



Between Friends

Fort Craig Readers Help The Friends Help Others Read



Donating books and/or book swaps among children has been an ongoing activity at Fort Craig for several years. This year the event went viral: according to Karen VanSon, mother of three Ft. Craig students, the library committee decided to have a contest. Students were to bring books to be donated the Library Friends: the class that donated the most books would have a popcorn/movie party. 2336 books were collected, including a variety of authors for both children and adults.

At an official presentation on May 10, 2011 in the school library, the Friends, represented by Phyllis

Williams and Mary Cormia, the children's book sale coordinators, Larry Moore, Friends President, Kathy Pagles, Library Director, Suzanne Moore and Jane Bennett, Friends members, accepted the books to be sold in the upcoming book sales. They presented a Certificate of Appreciation created by Kathy Pagles to the Fort Craig library team.

Such projects encourage recycling of the highest kind, and give children a chance to help others who could not afford these books in a regular bookstore and, also, get started as volunteers.

Volunteer Corner

By D. Leigh Caldwell

(This little corner of the paper will spotlight volunteers... those wonderfully delightful people who make a difference in the community and the library in particular.)

A Patriot Gives Back Through Volunteering

If you were to be looking in a Good Guy Reference Book (assuming there was such a book), and ran across the name Charles (Charlie) Butera, you would read about an extraordinary human being with a intriguing past: World War II Era Veteran; United States Navy Officer; United States Army Colonel; Patriot; Protector of Presidents; U.S. Treasury Special Agent; Lover of books; Red Cross Disaster Relief Director; all-around Volunteer; highly decorated; diligent; history buff; all that and kind-hearted, gentle and soft-spoken...not necessarily in that order.

Charlie's life began in New York City. In 1946 Uncle Sam lured him to the Navy and Charlie never looked back. He was assigned to a Cruiser in the Adriatic Sea at the conclusion of World War II. Charlie completed two tours of active duty in the Navy on the USS Dayton and the USS Albany. He then went to college and joined the ROTC for extra income and upon graduation. Charlie then served for over 28 years in the Army Reserves, including several periods of active

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Don't Miss the Summer Book Sale! July 21st - 23rd!

President's Message

Dear Friends,

I've learned that the 'Volunteer State' motto is alive & well in East Tennessee. Thank-you very much to the friends who have offered their help in recent months; your efforts are greatly appreciated!



We've been busy. April's book sale was a success, and we're gearing up for the July 21-23 sale. Books are currently being packed for shipment to the country of Georgia (see article in this newsletter.) Put some joy in your July by attending the 2nd annual Cardboard Boat Race, July 15th, 7pm at the John Sevier Pool on Sequoyah Ave across from the elementary school (I can guarantee plenty of laughs,) and Shakespeare on the Lawn production of 'A Comedy of Errors' July 25th 6:30pm. I hope to see you there.

See you at the library,
Larry Moore, President

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Navigating the E-Library

By *Bonnie Holmes*

Can't remember the baseball score? When the earthquake and tsunami hit Japan? The story on changes in hunting regulations? What happened to the Cosby Ramp Festival? When the new Appalachian Clubhouse in the Smokies will be available for use? Or, you need to find a recent obituary?

Just sign on to the Blount County Library. Go to Electronic Resources, scroll down the page to the Daily Times and click on its logo. You will need your library card number to access these resources. Once you enter your card number, you will see the Tennessee Newspaper Collection. The database has local news, obituaries, public records and sports news dating back to 1/1/1997.

In addition to the Daily Times, check out the following Tennessee newspapers: The Chattanooga Times-Free Press, The Commercial Appeal, and the Knoxville News Sentinel. There is also a link to a number of on-line magazines, such as Foreign Affairs, Newsweek, Popular Science and Slate.

On the left sidebar, you can find special news reports and current events. These special reports include current issues, such as the national budget, as well as archived ones like the 2010 World Cup.

Enjoy exploring.



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duty, retiring as a "Bird" Colonel.

Charlie's higher education was completed with the help of the GI Bill in up-state New York at Sampson College, converted from a former naval facility after the war. Charlie also had a short, but enjoyable career as an inspirational high school teacher in Washington DC.

After teaching for a few years, Uncle Sam beckoned him again. Charlie was drawn back to serving his country. For thirty years Charlie worked as a Federal Investigator, assigned to the Treasury Department as a Special Agent. For this career, Charlie trained at Georgetown University School of Foreign Affairs and Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC).

Charlie has some wonderfully exciting stories to tell of his years with the "G": From assignments of

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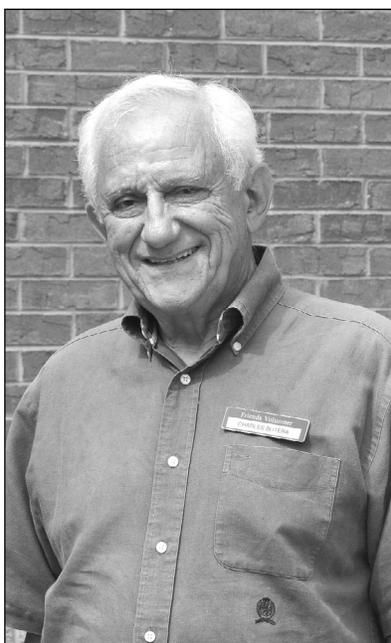
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Protection Detail guarding two presidents, getting a casual “how ya doin’” from Nixon at the crack of dawn on his inauguration day – to deflecting paint filled balloons being lobbed at a motorcade by dissidents.

Charlie later served with the Office of Inspector General, in the Agency for International Development, which took him to Katmandu and up and down the west coast of Africa doing threat assessments. Charlie once again found himself teaching, but this time he was teaching fellow agents “Description and Identification” – a class on how to identify and describe criminals.

Once Charlie retired he never let grass grow under his feet. For the next twenty years, he dove head first into volunteer work with the American Red Cross. No matter how many awards and citations Charlie received during his previous work, The Red Cross is where his true calling and heart resides. After a few years of volunteering, Charlie was hired as a reservist – or an on-call Disaster Relief Coordinator.

It was during a Monroe, Louisiana relief assignment twenty some years ago Charlie met his future bride, Merle Ann, a highly regarded Family Services Officer and Nurse with the Red Cross. Merle Ann has also been with the Red Cross for fifteen years.



Charles Butera

Charlie and Merle Ann served together in numerous major disaster relief operations, including Hurricane Andrew, Midwest floods and too many others to count. Charlie’s assignments across the country and around the globe with Disaster Relief would be as short as three weeks and as long as two months. In 2004 he was liaison with the Puerto Rican government for damage assessment and family services after a hurricane. Over the twenty-two year span of his services, Charlie was up close and personal with a lot of devastation. Charlie stated, “Dealing nose to nose

with it, empathy comes real fast.” His stories of the service with the Red Cross are both heart-wrenching and heart-warming.

Like very good tale, their life has some serendipity. Just over five years ago, Charlie and Merle Ann were visiting family in Blount County on their way to look for a new home in Pensacola. Charlie read a story in the newspaper that the Blount County library was due to open a week after their scheduled departure. They drove by and were so impressed with the look of the new building he insisted they stay another week, “Just to check it out”.

The library spoke to him. Matter of fact, it spoke volumes. Charlie admits had it not been for the amazing library and knowing the type of community it reflects, they would have been living in Florida now. Charlie and Merle Ann couldn’t be happier having chosen Maryville as their home.

His volunteer spirit carries on today. Not only is Charlie a very active participant with the Food Connection and Second Harvest, Charlie is the former Assistant Treasurer of the Friends of the Blount County Library and is a tireless worker for the quarterly book sales. Come buy some books from Charlie, sit a spell and be mesmerized by stories from this humble man with a fascinating past.

Annual Friends Meeting

The annual meeting began as usual but definitely didn't end that way. The audience learned that membership has never been higher, the Friends have sponsored more programs than ever before and provided thousands of dollars in matching funds for state and federal grants to the library. New challenges also abound. Budget cuts are inevitable, but even as the library provides more and necessary serv-

ices to the community, some of it's residents have questioned a need for the library at all. The evening lightened up as everyone enjoyed ice cream sundaes and were well entertained by Mountain Folk Reunion, who played some wonderful folk songs.

As the evening wound down, the wind picked up; rain then hail fell, someone mentioned a tornado touch down and everyone was

either in the basement or out the front door in no time. Meeting adjourned.

With free ice cream and great music, why do only 5% of the members attend the annual meeting? We welcome ideas to improve the quality and attendance at all of our events.

Please leave a note in the Friends office or e-mail us at friendsbcpl@hotmail.com.

Yummy Books! Can I have that recipe?

Thirty-one members of the Blount County Library submitted their recipes for the 2011 Edible Book Contest. To be eligible, the creation must have been 95% edible, no larger than 18 x 24 x 24 inches and based on a fictional or nonfictional literary work in the permanent collection of the Blount County Public Library. Categories included juvenile (8-12 years old), young adult (13-19 years old), and adult (20+ years old.)

Sponsored by Friends of the Blount County Library, entries were judged on originality and creativity; skill and construction; visual appeal, and the tie-in with the literary work being depicted. Prizes awarded: 1st Place - \$50; 2nd Place - \$35; and 3rd Place - \$15. Additional prizes of \$50 were awarded for creativity, humor, judges' choice, and viewers' choice.



The 2011 Edible Book Contest Winners

ADULT

1st Place, **Becky Barry** for *The Joy of Hobby Farming* by Michael and Audrey Levatino

2nd Place, **Sheri Wallace, Kristy Stone and Diana Stone** for *The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister

3rd Place, **Diana Brown and Beth Tipton** for *If You Give a Cat a Cupcake* by Laura Numeroff

YOUNG ADULT

1st Place, **Lauren Muller** for *The Veggie Tales Bible*

2nd Place, **Cara Coleman and Haley Best** for *Charlotte's Web* by E. B. White

3rd Place, **Carrie Romesbury** for *Alice's Adventure in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll

JUVENILE

1st Place, **Chloe Barry** for *The Big Red Barn* by Margaret Wise Brown

2nd Place, Emily Norris for *Charlotte's Web* by E. B. White

3rd Place by Scott Pringle for *Doomwyte* by Brian Jacques

MOST HUMOROUS

Sarah Whitson and Caitlin Blair for *Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs* by Judi Barrett

MOST CREATIVE

Erin Wilson and Audrey Barry for *The Art of Eric Carle* by Eric Carle

JUDGE'S CHOICE

Sarah Jones for *Pirates of the Caribbean, Dead Man's Chest: The Movie Storybook* by Catherine McCafferty

VIEWERS' CHOICE

Sarah Jones for *Pirates of the Caribbean, Dead Man's Chest: The Movie Storybook* by Catherine McCafferty

Summer Library Events

with Opportunities for Friend-ly Volunteering

Friday, July 15, 2011, 7 P.M. **Cardboard Boat Race – John Sevier Swimming Pool. July 12: Registration due for boat race – Info in library reference department.** 6 years or older may create a boat which must depict a fictional or nonfictional literary work related to the theme: Cruise the World with Books in the Blount County Library Permanent Collection Boat Construction: Maximum 8 Ft. by 3 Ft. Cardboard, duct tape, glue (one part, no epoxy), latex paint.

How you can help: registration and entry intake. Please phone Myra Reisinger 856-3333.

Monday, July 25, 6:30 P.M. (Rain date: August 9) **Shakespeare on the Library Lawn.** Attend this event and you will be rolling therein in laughter with *Comedy of Errors*. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy this Tennessee Stage Company production under the direction of Tom Parkhill. Parking is in the library lot, public lot next to The Daily Times, and Harper Street lot across from 1st TN Bank.

How you can help: assist in parking, crowd control and assisting in seating people. Please phone Myra Reisinger 856-3333.

The Republic of Georgia Book Project

By Phil Baker

The Blount County Friends of the Library is proud to be participating in a cooperative project to provide books for a new English language library to be established in the Republic of Georgia. Additional participants will include the Blount County Sister City Organization, the City of Alcoa and other libraries in the region including Knox County and Oak Ridge.

The Republic of Georgia, situated at the dividing line of Asia and Europe, is an ancient country of rugged mountains and very determined people. Annexed by Russia in 1801, it regained its sovereignty in 1918. It then suffered through 70 years of Communist rule and suppression, finally declaring its independence from Russia in 1991. The people of Georgia say they “Never Gave Up,” and they now have their long-desired freedom. Traditionally an agricultural land, tourism is now one

of the fastest growing sectors of the economy, especially along the Black Sea coastal areas. The republic of Georgia occupies an area of about 70,000 sq km (about 26,000 sq. miles) and has a population of about 5.5 million. It is twice the size of Belgium and nearly twice as large as Switzerland. Georgia is a mountainous country. In the North rises the greater Caucasus system of mountain ranges and is situated at the boundary of two climatic zones - moderate and subtropical. There are many rivers and they flow into the Black and Caspian seas. Georgia is bordered in the north by the Russian Federation; in the south by Armenia, Turkey and Azerbaijan. To the west is the Black sea. Georgia is rich in mineral resources. The Republic of Georgia has about 1000 mineral springs, which vary in their chemical content. The best known are the springs at Borjomi. Four hundred varieties of grapes are cultivated in

Georgia, making her a land of classical winemaking. The new English language library will be established in the capital city of T’bilisi, and at least two branch libraries will be established in other areas.

Our goal is to fill one of the large metal shipping containers with at least 26,000 pounds of books. This equates to about 30,000 books. The project will be ongoing throughout the summer, and the books will be shipped sometime in the early fall.

You can participate in this project by donating your used books to the Friends of the Library. All books should be in good to excellent condition. They may be older books, but they should not be torn, moldy or otherwise damaged. Newer books are preferred.

Donation bins are located at the rear of the library. If you have any questions you may contact Phil Baker or Larry Moore at the Library.

Celebration of Lives

By Barbara Zurl

Recently a segment appeared on local television showing a number of World War II veterans from East Tennessee being taken to Washington, D.C. to tour our country’s magnificent war memorial. For the most part the attendees were all men – with a few ladies who served in various capacities, as well.

The beauty of this gesture was not lost on me. Recently my husband and I visited the capital and paid our respects. This effort is a fine and noble project paying homage to members of The Greatest Generation who fought to defend our nation. What did occur to me, however, is the fact that right here in Blount County hundreds of other members of this Generation are still with us – in Nursing or Assisted Living facilities. Most of these people never

served in the military. They were sweethearts, wives, mothers, sisters and cousins of “the boys” who went away to war. Their service was truly in keeping families together, homes together and supporting “the boys” and yet they receive no tribute at all. Their stories are fascinating. Ask any of the members of the Ex Libris Library Extension Team and they can tell you how much they have learned about these people through participating in Ex Libris.

Time passes very quickly – the number of WWII veterans decreases daily. The number of folks who remained at home during that time does as well. Want to honor these people for more than just one day in an on-going manner? Think about sharing some of your time celebrating their lives and times by joining Ex Libris. We call ourselves Friends

From the Library and visit seven facilities within the county, twice a month bringing the richness of the library to those members of the community no longer able to get there.

For more information or to schedule a time to observe an Ex Libris presentation, e-mail me at badger630@aol.com or call 865-977-5034. We too are always looking for a few good members of our team.

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Exploring The World So Full

by Joan Worley

Eight Ex Libris volunteers visit half a dozen assisted living facilities with library books and other materials to present to small groups. Each of us reads or presents whatever material she fancies. Poetry is my favorite. "It's been so long since I've heard any poems," a listener told me recently. Never mind the message, never mind the lovely rhythm and rhyme: poems are a good choice because they're short. Many seniors have memory issues, which can range from forgetting a bit more than you and I to an inability to follow a sustained narrative.

This past Tuesday's reading was fairly typical. The opener was my usual, a bit from WUOT's Writer's Almanac, which I get on email. I often start with its "On this day" or "It's the birthday of," both featuring curious facts about people dead and alive.

Tuesday was the day in 1958 that Velcro was patented by a Swiss engineer. I began with a question, "Do you know Velcro?"

Everyone did. The Writer's Almanac that day told how the inventor had observed the hook-and-loop mechanism of burdock when picking burrs off his dog, how he'd

worked for ten years on a synthetic tape to connect two pieces of cloth, and how Velcro got its name – vel from velvet, cro from crochet. My audience of 15 or 16 women and men got caught up in the story.

I read poetry for a while, and then, for the sake of variety I read an article about Oprah Winfrey from that day's USA Today. Mixing poetry with Velcro and Oprah shifted the gears in our heads.

By chance, I had found Caroline Kennedy's Favorite Poems of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis at the library a day or two before. Caroline's introductory notes mentioned that Jackie had memorized poems with her grandfather, whom she went to see every Wednesday afternoon after dancing lessons. Everyone knew Jackie and Caroline, and none of the poems were too sad to read aloud.

Context provides breathing space between the poems. For example, one of Mrs. Kennedy's favorites, also one of mine, was Robert Louis Stevenson's "The Land of Counterpane." Remember it? "When I was sick and lay abed, I had two pillows at my head..." The poet was a sickly child. Before I read the poem, we defined a counterpane, and talked

about childhood illnesses in the days when children were put to bed and confined to the sickroom, with meals on trays. We remembered quarantine signs put on houses and special foods for the ill child.

When we got to W.B. Yeats' "The Lake Isle of Innisfree," we compared the landscapes of our youth. Only a few of us had lived all our lives in Blount County. I grew up in the flat West, with the sky. One woman talked about the rolling hills of Missouri, and another of the sea, but we all understood "I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree," and felt the pull of the land the poet knew in his heart.

Our Ex Libris programs usually last 45 minutes to an hour. When I finished on Tuesday, the activity director announced that there would be Bingo shortly, if anyone cared to play. I suddenly remembered another R.L.S. tidbit and pulled it out of my hat: "The world is so full of a number of things, I'm sure we should all be happy as kings."

Poetry and bingo, all on a sunny afternoon, with a class of wonderful students!

If you'd like to know more about Ex Libris, contact Barbara Zurl at 977-5034.

Books for Soldiers Project Report

by Vivian Selecman

Books for Soldiers is a Friends of the Library project for sending books to our men and women serving in all our armed forces overseas. They make requests on a website; we, as official volunteers, search that site and fill requests where we are able from our surplus donated books. The need is great in some isolated posts, and our efforts are greatly appreciated.

From mid June 2010 to mid June 2011 we have sent 191 boxes, con-

taining 142 CD's or DVD's, 2,795 books, and a number of magazines. Unfortunately, due to illness, computer problems, and other things several volunteers have had to slow down their efforts this spring. Since mid April we have only been able to send 20 boxes, with 293 books.

All boxes are sent media mail with donated postage – the Friends cannot spend their earnings on anything but library needs. We are always in need of postage money – for the past year postage receipts totaled \$1,107. You

can help by sending a check to: Friends of the Library, Books for Soldiers, 504 N. Cusick Street, Maryville TN 37804.



You can also help, if you have as little as three hours a month to spare, by volunteering to send books. Please contact Vivian Selecman, 379-2568 or email to Selecman@msn.com for more information.

Timeless Treasures: Book Sale Collectibles

by Penny Myers

The Friends started offering collectibles in 2006 as a response to the number of books that were being donated to the Friends of the Library sale which seemed to have special value. These books were usually out of print books, first editions, books signed by the author, or particularly unique and/or beautiful works. Rather than mix these books in with the general sale, they have been put in a special section to make them easy for our customers to find.

How do we identify and price the collectibles? When the FOL staff screens all the incoming donations and puts them in categories, the books they feel might be collectibles are put in a special area for further investigation. First, they are checked for physical condition, and any that are in poor condition are rejected. Next, each title is checked on BookFinder.com which contains descriptions and pricing for books carried by approximately 150,000 book-

sellors around the world. We evaluate the range of prices for a book in BookFinder to determine what we will charge; our price is generally set at or below the lowest prices for a comparable copy cited in BookFinder. A card is then prepared which lists the author, title, publisher, publication date, price and other pertinent information. Each collectible includes this card and the BookFinder printout, so the customer can see the market prices and our price.

Collectible books are displayed on racks near the sale table and on regular shelves on the right, just past the Children's section. Around 300 new titles are added at each sale, and we currently have around 1,000 books. The books are reduced if they have not sold after two sales, so real bargains can be found. To make the Collectibles section easy to search, the books are divided by category: Fiction, Poems, Plays and Essays, History, Science, Animals and Plants, Sports, Humor, Biography,

Religion, Crafts, Art, Music, Texts and Reference, Non Fiction, and Children.

Since the Collectibles program was initiated in July of 2006, 3094 books have been sold, for a profit of \$19,915.00. In the past some of our greatest finds included a book with a signed dedication by President Lyndon Johnson (\$200.00), Picturesque Egypt, a 2 volume set dated 1878 (\$150.00), Portraits from North American Indian Life (\$100.00), A History of Tennessee and Tennesseans (\$100.00), Nancy Drew mysteries ((16 vol. \$75.00), The Junks and Saipans (\$75.00), Tennessee History 1673-1932 (\$75.00), Geologic Atlas of the Rocky Mountain Region (\$100.00), Lansdowne's Birds (\$60.00).

If you are not already checking out the Collectibles Section, give it a try. There are titles there for everyone from the serious book collector to the casual shopper. Who knows what you may find?

Lexophile Corner

by Leigh Caldwell

- If you jump off a Paris bridge, you are in Seine.
- When she saw her first strands of gray hair, she thought she'd dye.
- Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead to know basis.
- Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.
- Acupuncture: a jab well done.
- Marathon runners with bad shoes suffer the agony of de feet.
- The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
- I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
- She was only a whisky maker, but he loved her still.

Collectibles available at Summer Book Sale

Art

Masterpieces (Separate volumes with plates for Gauguin, Toulouse-Latrec, Manet, Renoir, and Italian Painters

History

The Old Breed - History of the Marines
World War II (with CD)
Portraits of Combat
The Colonial Merchants and the American Revolution

Biography

Southerners (1986)
Recollections of an Old Man - 70 Years in Dixie (1910)

Children's

The Daddy Mountain - Feiffer
Jo's Boys - Alcott
Swine Lake - Sendak
The Emperor's Plum Tree

Fiction

The Preacher and the Slave - Stegner
Men Like Gods - Well
Rocket Ship Galileo - Heinlien
Jane Eyre and Wuthering Heights (in slip case)

Non-Fiction

Scott's Popular Stamp Catalog
The Hornblower Companion
Morals and Dogma (Freemasonry)



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

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

Summer Sales Features

CHRISTMAS IN JULY
Teacher Resource Materials
Jane Eyre and Wuthering
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In honor of Independence Month:
Portraits of Combat,
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