



Between Friends

Maryville Jaycees Christmas Parade December 8



Representing Blount County Friends of the Library, Friends Lee and Harry Downey created this float, as they have for several years. Calling it the

BookWorm, they then collect friends, Friends, relatives, and many, many children's books to give out along the parade route. Those WALKERS hand-

ing out the written word also give out bookmarks designed by Phyllis Williams which have the 2013 Book Sale dates on them and a candy cane.

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***Don't Miss the
Winter Book Sale!***

January

17th - 19th!

A Letter from the President

And so Christmas time for most of us has passed and now the anticipation of what is to come in 2013 for many, the hopes for the New Year are evoked. Memories of Christmas past and desires are just that.

Growing up in the outskirts of a great city in southern Wisconsin that had a small town provincialism, I lived a meager existence navigating the forest and hills of the Lincoln Creek parkway. Sequestered in a house, a minor monument to energy efficient low impact living and self-reliance, I lived there with my four siblings and lifelong friends.

For me, my life means something very different than when I was a boy. Winter and Christmas time were wonderful. A skating rink was just across the street from my home where relationships began. Everyone knew everyone. Small talk was accepted readily and no apologies for bad grammar were necessary.

My life took a turn when I got the mumps, chicken pox, and whooping cough and had to stay home from school for long periods of time. My mother would spend hours reading to and with me until my confidence grew. I fell in love with books. I would travel into a world of pure imagination and enter in the writer's creation. Depending on the author's skill, he or she would reveal the motivations within each character and clarify each circumstance.



Jerry Wagner, President

Books are so different from movies and yet they are the same. But for me the characters in books are more clearly defined. When I watch a movie based on a book that I read previously, it is as if the characters wore masks. The director would try but fail to reveal the true motivations of the characters.

The skills learned in my communities were formed from the books I read and worked for me pretty much everywhere I lived. Though I lived in Wisconsin only half of my existence, I left there in search of a quieter life. My circumstance there consisted of naked intolerance, economic suppression and willful parochial ignorance. I learned that in my travels, like everyone who leaves home, that life grows differently in my absence and I changed direction too. To those home folks my life was frozen in amber the day I left. To them I never grew up no matter how old I get or what disparate growth my life may take. Books have taken me to wonderful places and have filled my

heart with clarity and wonder.

*There's a heart that must be free to fly
That burns with a need to know*

The reason why

Why must we all conceal

What we think, how we feel

(From "Mulan")

Hopefully you will find new worlds through the Friends 50,000 books available for you to peruse at the next Book Sale, which takes place January 17, 18, & 19th. I hope to see you there.

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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!

WINTER DONATIONS

- Pat Blackburn
 - Robert and Alice Hirche
 - Jim and Libby Ratledge
 - David and Helen Bryant
 - Elizabeth A. Holley
 - Linda J. Sontag
 - Blaine and Ann Gooden
 - Ruth W. Lakey
 - Carroll and Martha Sterne
 - William Harmon
 - Jane Qualls-McGuire
- Thanks to all!

A Story of a Phenomenon: BCFOL Book Sales 1999-2013



Love to Watch Shakespearean plays?

Listen to operatic or jazzy voices?

Learn computer programs?

**Win prizes for best edible book display or reading
the most books in the summer reading program?**



Then prepare to thank all the people who have, over the years from 1999 till today, worked to recycle the communities' donations/ media—CDs, DVDs, Books-- at Friends of the Library Book Sales!!!

Recapping the words of Bob Ramger (BCFOL Odyssey of Moving the Old Library to the New, Between Friends-Fall 2012):

Book sales began in 1999 in the old abandoned Sky City building (site of present library.) The book sale lasted a whole week and the temperature inside this non-airconditioned building was hovering in the low 90's.

Bob goes on to explain that when they moved the books into the basement of the new library, book sales continued from the summer of 2002 until today. He says that the Friends have hosted over 40 book sales and "a lot of wonderful creative programs have been funded."

Bob and Marie Harris began volunteering at the book sales in January, 2004. The initial book sale was under the leadership of Joan Lyndon and they began preparing for a book sale in February. After the sale, they all decided that they needed to alphabetize the novels, both paperback and hardback, so prospective buyers could more easily locate books and/or the volunteers on



Books for all Ages



Entertainment

duty that day could more readily assist them.

To accomplish this, all the novels had to be removed from the shelves. Joan, Paul, Bob, and Marie worked as a team to complete the project which the Friends felt increased the total of the next sale in September, 2004, as it was a little over \$10,000 compared to about \$5,000 in February, 2004.

Since the initial alphabetizing, under the guidance of Lucy Rushing and her assistants, the novels are not only arranged alphabetically by author, but also by title, which makes it much easier to quickly locate specific novels.

Before the beginning of 2005, the Friends Board made a decision to have quarterly sales instead of bi-yearly. At this time, Phil Baker agreed to work as

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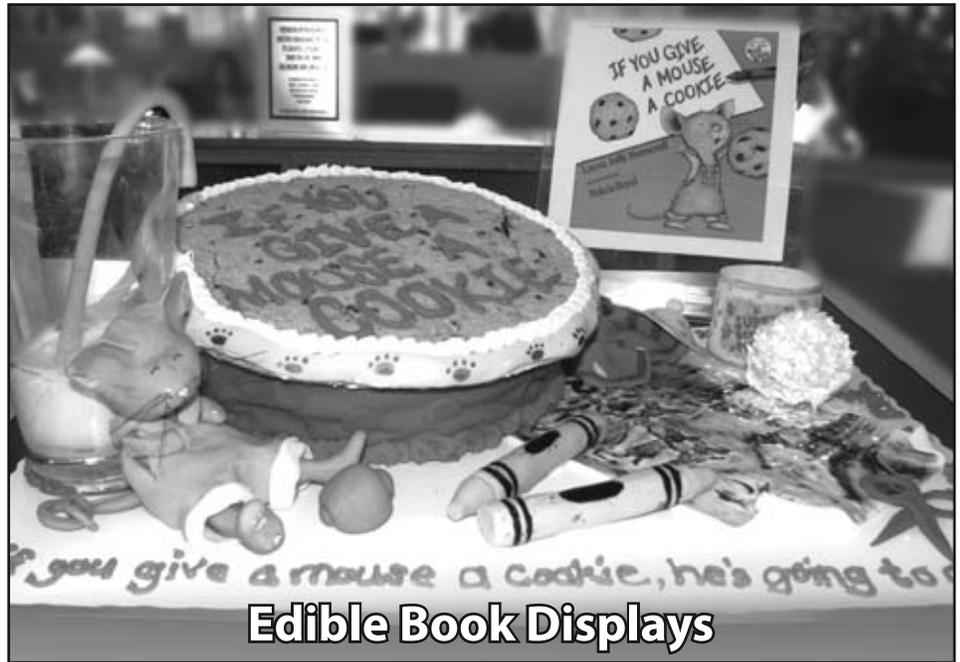
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a liaison between the Board and the Book Sale Committee.

Phil initiated the “adopt a section” in which he asked volunteers to choose a section/subject in which they were interested, then shelve the books by categories or some grouping that would facilitate customers’ shopping. Also, this arrangement would aid the volunteers in guiding customers in their search for a specific book, especially nonfiction ones.

With Phil taking the lead with his adoption of the SCiFi/Fantasy and related genres, others soon chose a section. Bob Harris elected to work with the Mystery Section. Sylvia Galde suggested starting the procedure that most paperbacks be shelved separately. Lynn Shasteen agreed to adopt the Religion Section as well as Videos, CD, and DVD sections. The responsibility for Collectibles was assumed by Penny Myers. When Phyllis Williams joined the group, she agreed to assist Mary Cormia with the Children’s Section.

Soon, with more volunteers, most of the sections had an “overseer” who can answer questions as to where books should be placed. This process aids



Edible Book Displays

in books being shelved in the correct category.

Marie Harris agreed to work with new volunteers who wanted to assist in book sales. Whenever the volunteer coordinator, Myra Reisinger, had volunteers who expressed an interest in helping with the book sales, she brought them downstairs on Tuesday, the day the majority of book sale volunteers worked. Marie would give an overview of the tasks involved in the book sale. After new volunteers joined the group, Marie worked with them to make them more familiar with the sorting and shelving routines. In addition,

regular volunteers added their support by answering questions about the book categories.

Because of the improvements and a ramped up publicity team, the revenue has increased from the book sales and the Friends have been able to donate money for many library programs that the library would not have been able to sponsor.

(Marie Harris and Bob Ramger have graciously spoken about their history with this phenomenon called the BCFOL Quarterly Pre-Owned Book Sales.)

2013 BCFOL Book Sale Schedule

Winter Sale: January 17-19

Spring Sale: April 18-20

Summer Sale: July 18-20

Fall Sale: October 17-19



Here's to the Bright New Year

By Barbara Zurl

Ring out the old...ring in the new - and after so many difficult occurrences in 2012, this year's arrival was more than welcomed.

Like clockwork, each new year offers us a bright and shimmering gift - Opportunity. We can be the captains of our own ships, authors of our own stories, creators of our (and others') joy. It does not require difficult labor, travelling great distances or money - just a little bit of time. Your Friends group here at Blount County Public Library supports an outreach effort ripe with Opportunity - called Ex Libris - Friends from the Library. My gift to you is a glimpse into what it has meant to me as I described to some friends one Wednesday night after delivering a program:

"Glorious September afternoon - perfect weather for hiking, biking, outdoor work, but my job today was going over to Big Asbury - Asbury Place Health Center - the real deal. Fifteen residents



graciously shared their time with me as I read them one of my favorite poems about this month: **September by Helen Hunt Jackson (1830-1885).**

*"The golden rod is yellow
The corn is turning brown,
The trees in apple orchards,
With fruit are bending down.
By all these lovely tokens,
September days are here..."*

And as I was reading, I heard the

butterfly-wing-soft voice of Ms. Georgiana, (turning 103 this coming January) reciting the poem along with me. Her beautiful, tired eyes sparkled as she spoke the words. Her smile at the remembrance was enough to melt a glacier. THIS is what our Ex Libris Project is all about. This is AS GOOD AS IT GETS. When a 100+ year old lady comes to life because of hearing a poem long forgotten...you know you are doing the right thing. The last stanza of the poem truly says it all - for me:

*"Tis a thing which I remember.
To name it thrills me yet.
One day of one September
I never can forget."*

Opportunity is awaiting you. If interested in learning more about our Program please contact Barbara Zurl, Program Coordinator at 865-977-5034 or via e-mail: badger630@aol.com. May 2013 bring you all the best.

Library Volunteer Coordinator

By Dolores Philpot

Jane Smith, a Buffalo, N.Y transplant, has been the Friends of the Library Volunteer Coordinator for a little more than two months. This title, added to her still active volunteer jobs like Book Shelver and Display Coordinator, brings her to the library just a little more often nowadays, according to Jane.

Familiar with the region from previous visits with her husband, moving here three years ago was an easy sell for the newly widowed Ms. Smith. In addition to being in a warmer climate, she is now living closer to a daughter and grandchildren. However, she did have to sell her custom lampshade shop in Buffalo. Contrary to popular



knowledge of left sided and right sided brain aptitudes, this former computer systems analyst was able to make a success in the business of restoring

and recovering lampshades, especially those of the antique variety favored by Bed and Breakfast establishments. What a fascinating expertise! She still keeps in touch with colleagues and the business with annual visits to the Dallas International Lighting Market show.

Other interests for Jane are traveling, sewing and reading. She mentions the Bahamas, cruises to Alaska, northern Europe, in addition to a trip to Maui, Hawaii. Her sewing efforts now are for her grandkids e.g., she sews blankets, dolls and stuffed toys, like teddy bears. Reading interests are mostly action mysteries and historical novels. Authors like Clive Cussler, Tom Clancy, and Ken Follett are among her favorites.

Tech Corner by Bonnie Holmes

Looking for a good book?

Have you finished all the books you received for the holidays and need another good read? For some first-rate ideas, go to the Blount County Library website.

Click on **EResources**. Next, select **Books & Authors**.

You can browse by titles, authors, genre, and award winners. The site also allows you to select from fiction and nonfiction categories.

The **“Monthly High-lights”** provides recommendations from the site editors, librarians, as well as online reading rooms.

“Seasonal Suggestions” and **“Spotlight On”** highlight two selections.

Click on **“about the book”** to find details about the book, the author, reviews, and books of a similar genre. Main characters, setting(s), subject, and time period gives you more information. Also helpful is the list of expert picks to tell you which reviewers thought the book good. If you want to read something similar, the list of recommended similar titles can lead you to additional works.

Some readers prefer a particular genre. If you are one, you may like to read all the prize winning works in that classification. Under **“Award Winners”** you can select titles recognized by over 500 different award categories. For example, if you like science fiction, you may want to check out winners under the Arthur C. Clark, Hugo, and Nebula, Awards.

Or, you may have heard of a good book on a best seller list but can't remember the exact title, then go to **“Best Sellers.”**

The site includes hardcover United States and Canadian best sellers by fiction and nonfiction categories. These categories are further broken down monthly. Clicking on a title brings up details about the book, including the months the work is on a bestseller list.

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If you want to share your finds, you can email or print your selections from the site.



The Collectible Corner

by Penny Myers

COLLECTIBLES FOR JANUARY 2013 SALE

Arts and Music

American Furniture 1620-1980
Wildlife Art
The Great Book of Currier and Ives America
Michelangelo
The Art Bulletin 1942

Biography

Touch of Two Kings: Growing Up at Graceland
Traipsin' Woman
Life of General Nathan Bedford Forrest

Children

Bedtime Stories (Garis – 1910)
Peter Pan in Kensington Garden
Bobbsey Twins – Set of 8 volumes – 1929
Childcraft – Set of 12 volumes – 1939
Stories of the Little Red Guards
Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories – 4 volumes

Fiction

Celtic Myths and Legends
The Way of a Man with a Maid
The Scarlet Pimpernel
Collected Poems of Robert Frost (1st ed, 1st printing)

History

Hallowed Ground – Battle fields of the Civil War
The Civil War Through the Camera
The Image of War 1861 – 1865
Messages of the Governors of Tennessee
Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee
Houses of the Founding Fathers
A Guide to American Battle Fields in Europe

Non Fiction

The English Language
Antique Scrapbook
Fighting the Traffic with Young Girls (1911)
Earth from Above
The Baseball Encyclopedia

Regional

East Tennessee University 1840-1897
Land of High Horizons
Last Train to Elkmont
The Cades Cove Story
By Faith Endowed (Maryville College)
Maryville College
The Tennessee, Vol. 1
Roamin and Restin
Oak Ridge and Me From Youth to Maturity
The Volunter State Forges Its University
Threshold of a New Day – UT 1919-1946

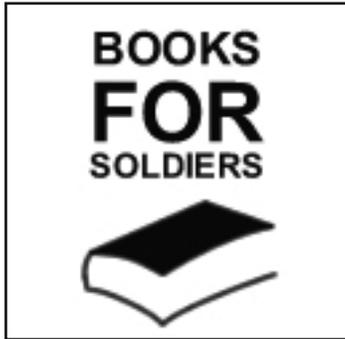
Religion

Catholic Commentary on the Holy Scriptures
Character Sketches from Scripture, 2 volumes
Holy Bible (ca 1864)

Sets

The Library of Oratory – 13 volumes (ca 1902)
History of Civilization – 4 volumes (ca 1887)
National Audubon Nature Program
The New Complete History of the United States of America – 11 volumes (ca 1905)
Britannica Great Books – 54 volumes

Thanks from our Soldiers



By Vivian Selecman (Books For Soldiers Committee Chairperson)

Although we are drawing troops out of Afghanistan, and all but a few have left Iraq, we still have our young men and women stationed all over the globe. We are receiving fewer requests specifically for books as more of them are nearer civilization. But some are still in isolated posts, in places we have never heard of and they still need our care and support.

From July to December, our dedicated volunteers have found and filled requests for 31 boxes of library materials. These included 19 CD's, 456 books and more than a few magazines. They have spent \$203.89 in postage.

For the entire calendar year of 2012, they have sent 83 boxes, 50 CDs and 1,304 books, spending \$580 in postage. All of this postage money has been donated, mostly in collection jars at the quarterly book sales. Donations for

this calendar year have totaled \$784, so we have reserves to start the new year of 2013.

This project will continue, although in scaled down form, as long as our troops need our support through printed material. We always need new volunteers to search the data base, find books and prepare them for mailing, and stand in line at the post office. Whether you can give 3 hours a month or 3 hours a week, your time is appreciated.

Below is the content of three "thank you" letters we received recently.

"My medical platoon and I would like to thank the Friends of the Library group not only for the books and letters but for your overall support and dedication to the Soldiers. Our soldiers rely on the books, magazines and letters to keep their minds off missing their family members and to stay occupied during down times. You should be very proud that as a community you are able to come together as you do and work towards so many causes. To us, you are the heroes. Very Respectfully, Jennifer"

"Good Morning, I received a shipment of books from your organization today and I wanted to make sure I thanked you. We really appreciate the support you have given the US Military over the years. Your support has really helped the morale of our troops for many years. Thank you from the bottom of my heart, Esteban"

"I want to start out by saying thanks for all the great books. Many of the soldiers will enjoy reading them. Appreciate the support. The area you describe sounds wonderful. We are a finance unit from Minnesota. Might have to take a trip sometime and visit such a wonderful sounding place. Its wonderful that there is a fund raising project that results so greatly for the area. Its important to keep the books in great shape and be able to have a large children's section. We all enjoy doing what we can, so you can do what you do back in the rear or back home. Everyone is important and plays a vital role. Thanks for the great support. Thanks, always, LeRoy



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Friends of the Library 2013 Winter Book Sale

Thursday, January 17, Noon to 6 pm (for Friends of the Library Members Only)

Friday, January 18, and Saturday, January 19, 9 am to 5 pm.

Great Books for Cold Days!

FOL Members Only
Thursday
January 17th!
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