



Between Friends

A Day in the Life of a Volunteer

By Lee Downey, BCFOL Volunteer

After checking in and getting my name tag, I make my way to the elevators and go down to the basement. The doors open to a large, spacious area where donated books are brought to be checked in. There are dozens of volunteers who then sort and place the books in marked boxes in designated areas.

My area is the Classic books. I look through every book, making sure there are no ripped or marked up pages, then file the books in alphabetical order by author's name; from Austin to Uris...we have them all. There is a poetry section, a play section, young adult section, special edition section, Shakespeare section, Dickens, etc... The "hard-cover-in-very-good-shape" books get filed on the shelves, and the "not so new" books get priced according to their condition. There are many books to choose from.

I then turn my attention to the DVD and CD section and start the whole process over. We are starting to get many more CDs by great authors. Come check us out!

I also work the puzzles and price them according to amount of pieces and difficulty, then a quick check through the "Readers Digest" area, filing them by month and year. By the way, Read-



Harry and Lee Downey preparing for the upcoming book sale.

ers Digest are free to the public and are easy to take along.

Going back up in the elevator to hand in my name tag, I leave the library feeling good for serving the Community. I find there is only one drawback...I always realize there are so many books and so little time to read!

Imagine...

By Barbara Zurl

Just imagine that one day you went to the Library and found you could not open the door.

Imagine how it would feel if you were unable to remove a book from the shelf because it was too heavy, or you couldn't read the "blurb" on a dust jacket because your eyesight was failing. Imagine living in a world where the resources of your library were totally off limits to you. Doesn't sound too inviting, does it?

Now imagine that you had the power to change this situation, one which is experienced by a large segment of our population—residents in area assisted living communities, health care facilities, and nursing homes. Would you do it?

If you think your answer is yes, then please consider joining our Ex Libris Library Extension Team. Ex Libris, an outreach program in partnership with Blount County Friends of the Library, has been serving area residents for nine years, bringing stories, articles, trivia, fun facts, humor, poetry, and music and art to well over 6500 people. Ex Libris means "from the library" or alternatively, "from the book". Each month a team of eight volunteers prepares hour-long programs designed to inform and amuse people at seven venues, utilizing the resources of our library. Within the community we have come to be known as "Friends From the Library".

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A Letter from the President

I know an old friend in love with a creek named Stony in Door County WI, a five hour drive from his office. When he isn't there he dreams he is; when he is there, he is in his dream. Forty minutes from my home here in Maryville are some of the greatest outdoor adventures you can find in the lower 48 states. Of course mine is fishing and hiking the Smokies. There are enough trails and streams to keep one busy for a lifetime, but as the years go by I find myself returning to that latitudinal hundred miles or so of creek of my youth catching huge Rainbow and Steelhead Trout. The kaleidoscopic waters reflecting the brilliant colors of the forest, the sounds of water gurgling eastward, the careful and frequent visit of deer, otter, mink, and bear are encountered while traversing my adventure. When visiting the Little River these memories reappear as I pry into its secrets with eyes not flies.

The library has volumes of stories that come from the Little River in and out of the Smokies. Maybe that's what draws a few of us to the lonely, wonderful places – away from crowds and family pressures.

I remember sitting with my dad searching for things to talk about. "Jerry," he said, with the ponderous gravity of a father bestowing the gift of timeless wisdom on a son going bravely forth into the wide world of adulthood, "buy real estate, or at least try to be normal".

"We want something else which can hardly be put into words – to be united with the beauty we see, to pass into it, to receive into ourselves, to bathe in it, to become part of it."

C.S. Lewis

It's always a little weird, this being home but not home. Home is gone, along with my father, mother, and two of my sisters. Only my wife and I live in Tennessee, along with our Sheltie, "Murphy".



Jerry Wagner, President

Spring has its ambient beauty with new life adornment, new fragrances, and the return of species that left for the winter. Romance is in the air, and we feel drawn to the great outdoors. Some of the guys bring out their flies they made over the winter months and review the best knots that will catch that trophy trout or bass that got away last year: an Ashley stopper knot, Fisherman's, Zeppelin bend, Blood Knot, Figure Eight, or an improved Clinch Knot to name just a few.

It's not just for youngsters to seek out new dreams.

Like most people, my brain is split down the middle into a left lobe, which is linear and somewhat logical, and insists we eat healthy and find useful projects to give back to society, and a restively rebellious right lobe that wants to procrastinate and go fishing. For better or worse, my right side wins most of the time. Over the years I've gotten better at temporarily partitioning off the right to the left side, got married, settled down and earned a living, enough to retire in somewhat comfort. But it's been mostly those side roads with a plethora of divots and pot holes.

I'm trying to reduce what I've written to ideas that can be understood and more importantly, to ideas I can manage, so I went to the library basement looking for inspiration to finish this writing only to get entangled into a burst of free – associative books that really had nothing to do with spring.

I returned home to my garage to con-

tinue my search, sifting through detritus, and netting several flies and lures that haven't been used for quite a while. Then I remembered that huge Brown Trout that got away two years ago and the love of fishing returned once again.

Spring is a time for imagination, love, dreams, and a desire to find paradise, to be free. If you find that special book that identifies with your dreams or fills your imaginations, it's still up to you to pursue them. The Friends of the Library may have the help to do exactly that.

**Find a collectible
book at the Spring
Book Sale on
April 18th-20th!**

See page 6 for a listing of
material that will be available.

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New Friends of the Library Newsletter Editor

By Dolores Philpot

The new editor, Cristy Mowery, is following a family tradition of volunteer work for the Friends of the Library (FOL). Her father and mother, Harry and Lee Downey, have been involved with the FOL for several years. In years past, you may recall seeing Cristy in the Maryville-Alcoa Christmas parade on the BCFOL float. In addition, she helped her mother with posters about the FOL's book sales. These efforts were on top of Cristy being a wife to husband, Neal, a mother to their six children, holding down a full-time teaching job, and participating in hobbies of reading, kayaking, running, and bike riding.



Cristy Mowery

Cristy was born in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada and became an American

citizen at the age of 15. She has lived in Tennessee since 1994 and has the distinction of being the first in our state to graduate from the online teaching program of Western Governor's University in Utah. Cristy now teaches Reading at North Middle School in Loudon County. Her personal favorites for reading include mysteries and historical romances.

Ms. Mowery credits exercise and diet with helping her lose 70 pounds over 11 months. Her outdoor hobbies are very active e.g., bike riding 10-12 miles and 5K runs. She will participate in several 5K runs this spring and summer, including the Blount County Triple Crown of Running.

Library Calendar of Events for Children and Teens

Pre-School Story Hours:

Tuesday and Friday, 10:00 am, Tales of Wonder Story Hour for ages three thru five includes stories, puppets, coloring, and crafts presented by Nancy Allee, Jean Cloz, and Becca Baker.

Wednesday, 10:30 am, Toddler's Tadpole Tales Story Hour for ages two and under includes stories, rhyme time, puppets, coloring, and crafts. Program is presented by Jean Cloz.

Thursday, 10:00 am, Tales and Tunes Story Hour for ages three thru five includes stories, songs, puppets, coloring, and crafts. Program is presented by Becca Baker.

Elementary Age Activities:

Tuesday, 4:00 pm, Serendipity Craft Activities, Grades K-6, in the Children's Library. Activities such as *Zoo Sun Catcher Key Chain* and *Color Me Dragonfly and Butterfly* are scheduled.

Library Tours and Outreach:

Group Tours of the children's library and special story hours may be scheduled by contacting Jean Cloz at the Children's Check-out desk 865-273-1414. Group Tours of the Main Library and Reference Department may be scheduled by contacting Joan VanSickle Sloan at 865-273-1408 or Kathleen Christy at 865-273-1435.

Teen Programs:

Chess: *Saturdays, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., and Thursdays, 1 until 4 p.m., Play Chess at the Library:* Middle and high school students are invited to play chess with friends. Tom Jobe will coach most sessions in the Teen Central area of the library.

Book Club: *Thursday, 4-5 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Teen Book Club* in Study Room A in the Reference area of the library. The facilitator is Kathy Thompson. All interested teens are invited to meet and participate in the discussion about the chosen book of the month.

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Ex Libris is always looking for a few more good people to join the team. Ask anyone currently participating in the program or who has been part of it in the past, and you will learn that the effort is well worth the little bit of time required. It is fun, it is educational, and above all, it is most rewarding when

looking yourself in the mirror at night as you wonder, if you had the power to change things for the better for thousands of people, would you?

For additional information please contact Barbara Zurl, Program Coordinator at 865-977-5034 or by e-mail at: badger630@aol.com.

**Plan now to
attend the
Spring Book
Sale!
April 18th-20th!**

Free Computer Classes at the Library

Basic Introductory Computer Classes are set to be offered for free at the library. Classes include *Introduction to PC - Meet the Mouse*, *Basic Email* and *Internet Searching*. If a person desires to enroll in the multi-session courses but has had no computer experience, *Meet the Mouse* is a pre-requisite. Each of these one-time classes lasts two hours. Registration is required for ALL of these free classes. To register, call the Blount County Public Library's reference department at 273-1436 or 982-0981, ext. 4 or drop by the Reference Desk.

Each class is limited to 14 participants and will be conducted in the library's computer lab. Paul Hackulich is the instructor. People who register and do not show up for class will not be permitted to take a course for any future time in this calendar year. The class schedule is as follows:

- Thursday, April 18, 2-4:00 p.m., *"Introduction to PC - Meet the*

- Mouse"* in the Computer Lab.
- Thursday, April 25, 2-4:00 p.m., *"Basic Email"* in the Computer Lab.
- Thursday, May 2, 2-4:00 p.m., *"Internet Searching"* in the Computer Lab.
- Thursday, May 9, 2-4:00 p.m., *"Introduction to PC - Meet the Mouse"* in the Computer Lab.
- Thursday, May 16, 2-4:00 p.m., *"Basic Email"* in the Computer Lab.
- Thursday, May 23, 2-4:00 p.m., *"Internet Searching"* in the Computer Lab.
- Thursday, May 30, 2-4:00 p.m., *"Introduction to PC - Meet the Mouse"* in the Computer Lab.
- Thursday, June 6, 2-4:00 p.m., *"Introduction to PC - Meet the Mouse"* in the Computer Lab.

All classes will be offered on location at the Blount County Public Library, 508 N. Cusick Street, Maryville.

For additional information on the classes, call 982-0981.

Learn more about solar energy

On Monday, April 29, 7 p.m., at the Blount County Library, *"Home Solar Energy Systems: Reliable and Affordable"* will be presented by John Kemery, Owner of the Kemery Company, and Garret Hendrix, do-it-yourself installer of a home solar system.

For many years, solar energy has been touted as being the future for home utilities, but only recently have solar systems become affordable. Home solar systems now make financial sense because the systems pay for themselves in as little as five years. Federal incentives, local incentives, along with a recent dramatic drop in the price of solar equipment prices, have combined to make home solar systems cost-effective and efficient.

This presentation will describe the technology behind photovoltaic systems, on-grid and off-grid and other systems along with how to choose the right system for you: size, financial incentives, the application/approval process, and a slide presentation of the step-by-step installation process. Advances make it possible for the homeowner, with oversight by a professional, to complete installation. This presentation will be in the Sharon Lawson Room of the library.

Dulcimer Club to play at Book Sale

For the third year in a row, the Maryville Area Dulcimer Club will be playing in the basement adjacent to the BCFOL book sale on Friday, April 19 from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon (with a 15-20 minute break).

They will play a variety of fiddle,

Celtic, waltz, and gospel tunes.

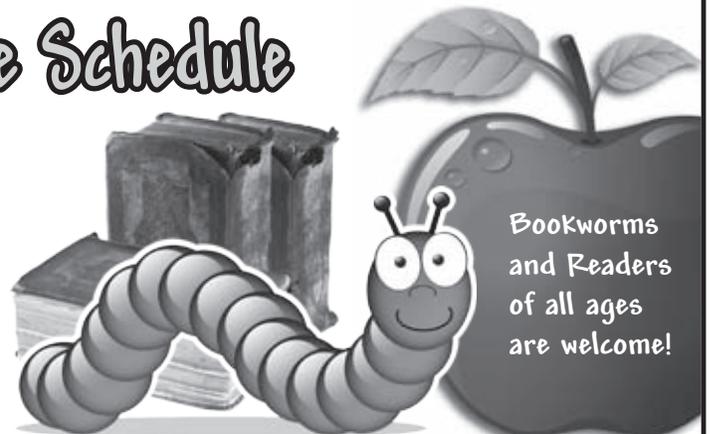
The Dulcimer Club will be providing background entertainment while people are browsing through the large selection of books, but everyone is welcome to pull up a chair and listen a while!

2013 BCFOL Book Sale Schedule

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Tech Corner by Bonnie Holmes

All about one of your most expensive investments!

By Bonnie Holmes

Sometimes you can't locate a Chilton manual for your vehicle. Fortunately, the Blount County Library subscribes to the Auto Repair Reference Center, an on-line resource that provides auto repair information on numerous makes and models.

For access, go to the Blount County Library website. Click on E-Library, E-Resources, and Auto Repair Reference Center (located at the bottom of the page). You will need your Library card number to log in. For some information provided by this site, you will need Adobe Reader installed on your computer.

To find information on the vehicle, select the year (1954-2010), the make, and the model. The information available on the make depends upon the year and includes: Acura, Alfa Romeo, Am General, American Motors, Audi, Aston Martin, BMW, Buick, Cadillac, Chevrolet, Chrysler, Daewoo, Daihatsu, Dodge, Eagle, Ford, Geo, GMC, Honda, Hummer, Hyundai, Infiniti, Isuzu, Jaguar, Jeep, Kia, Land Rover, Lexus, Lincoln, Lotus, Maybach, Mazda, Mercedes-Benz, Mercury, Merkur, Mini, Mitsubishi, Nissan, Oldsmobile, Panoz, Peugeot, Pontiac, Porsche, Renault, Saab, Saturn, Scion, Sterling, Subaru, Suzuki, Toyota, Volkswagen, Volvo, and Yugo. Only Volkswagen is covered in the years 1954-59.

Information provided depends on the year, make and model and can include: Repair Info, Bulletins, Diagrams, Maintenance Intervals, Specifications, Labor Times, Diagnostic Information, and Service Info Type - General.

Under a section called "Auto IQ", the site presents a handy video about

how auto components function. Clear illustrations, audio discussion, and photos provide information on fuel management, engine management, heating and air conditioning, and the ignition system.

The Care and Tips section covers a wide range of topics from tools and supplies to specific vehicle parts and general hints, such as ways to save fuel.

Many of the topics have photos and illustrations. When reading specific pages, note the carets on the right that move you to additional pages. There are also helpful hints, such as, "When working in the trunk, be sure to tape over the latch so you won't become trapped inside accidentally."

Another handy section is Troubleshooting, which incorporates the engine, drive train, brake system, wheels, tires, steering and suspension, electrical accessories, instruments and gauges, and climate control. Gasoline and diesel engines are covered. Each segment lists a number of ailments to check out. For example, under steering the following symptoms are listed with possible causes: excessive play in steering wheel, steering wheel shakes at cruising, steering wheel shakes when braking, and steering wheel becomes stiff when turned.

Even if you aren't mechanical and leave all your vehicle work to others, this site is a handy one to learn how your vehicle works, what can possibly be wrong when your vehicle exhibits symptoms, and tips to operate it most efficiently.

After all, it is one of your most expensive investments that you make, and it may pay to learn as much as you can about it.

The Collectible Corner

by Penny Myers

**COLLECTIBLES FOR THE
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Arts and Music

Bruce Springsteen Live 1975-1985
Van Gogh
Degas
John Singer Sargent
Manet and the Sea

Biography

Grandma Moses
Campaigning with Grant
A Rebel War Clerk's Diary
The Seduction of Evelyn Hazen
Twenty Days (Assassination of
Lincoln)

Children

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Peter Pan in Kensington Garden
Black Beauty
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows
(first edition)
Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories –
4 volumes

Fiction

Library of World Poetry
Joseph Andrews
USA Trilogy (Dos Passos)
Good-bye Mr. Chips
The Jolly Corner (Henry James)

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The Civil War (Ken Burns)
Maps and Mapmakers of the Civil War
The Civil War in Art
Kingfisher Illustrated History
of the World

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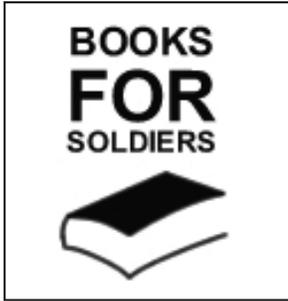
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Birds of America

Non Fiction

The Element Encyclopedia of Secret
Signs and Symbols
The Beatles Illustrated Lyrics
The Concise Beatles Complete
Painted Ponies

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Books for Soldiers Project



By Vivian Selecman (Books For Soldiers Committee Chairperson)

Since the first of January, six determined volunteers have sent a total of 17 boxes of books to our brave men and women serving overseas. They must scan a website to obtain requests; search our basement storage space for appropriate books, CD's and DVD's; pack a box; stand in line at the post

office; and finally record everything, including the names of all books. They then can obtain reimbursement for the amount spent on postage.

Requests have fallen somewhat short since we have exited Iraq, but we still have people stationed all over the world, and they are still in need of our support. We have sent a total of 287 books and 28 CD or DVD's, spending

a total of \$118.34 in postage. Since the January book sale was cut short, we only received \$79 in postage donations, so we dipped into reserves.

We are always in need of monetary donations for postage and new volunteers.

If you feel led to this opportunity, please contact Vivian Selecman at Selecman@msn.com.

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Holy Bible (1940s)

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