, 70% of books still covered by copyright have owners that can’t be found. Part of the problem relates to the extension of the copyright law to protect owners for greater lengths of time which resulted in fewer works moving into the public domain. Violation of copyright, copying without permission, can be expensive with costs up to $150,000/violation.

A recent Google suit again emphasized this long standing issue.

In 2004, Google began scanning all materials in several large research libraries and one large public library as a project to create the world’s largest online library. Google scanned over 12 million books, creating a large digital database, making the materials available to multitudes of users. Although many of the materials were in the public domain and so required no permission, millions were still covered by copyright. Many of these were “orphans.”

The advantages of such an endeavor or were many. In return for allowing Google to freely copy materials, the libraries received at least one digitized version of the works and had an enormous electronic database available for users to conduct research, especially helpful for difficult to find and out of print materials.

This project also provided a means to store and preserve older materials that are disintegrating as well as reducing library space required for storing these materials. Rare and/or scarce materials would be preserved in the event of damage to the holding library. More written materials could easily be converted to Braille and audio media which would greatly expand information available to the disadvantaged.

The Google Books Project has been slowed down by a court case. In March, 2011, Federal District Judge Denny Chin struck down a class-action settlement which would have allowed Google to continue its project to scan all available materials. (The Authors Guild, et al. v. Google Inc., Document 971,)

While this project was greatly advantageous to the libraries, the judge ruled that the settlement would have given Google unfair advantage over competitors, that Google could sell subscriptions that would: provide users access to materials that they had no permission to digitize, violate international law by copying materials belonging to foreign citizens without permission, be unfair to those with rights to “orphan” materials which represent a large portion of materials, create agreements with publishers without involving the authors/owners, not adequately represent the class since many authors were not represented, create privacy issues, and create an author’s reimbursement registry which would change copyright law.

The judge ruled that if he approved the settlement he would be changing basic copyright law since the settlement would not just redress past wrongs but involved copyright application in the future. Changing copyright law belongs with the Congress not the courts. Congress introduced The Orphan Works Act in 2006 but it did not become law. The Copyright Office conducted an extensive study of the problem in 2005. Following a hearing based on the study, legislation again was introduced in 2007-2008 in the 110th Congress but also failed to pass into law.

Because of the global market of books and other materials, the orphan problem involves international considerations. European countries are already addressing orphan materials by providing for non-profit digitalizing of their citizens’ works and by creating a European Digital Library. This database hopes to create a balance among the needs of the public, authors, and publishers. To date, no new bills have been introduced by Congress to address the United States problem.

Opportunities for Friend-ly Volunteering

We would like the opinion of an experienced landscaper/structural engineer on how to redesign the steep bank in back of the library. If you would be willing to help, or if you know someone who would be willing to help, please contact Cindy Stuart at 980-2162.

Do you like Middle and High School students? The library needs Assistants (no training required) to help the leaders of various challenges in the Teen Medieval Mystery Knights’ Challenge: October 15 from 6 to 8:30 pm. Free food!!! The students might wear medieval attire and will prepare to encounter sword challenges, build a siege engine, design some heraldry and/or try to outwit the dragon riddler. Applications are in the Friends office, or call Myra Reisinger at 856-3333.
Ex Libris Report – “For want of a nail”
By Barbara Zurl, Program Coordinator, ExLibris Extension Program

The tale is an old one – for the want of a nail in the shoe of a horse, kingdoms have been lost. If only....

Without a doubt, the Ex Libris Library Extension program might never have grown from one person in 2004 visiting 8 facilities once a month – to a team of 8 volunteer presenters in 2011, visiting 8 facilities twice a month - if it were not for one person. On October 12, 2006, Suzanne Ensslín, an already active member of the Friends of the Library, stepped up and took a chance to become Ex Libris’ second member. With her arrival the path was cleared for allowing us to meet a request from a second facility to have our type of programs made available to their residents.

Although a soft-spoken woman, Suzanne’s passion for ExLibris was voiced convincingly at the Blount County Newcomers Club and before too long a third member of the team (Janetta Baker) was recruited. After this we were up and running.

If you know Suzanne you know a multi-talented woman. To begin with, not only is she a gifted crafts person who creates exquisite handmade cards, but she has also served in Blount County as a translator for non-English speaking people in need. At the library Suzanne has donated countless hours working on the quarterly book sales as well as Books for Soldiers. Looking for a recommendation for something good to read? Ask Suzanne – She’s been a member of the Blount County Book Discussion Group for many years. Sooz has read more books than James Patterson has written. And that is saying a lot. Perhaps this is the reason her Ex Libris programs are so much appreciated – that and her magical voice!!!

All in all it has been a wonderful five years working with Suzanne – and so it came as no surprise to receive a call from her, “Hey, Barb, guess what? Ex Libris has gone national!”

Suzanne, who spends extended periods of time in Delaware, decided to see if she might be able to bring our program to people up there and they were interested. Ex Libris II began on September 15, 2011 at the Foulk Manor North Assisted Living Facility in Wilmington, Delaware with 10 persons in attendance at the kick-off session. Once again this remarkable lady has made a wish of mine come true.

Happy Fifth Anniversary, Suzanne. Thank you for taking a chance and thereby being the catalyst of Ex Libris’ growth and success. I cannot imagine what would have happened if it were not for you.

Blount County Public Library gets grant for Computer Lab
(Edited from Joan Sloan’s Notice to BCFOL Board members, for full version see Joan Sloan)

Most jobs now require some level of computer skills, so the Blount County Public Library and Blount County Adult Education Foundation are teaming up to provide free computer courses.

The library received funds from the federal Library Service and Technology Act grant, an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act stimulus grant, with matching funds from the Blount County Friends of the Library. With those funds, the library installed a 20-laptop computer lab.

These courses are suitable for people seeking new employment or promotions at their current workplace.

Learning how to use the computer and software skills can accelerate the process toward a job for unemployed workers wanting to get back in the workforce. And for people who are already employed, mastery of computer skills can sometimes make the difference in being selected for advancement to a different job level.

The computer courses being offered at the library in October and November will be Welcome to the World of Computers (an introduction to computers class), Resume Help and Microsoft Word 2010. Microsoft Excel 2010 will also be offered, starting in 2012.

Instructors for the classes will be Margaret Muller, computer teacher for Blount County Adult Education since 2007, and Mary Cooper, business and technology teacher at Heritage High School.

Registration is required for these free classes. To register, call the Blount County Public Library’s reference department at 273-1436 or 982-0981, ext. 4. Each class is limited to 20 participants and will be conducted in the library’s new computer lab.

Contact the library for the computer class schedule.

Course Descriptions include:
Welcome to the World of Computers – This class is designed for those with little to no computer experience. Topics to be explored include an introduction to both Windows 7 and Word 2010, files, the Internet, email, and computer terms.
Resume Help – Students will be offered help in composing or editing their resume using a variety of sources including the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development job service workshops and the Tennessee Electronic Library.
Microsoft Word 2010 – This class continued on page 6
Spirit of the Mountains
My spirit dwells within the mountains,
soaring o’er white-crested peaks.
Rustling in pine branches swaying,
sweet magnolia-scented breeze.
Trickling spring spills over stone, swells
with rapids flowing down,
Fern and flower, moss and vine, nourish
and caress all creatures.
Life abundant there resides, in struggles
and triumphant joys.
Ever will my soul be blessed when
gazing upon God’ s artistry.
My spirit dwells within the mountains,
a glimpse of heavenly majesty.

Would you be surprised to know
that this poem’s author, Jean Closz,
the head of the Children’s Library at
Blount County Library is also a
poet? One expects that somebody
who graduated college with a degree
in Music Education, Vocal, would
have other creative abilities. In the
past, for Jean, this has included illus-
trating for the book, Hiawatha’s
Brother and writing short stories,
especially about cats.

Besides artistic skills, Jean has
practical talent as well. She has taken
a 1960’s era house and using her
“handyman” skills, modernized it by
redoing three bathrooms and totally
replacing all carpets with wood
flooring. Gardening interests in
perennials like roses have evolved to
tending less work intensive greenery
like irises, shrubs, and trees.

Jean met her husband while at
Maryville College, where both sang
in the college choir. To a native of
the mountainous part of Maryland,
Blount County had the feel of home
for Jean. After graduation, following
up on her experience working in
libraries, and interest in books, she
took a job at our library and has been
here for 36 years. She has had many
jobs within the Blount County
Library, finally becoming Children’s
Librarian in 1983. With the help of
another full time librarian and volun-
teers, she has created a warm, fun
place for children and their families.

Besides the children’s resources
that favorably compare with those of
the adult section, there are computer
fiction and game programs for use in
the library and on the library
website. There are foreign language
materials including various language
courses, audiovisual items, bilingual
books, and juvenile kits with a toy or
puppet accompanying books. Every
month, a calendar of activities is
available. The October calendar
shows almost every day has an
activity or happening planned for
Blount County children.

Jean is appreciative of Friends of
the Library for their support of the
Children’s Library. The Friends
provide funds for supplies and
events, including story hours, the
Summer Reading Club, and other
activities, like Monthly Specials on
Saturday. Special Saturday events
for October include Jean’s presenta-
tion of “Every Child Ready to Read
Story Hour Parents’ Workshop” on
October 1 and a Musical Story Hour
by a volunteer Kindermusik teacher
on October 22. Kindermusik derives
from German for “Children’s Music”
and is a method of early childhood
education in music and movement.

Margaret Muller has taught com-
puter classes at Blount County Adult
Education since 2007. She has 25
years’ experience with PCs in the
workplace and 11 years as an instruc-
tor working with adults. She holds a
B.S. in both Education and English.

Mary Cooper has taught business
and technology classes at Heritage
High School since 2001. She also has
12 years’ experience in adult educa-
tion and technology staff training. She
holds a B.S. in both Finance and Mar-
keting and an M.S. in Human
Resource Development.

Free and open to the public, the
program is at the Blount County
Public Library, located at 508 N.
Cusick Street, Maryville.

For further information about
library programs or services, call the
library at 982-0981 or visit the Web
site at www.blountlibrary.org. To sign
up to receive a monthly calendar by
e-mail, type in your email address
under “Programs and Events” on the
Home Page. Also check out Face-
book at “Blount County Public
Library” and Twitter at
“Blount_Library.”

Blount County does not discriminate
based on race, color or national origin in federal or
state sponsored programs, pursuant to Title VI
of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C.
2000d).
Books for Soldiers Project Report

by Vivian Selecman

The Books for Soldiers program continues to send requested books to our troops overseas. Although some have left Iraq, we still have young men and women stationed there and all over the world, including places like Iceland and Kosovo. Some of them are quite isolated and appreciate any mail from home.

Following is a recent request from one of our soldiers in Afghanistan:

“Hello, I am a Mental Health Specialist with the Army ... I am looking especially for good women’s group books. Trying to start a group here focused on building self esteem. Thank you (AB).”

During those hot summer months seven volunteers have sent 36 boxes containing 38 CD’s and 621 books. They spent a total of $237.03 in postage.

Below are examples of the thank you letters we receive:

“Dear Friends of the Library, Thank you so much for the box of books you sent to me. This is a real inspiration to me. Most of my family (excluding my wife) do not send me packages, so it was nice to receive something. I do look forward to reading the books and learning from them. You all live in a beautiful area of our country. I have some friends from Loudon, TN and also some in Chattanooga. I’ll do my best to get through some of these books and then pass them off to the next soldier.

Thank you, SSG Douglas X”

“Hi, My name is Aaron X from the Xth Fire Fighters Detachment. We are a 7 man fire fighting team out of Ft. Hood, Texas. We have been deployed to X Afghanistan since May of this year. I just wanted to inform you that I did receive the care package you sent. I wanted to say thank you very much for the support you give. It is really nice to receive items that help pass the time around here. I feel like since you took the time out of your life to bring happiness to total strangers you deserve a thank you letter in response. Just to let you know how you made my day by showing the support you do. Thank you again for the time and effort you take out of your life to support us here. Thank you and God Bless, SPC Aaron X

PS. It feels even better to get support from your home state! I’m from Nashville, TN.”

“To the Blount County Friends of the Library, I would like to thank you for sending me a generous amount of books to read. As a child I always had a passion for books. Between work and raising a family with five children – spare time is limited and it is hard for me to pick up a book to read. I hope that my deployment goes by rather quickly, and that I will be able to catch up on my long lost hobby. Please know that within my company there is a handful of readers and that the books you donated will be passed around to many soldiers. Please keep myself, my company, the many service members that are deployed, and all the family members we had to leave behind in your thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, LH”

Our efforts are appreciated, and a few hours of your time can brighten the days for many many of our soldiers, sailors, and airmen. If you would like to participate in this program, please let Myra Reisinger at the library know, or contact Vivian Selecman at 379-2568.

Collectibles available at the Fall Book Sale

by Penny Myers

ARTS
Norman Rockwell's People
Portraits of Combat (WWII)
1820-1920 Les Petits Maîtres de la Peinture Valeur de Domain

CHILDREN
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
The Book Shelf for Boys and Girls (10 Vols.)
Little Pictures of Japan
Nursery Friends from France
Tales Told in Holland

FICTION
The Unabridged Edgar Allen Poe
The Works of Washington Irving (14 Vols.)
The Catcher in the Rye (1951)

HISTORY
The House of Forbes
The Atlanta Century

NONFICTION
Original Fannie Farmer 1896 Cook Book
(Facsimile)
Sky Roads
Atlas of the Heavens
Birds of America
Audubon's Wildlife

REGIONAL
History of Blount County and its Peoples
Whirlwind (Butcher Banking Scandal)
Reflections from our Past (Heritage High)
R&D for Industry: A Century of Innovation at Alcoa

HCI SCIENCE
Kinsey's 1953 Edition of Sexual Behavior in the Human Female
The Universe in a Nutshell (Hawking)
The World of Mathematics (4 Vols.)
Advanced Dynamics

RARE BOOKS (More than 100 Years Old) – Priced at SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS

These Books are located on a rack in the back of the sale area. Check them out if you are interested in owning a piece of history!

A large selection of LIBRARY DISCARDS in GOOD CONDITION (many for 50¢) will be available!!!
Including Popular Authors, Mysteries, Craft Books, Large Print, and Non-Fiction.
Don’t Miss the Fall Book Sale! October 20-22!

Friends of the Library 2011 Fall Book Sale
Thursday, October 20, Noon to 6 pm (for Friends of the Library Members Only)
Friday, October 21 and Saturday, October 22, 9 am to 5 pm.

Fall Sales Features

- Excellent shape
- Library Discards

- Christmas Items

- Children’s Books

Look for books by these AUTHORS: (Shelved alphabetically)
V.C. Andrews, Archer, Berg, Birdie, D.Brown, S. Brown, T. Caldwell,
Chiavetti, C. Coulter, Crichton, Cussler, Erdrich, R. Evans, E. Forsyth,
Griffen, Grisham, Higgins, B. Lewis, Lively, Michaels, Miss Read,
Poyre, A. Ross, S. Sheldon, K. Stone, and many, many, many more.

FOL Members Only
Thursday, October 20th!
12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Lower Level of Library

508 N. Cusick, Maryville TN www.bcfol.org