



Between Friends

Paraders/Friends Par Extraordinaire



These two Friends, Lee and Harry Downey, have created this lovely float for the December Maryville Christmas parade for three years running. They, their grandchildren, neighbors, daugh-

ter and her husband, and assorted Friends all help distribute the goodies.

Lee says: "Several years ago, we were enjoying watching the
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Volunteer Corner

By Dolores Philpot

(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.)

Friends of the Library Volunteer: Sandy Goodson

Sandy Goodson came to Blount County with her husband so he could take a job as a Navy JROTC instructor at Loudon High School. Another positive incentive was the southern climate, with little of



Sandy Goodson

the snow she came to know and "hate" in her native Warren, Ohio hometown. For 22 years, Sandy traveled around the United States with her submariner

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President: Larry Moore
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Don't Miss the Winter Book Sale! January 19th - 21st!

President's Message

Dear Friends,

I hope you enjoyed the holidays and are looking forward to opportunities in 2012. In our efforts to keep our book collection current and saleable, we have arranged for a local recycling company to take our older encyclopedias, textbooks, etc. that we can neither sell nor give away. This will free shelf space for newer volumes.



We have also secured use of a display case in the entry rotunda the months we have book sales. January will highlight ex libris, our outreach to retirement homes, and Books for Soldiers. Please look at these and consider offering your help to one, or both, of these worthwhile endeavors.

We're also open to suggestions for future displays. Best wishes for the new year & be sure to come to our sale January 19th-21st!

See you at the library,
Larry Moore, President

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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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husband, being a stay-at-home wife and raising a family of two daughters. She has a varied work history as bookkeeper, paralegal, sewing machine salesperson, and tax preparer, and is currently working with Liberty Income Tax.

Sandy has been involved with the BCFOL for at least seven years, serving in various positions. Currently, she is a Director at Large for the BCFOL Board, a member of the Book Sale Committee, and in charge of the mysteries book section. In addition, during the July and October Book Sales, she arranges the display of Christmas Books.

Being "in charge" of the mystery book section, equates to

three to six hours a week of volunteer work. She sorts, alphabetizes, and shelves mystery books, as well as "Surprise Boxes" of 15-25 clearance priced mystery books for the next book sale.

Not surprisingly, Ms. Goodson is a dedicated reader, especially the "cozy" genre mystery books. "Cozy" mystery books are Agatha-Christie-like stories that don't have a lot of violence and gory details. These books, according to Sandy, have more of a character focus. Her favorite authors include Margaret Maron and Nicole Upson.

Besides paid work and volunteer work, Sandy finds time for her hobbies of sewing and

genealogy. She is past President of the Knoxville Chapter of the American Sewing Guild and still participates in monthly meetings and group projects. Members participate in national, area, and local sewing tasks. Examples of recent projects are pillowcases for Ronald McDonald House, lap robes for some Knoxville homebound elderly, residents at the Knoxville Veterans Home, and curtains for the Women's Shelter in Maryville.

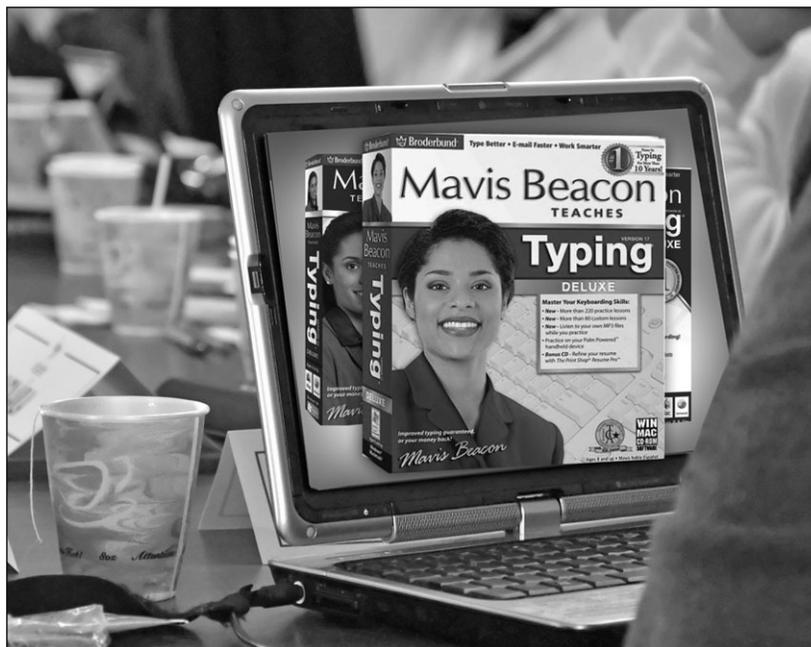
In her genealogy research, Sandy enjoys, in an off and on again way, tracing ancestors, in some cases to the 1600's. At this time, she can claim connections to Wales, Germany, Ireland, and England.

“Welcome to Computers” Class is a Hit!

By Dolores Philpot

Computer classes were recently offered at the Blount County Library. These six-hour sequential classes were held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 2-4 pm, and 6-8:50 pm in the library’s new computer room during November and December 2011. Classes were funded by grants (Federal Library Service and Technology Act and American Recovery and Reinvestment) and matching funds from the BCFOL. Each student had use of a textbook and one of the 20 new Lenovo laptop computers.

These computers have up to date programs, like the newest Mavis Teaches Typing, and Microsoft Office 2010. Instructors Mary Cooper and Margaret Muller demonstrated lessons using the textbook, a computer projector, and classroom whiteboard. Attendees, both novice and more computer-savvy,



learned or brushed up on computer skills. These include keyboarding, computer concepts, internet explorer, Windows 7 operating system, word processing, and e-mail basics.

January classes on Microsoft Word 2010 will be held both

afternoons (Jan. 10, 11, 17, 18 24 and 25) and evenings (Jan. 10, 17, 24) at the library. Microsoft Excel classes are planned in the spring. To register, come in or call the library’s reference department at 273-1436 or 982-098, extension 4. It’s all free!

Library Book Club: Read, Discuss, Learn

by Vivian Selecman

In addition to its many other activities, the Friends of the Library sponsors a book discussion group. This group of about 20 women meets the second Wednesday of each month at 10:15 in the board room at the library. In July they choose books for the coming year. Each month one person presents one of the chosen books, gives reviews, salient points, and leads sometimes vigorous discussions. For the rest of this year’s selections, see the chart on your right.

January 11: The Emperor of All Maladies – Siddhartha Mukherjee
February 8: In the Time of Butterflies – Julia Alvarez
March 14: Unbroken – Laura Hillenbrand
April 11: Paula – Isabel Allende
May 9: One Amazing Thing – Chitra B. Divakaory
June 13: The Shadow of the Wind – Carlos Zafon

Ex Libris Spotlight – A Special Wellington Place Devotee

By Barbara Zurl, Program Coordinator, ExLibris Extension Program

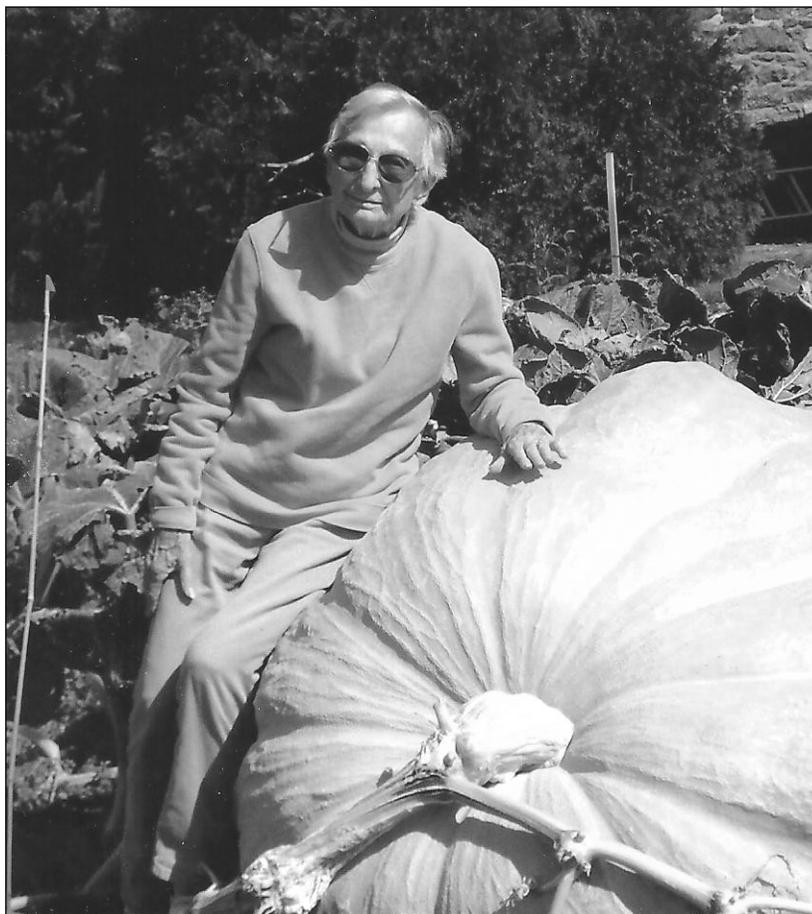
In a month, Ex Libris will celebrate its 8th birthday. Over 5,000 people have attended our programs. One of the most charming people we have met is closely related to our Friends President, Larry Moore – his mother in fact, Peg Moore.

Peg Moore is a true new Englander, born in New Hampshire and raised mostly in Vermont. Early on, she wanted to study nursing even though her father was not keen on the idea. Undeterred, she saved her money and became a nurse.

The operating room was the part of nursing she enjoyed most and her career spanned forty-four years at New England Deconess Hospital in Boston.

She also found time to marry and bring three sons into the world. It was through her eldest, Larry, that she found her way to East Tennessee. Though she misses the ocean, she feels that our mountains more than make up for that loss.

Peg is a regular member of our Ex Libris sessions at Wellington Place. She says that our programs are stimulating, causing her to think, remember, and continue learning. She also enjoys Rummikub, jigsaw puzzles, and



Peg Moore sits atop a prize-winning giant pumpkin.

a good game of Scrabble.

She just happens to know about raising giant pumpkins as well. Her second son, Carl, brought home first place honors in 2011 in both Maine and Massachusetts.

When asked what it would be

like if Ex Libris no longer existed, she said, “Oh no. This is one of the best programs we have. We learn so much, not only about things but about our fellow residents as well. This is a great way for us to make friends.”

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Alcoa High School band march in the parade, and thought it would be fun to participate in the parade. Since we were active volunteers with the Friends of the Library, we felt it would be a

great way to promote the group while enjoying time with friends and family. We have given away hundreds of donated books to children, CDs to the elderly, and flyers promoting the quarterly

book sales for the coming year. We have shared smiles and laughter while creating memories to treasure, all while wishing thousands of Alcoa and Maryville residents a very Merry Christmas.”

Idioms for Lexophiles

by Delores Philpot

Do you care not a jot about winter? Many of us who choose to live way down in Dixie do so because we do not give a tinker's dam about snow or cold. The history of these words and phrases are just the ticket for inquiring minds who want to know.

According to Myron Korach's 2001 book, *Common Phrases and Where They Come From*, the expression "don't care a jot" has been in use since ancient times to express contempt. The Hebrew yod and the Greek iota are each the smallest letter in their respective alphabets, thus the word "jot" to denote the least amount or smallest part of something.

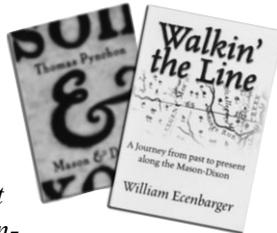
Dixie's origin is trickier. In Korach's book, Dixie was the last name of an 1840's New York farmer who sold his slaves to cruel slaveholders in mountainous Shenandoah County.

These slaves longed to come back down to kind Dixie's valley farm. However, David Feldman, in his 2001 book, *Who Put the Butter in Butterfly?*, theorizes that Dixie may be slang for Jeremiah Dixon, who, along with Charles Mason, drew a border between Maryland and Pennsylvania many years ago. The first story is a better explanation for the appearance of "Dixie," a popular song featured in black face minstrel shows of the 1850's. Adopted by the Confederates in our Civil War, the song became an unofficial anthem of the south.

Both Korach and Feldman agree about the etymology of a tinker's dam. A tinker was a wandering metalworker who repaired pots and pans. A hole in a utensil was fixed with solder, temporarily held in place by a clay mold or dam. When the solder set, the clay dam was now of little value and thus discarded.

Want to know more?

If you would like to know more about Mason and Dixon, who are mentioned in the "Lexophiles" article above, then look for the following titles at the Blount County Library: *Walkin' the Line: A Journey from Past to Present Along the Mason-Dixon* by Bill Ecenbarger, and *Mason & Dixon: A Novel* by Thomas Pynchon. The Pynchon novel inspired the song "Sailing to Philadelphia" by Mark



Knopfler and James Taylor.

Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon, were astronomer-mathematician-surveyors who came to the U.S. from England a few years before the Revolutionary War to mark the lines dividing Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and what is now West Virginia. Their surveying project took more than four years to complete, and helped shape the future course of America.

Collectibles available at the Winter Book Sale

by Penny Myers

CHILDREN

Nursery Friends from France,
Nancy Drew (19 vols.),
Hot Rod

HISTORY

The Library Digest History of the
World War (WW1-10 vols)
The Real America in Romance,
The Annals of America (20 vols.)

HUMOR

Pogo books by Walt Kelly

LITERATURE

Pilgrim's Progress, The
Unabridged Edgar Allan Poe
Easton Press Collectors Editions
of Huckleberry Finn,
Gulliver's Travels, Moby Dick,
Uncle Tom's Cabin
A Tale of Two Cities

NONFICTION

Page One (NY Times: 1920-1993),
We Americans,
The Atlanta Century 1860-1865,
Sexual Behavior in the Human
Female (Kinsey)

REGIONAL

R&D for Industry (Alcoa),
Back Home in Blount County,
Encyclopedia of S. Culture,
Tennessee During the
Revolutionary War,
Whirlwind-Butcher Scandal,
Jerico

SPORTS

And The Crowd Goes Wild

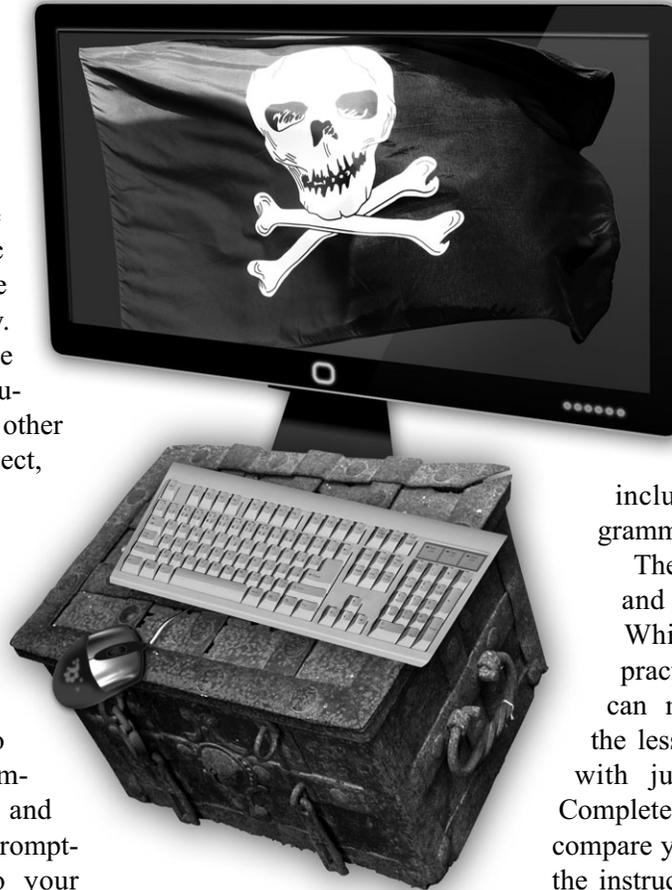
How do you say yes, no, thank you, etc. in Arabic? Chinese? German? Hindi? Pirate?

by Bonnie Holmes, BCFOL Editor of All Things Techy

How do you say that in Arabic? Mandarin Chinese? Danish? German? Hindi? Pirate?

Pirate? Yes, Pirate. It is one of 37 languages taught by MANGO, one of the electronic resources offered by the Blount County Library. Pirate just happens to be one of the five most popular courses taught. The other four, as you might suspect, are French, German, Italian and Spanish.

To use the resource you must have Java Script and Adobe Flash Player 10.1.102 installed on your computer. Sign into Mango with your library card number, your email address, and your password. Mango promptly sends a message to your email with a link to the site. Just click it and select which language you would like to learn.



Each of the language courses provides information on the

number of people speaking the language and where it is spoken. Novices can select from different levels of study. The Basic level is one that includes polite conversation and would be helpful to the traveler. An additional level is more complete,

including information on grammar and customs.

The courses use both male and female speakers. While there is sufficient practice time, the learner can move quickly through the lessons or repeat sections with just a click. In the Complete Course, you also can compare your pronunciation with the instructors to make sure you are speaking correctly.

Brush me barnacles if this isn't a sure way, I may tell ye plainly.

WINTER 2011 DONATIONS

Robert and Eloise Landers
Sylvia Cappa
George Williams
Henry and Shirley Law
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Marion and Norma Stokes
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Jane Qualls McGuire

Mary Helen Large *in memory of*
Bonnie Stubblefield

Vanessa Roach *in honor of*
John D.C. Roach

Bob and Marie Harris
in memory of Carl Cormia

Lifetime Members:
Sherrie Liafsha, Pete Dolan

Books for Soldiers Project Report

by Vivian Selecman

Requests for books have slowed down a little as our troops have been leaving the dusty isolated stations in Iraq. But we still have troops all over the world, and there are still more requests than our volunteers can fill. In the last quarter of 2011, from October to mid-December, we sent 40 boxes, with 22 CDs and 595 books to them.

For the year 2011, 162 boxes with 124 CDs and 2,497 books have been sent. Our wonderful volunteers spent \$1,025 in postage to do this. Thankfully, book sale patrons and individuals have contributed \$1,248 to this cause, so we have not had to beg for postage money. We can

always use more volunteers and more donations, as we were only able to send 60 fewer boxes and 900 fewer books this year than in 2010.

Just because some of our young men and women are coming home doesn't mean there are thousands of them still stationed around the world, some in very isolated places, like Iceland and

Greenland, and some in more cultured placements like Bosnia and Kosovo. They all need a little comfort and reminder that the people at home appreciate them.

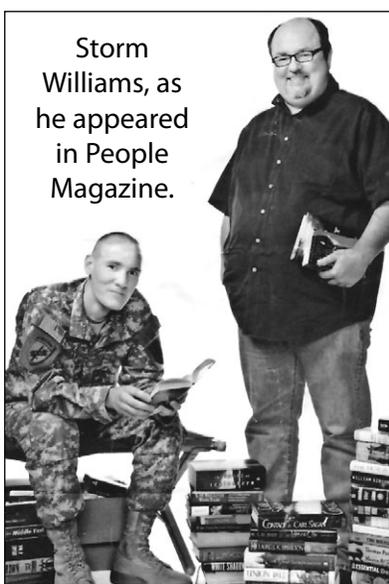
If you would like to volunteer to work on this project, please contact Myra Riesinger at the library, or Vivian Selecman at Selecman@msn.com.



Storm Williams, Founder, Books for Soldiers

"When Storm Williams had buddies deployed in the Persian Gulf in '91, he saw a news report describing the monotony and isolation of war, so he started shipping cartons of paperbacks. In 2003, after troops were sent to Iraq and Afghanistan, he launched Books for Soldiers (booksforsoldiers.com.) Since 2008, Williams and his volunteers have sent 8,000 care packages – filled with books, CDs and DVDs – each month."

One of his first thank you notes stated: "Somehow or other I got one of your books and I really do appreciate it." The soldier said he read the book four times. Another



Storm Williams, as he appeared in People Magazine.

indicated that he had read more than 100 books including the Star

Wars series – sent during his deployment in Iraq in 2009 and 2012. He later sent a note: "Knowing that someone would spend their own money and go buy books for me was so great.... It was a reminder that someone's thinking about me, that someone cares."

"Some of these guys have had eight or nine deployments while we're at home in air conditioning. We find the books they want-Stephen King and Tom Clancy..."

Quotes and information about Williams appeared in the October 24, 2011 People Magazine in an article entitled "Heroes Among Us" (page 76.)



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Friends of the Library 2012 Winter Book Sale

Thursday, January 19, Noon to 6 pm (for Friends of the Library Members Only)

Friday, January 20 and Saturday, January 21, 9 am to 5 pm.

Winter Sales Features

Mysteries



Craft Books



25¢ Records



Cozy up to a warm fire with super mysteries, fiction or true. Or work on a craft with a new book from this sale.



FOL Members Only
Thursday, January 19th!
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