Farewell to a Friend

It is with sadness that we said goodbye to our Library Director Kathy Pagles who has dedicated herself to the Library of our community for the past 23 years. She is a friend to all of us. I have only known Kathy for the past seven and a half years, however it has been a fruitful relationship for me personally.

As for the “Friends,” we could not have been as successful if it were not for Kathy’s help. She paved the way to many of the donor contacts who brought books for fund raising. As a result, these donations supported the many programs offered to the community. The expectations set for these programs were mutual and always embraced enthusiastically.

Inspiration was a plus; her reputation as a “first class” librarian director preceded the facilitation, design and creation of this wonderful institution. Replacing Kathy is going to be a formidable task for anyone because of what she has done for us. Whenever duty and necessity were called on, the right decision could be counted on from her. Her strong discipline and conviction to the librarian profession is exemplary.

I could go on and on about all the positive and selfless efforts she has contributed to this community but I can say this with all sincerity: she will certainly be missed and remembered with fond memories.

We welcome K. C. Williams, a Maryville native, to replace Kathy. We are confident that she is going to give her best to carry on the tradition Kathy has set.

Jerry Wagner
President, BCFOL

Christmas Books for Kids

Float. Books. Candy. Fliers. Volunteers. All were ready, but due to inclement weather, for the first time in five years the Friends were unable to participate in the Jaycees Maryville-Alcoa Christmas parade. With hundreds of books and a thousand fliers on hand, the volunteers regrouped and decided to find another way to reach out to the children of Blount County. For several days in December and January, volunteers handed out books and candy to the children who came to the library for Preschool and Children’s Story Hour. Additionally, library staff at the circulation desks handed out candy canes and fliers about the 2014 Friends Book Sales.

We appreciate our library staff and the volunteers for all they do to promote the book sales, which in turn benefit the library programs we support.

Plan now to attend the BCFOL Winter Book Sale!
Jan. 16th-18th!
A Letter from the President

Don't Miss This!!
Here it is, 2014 and I hope you haven’t received everything you wanted for Christmas. WHY?
Well, during the last two quarters the “Friends of the Library” volunteers received over 7,000 donations from book lovers lining in the Blount County area. 5,000 were from a book collector / writer who willed that these books be donated to the “Friends of the Library”. Another 2,000 were also given to us from an international collector who received them from publishers around the world. Many of the books are collector issue.
The majority of these books are like brand new issues; some are signed, some are advanced copies, and some are proofs.
I want to personally thank those who out of their generosity have contributed to the success and support of our wonderful library and its community.

Events and Services Information

Community Information about Nonprofit Services or Fine Arts Events is available for the public on the Community Information wall at the Reference area of the library. If interested in displaying materials, contact Joan VanSickle Sloan at 865-273-1408 or make an appointment to see her at the library.
Outreach programs may occasionally be presented by the Library Director, Community Outreach Coordinator or Children’s Librarian for civic organizations, community events, school fairs and special events or parent organizations. Call 865-273-1408 (for adult presentations) or 865-273-1414 (for children’s programs).

Policy for Donated Books

Public donations are the main source of books which allow the Friends of the Library (FOL) to host quarterly book sales. We receive discarded books from our public library, schools, churches and individual collections. Regardless of the source, it is essential that we protect the health & safety of our volunteers and patrons, and the quality of the books we sell.
We request that donors comply with the following guidelines:
• We accept books in good condition. Books that are water damaged, smell of tobacco, mold or mildew cannot be accepted.
• Books should be placed in the donation bins outside the library, or, if the bins are full, with a staff member at the circulation check-in counter.
• Collections of fewer than 200 books (or about 10 boxes) are the donor’s responsibility to deliver to the library. A volunteer should be contacted for collections of over 200 books; the volunteer will assess the collection, and, if acceptable, arrange a mutually convenient pick-up time.
• To be considerate of our volunteers, collections will not be picked up during holidays or when the library is closed.
To discuss pick-up arrangements for large or unique collections please contact one of the volunteers listed below.

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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!
…Ring in the new - have we got some wonderful surprises for you! Consider yourself invited to attend a special presentation of an Ex Libris program entitled “Something Old-Something New” on Monday, January 13, 2014 beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Library.

Members of the team will be on hand to deliver a sample presentation and answer any questions you might have about this Friends supported, public outreach effort.

Among those Ex Libris presenters will be our two newest recruits who came on board late in 2013.

Brenda Johnson, a long time Maryville resident, has retired from 41 years of teaching Spanish/language arts in Tennessee. She is a graduate of Maryville College with a Masters from U.T. Brenda is married to attorney Bill Johnson and has a son and daughter-in-law and two beautiful grandchildren. Hiking, cooking and reading are her passions.

Susan Hanye and her husband Bob recently moved to Maryville to be near their daughter, son-in-law and two wonderful grandchildren. Prior to retiring Sue was a nurse manager in the areas of early childhood care and child psychiatry. Hiking, cycling and other outdoor activities are what gives pleasure to their lives. Sue and Bob are originally from the great state of New York.

We welcome both of these talented ladies to our ranks.

2014 is a significant year for Ex Libris – as we enter into our second decade of existence. The program has grown, our team has grown and our reach has gone even further within the county. As a result the need for restructuring has emerged and both the old and the new will take the helm of Ex Libris.

Beginning this year, Dolores Philpot, a long time Friends volunteer and Ex Libris member since 2009, will accept the role of Program Coordinator. Dolores’s background includes a full career as a nurse educator. She and her husband Bill have lived in Maryville since 1996. And that is the new.

As for the old – that would be me. I will continue with Ex Libris, serving as its Director and overseeing its general mission.

Many thanks to the fine folks of Blount County Friends of the Library for all the assistance you have given us over the past 10 years. We feel honored representing ourselves as “Friends from the Library” as we go about fulfilling our mission.

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Lee Downey for coordinating the parade floats, Phyllis Williams and Carolyn Blevins for helping hand out books, and Bob Harris for preparing nearly a thousand books to be handed out during the parade and subsequent story hour. The many hours of planning and preparation were greatly appreciated. Even though the expected participation in the parade didn’t occur, there were still many happy Blount County children who received their gifts of books and candy from our volunteers!

Right: Carolyn Blevins and Phyllis Williams preparing to hand out books to children at the Blount County Public Library during story hour.
A Between Friends visit with Volunteer Lorene Oswalt, One Very Busy Person

By Jane Bennett

“There is something to learn in every book.”

If one wants to get a volunteer for a task, the saying is, “ask a busy person.” One might not immediately think about a 92 year old lady in that category but, in the case of Lorene Oswalt, a totally busy person, the gracious, adept volunteer agrees to help the library in all ways she can, and there have been and are many ways.

Ms. Lorene has volunteered for Blount County Library for several years. This dynamic lady shelves multitudinous books in the main library, assists in the free book section of the Friends’ book sale, and helps customers at the book sales. She helps Phyllis Williams set up shelving for the many new book donations, and her artistic lettering abilities came into play when she hand lettered corrections on one thousand brochures so adeptly that they are difficult to distinguish from the thousand that were reprinted correctly.

Most recently, she tied tiny candy canes to the continued on page 5
E-READER HELP!

If you have an e-reader and would like to learn how to use it to receive free e-books from the library, plan to attend at least one of these classes which will be customized to help people with Kindle; Kindle Fire or DX; iPad; Nook; Samsung Galaxy, Nexus and other Android devices.

At each class, library staff and volunteers will discuss the vast array of e-books available for free downloading to the public through the library’s website. They will demonstrate how to access R.E.A.D.S. online and download Overdrive to the e-reader. Then they will show how to download e-books or audiobooks to the specific e-reader device.

The schedule for classes will be Tuesdays from 2-3 p.m.; Wednesdays from 2-3 p.m.; and two Thursday evenings from 7-8 p.m.

Bring your e-reader device to the presentation and, if you can, set up your Adobe account before coming to the class.

Schedule for E-Reader Classes:
- Tuesday, January 21, at 2 p.m., “iPad/Apple” in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- Wednesday, January 22, at 2 p.m., “Kindle Paperwhite, Kindle WiFi, Kindle 1st & 2nd Generations” in Computer Lab.
- Tuesday, January 28, at 2 p.m., “Nook HD and HD+” in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- Tuesday, February 4, at 2 p.m., “Kindle Fire and Kindle DX” in Sharon Lawson Room.
- Wednesday, February 5, at 2 p.m., “Nook Glowlight and Simple Touch” in the computer lab.
- Tuesday, February 18, at 2 p.m., “iPad/Apple” in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- Wednesday, February 19, at 2 p.m., “Kindle Paperwhite, Kindle WiFi, Kindle 1st & 2nd Generations” in Computer Lab.
- Tuesday, February 25, at 2 p.m., “Nook HD and HD+” in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- Thursday, February 27, at 7 p.m., “iPad/Apple” in Sharon Lawson Room.

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thousand bookmarks printed for the Jaycee Christmas Parade. These were subsequently given out at the checkout desk because of parade time changes. Some of her friends helped her at one point in this endeavor.

Bluffton, Indiana was home until her retirement. A farmer’s daughter, Ms. Lorene and her twelve siblings loved tending to the farm’s produce such as picking tomatoes and sweet corn. After college she married a farmer and raised two children. A registered nurse, she served in obstetrics, the Bluffton Hospital Surgery, and in a nursing home.

When they retired, she and her husband lived in Fairfield Glade in Crossville, TN for fifteen years. After he died, she returned to Bluffton and then moved to Tennessee when her daughter Denise Robertson and her husband did.

When asked about her many hours at the Blount County Library, she says that she has always been a volunteer, serving in Crossville during their years there at a Bargain Hut where people donated many items which she cataloged. She had always wanted to know more about library volunteering, partly because her daughter Denise was a professional librarian who now gives the library two afternoons a week, and partly because she has a great love of books, and reads at least one book a week, mostly mysteries and historical novels. She says that there is “something to learn in every book.” She dislikes wasting time and finds that there is always something to keep her busy at Morningview Village where she lives, whether it be playing cards, reading, arts and crafts activities, or being at the library several days a week.

COLLECTIBLE BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE WINTER BOOK SALE ON JANUARY 16TH-18TH!

See page 4 for a listing of materials that will be for sale.
Many people assume that all written material can be accessed on the web. According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, April 17, 2011, “Google estimates that 129,864,880 different books exist in the world, and it claims to have digitized 15 million of them—or about 12 percent.”

Google is very familiar with the undigitized number because around ten years ago, Larry Page, a co-founder of Google, started a project to digitize all books. Google contracted with a number of research libraries, academic and public, to begin this project in 2004. Libraries were especially interested in the project as it would make a large number of out of print books available and protect existing collections. Many unique volumes are lost each year due to insects, water damage, and deterioration. This is especially true of books printed on wood pulp that are highly acidic and nitrate film and/or film made with certain color dyes.

Although many large public libraries and special collections are involved with protecting historical materials, a large portion are in danger of being lost.

According to “History, Digitized (And Abridged,“) New York Times, March 10, 2007, a study published in 2005 by the Library of Congress and the Council on Library and Information Resources found that some 84 percent of historical sound recordings spanning jazz, blues, gospel, country and classical music in the United States, and made from 1890 to 1964, have become virtually inaccessible.” According to the National Film Preservation Foundation website, “The Library of Congress has documented that only 20% of U.S. feature films from the 1910 and 1920s survive in complete form in American archives; of the American features produced before 1950, about half still exist.” The copyright law in the United States does not provide for the need to protect or preserve materials so it is difficult for institutions to protect media with a short life span.

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With this daunting undertaking, not all the Google scans are perfect. Researchers have found blurred pages, handprints covering text, and other imperfections.

In November 2013, U.S. Circuit Judge Denny Chin ruled in favor of Google that digitizing the books was not a violation of copyright. According to the ruling, the project would benefit researchers, authors and publishers. Information about the works would be available through “snippets”, researchers could learn where to find the existing works, and publishers and authors could benefit from additional publication demand. Google protects works still covered by copyright by preventing people from seeing the entire works online.

Full text is available for materials not covered by copyright. However, this may not be the final word as appeals from this decision are expected.

Is it really all online?

Although the digitizing project in the United States has been initialized by companies, foundations, special libraries and special collections, in some countries, the government has taken the lead. The United Kingdom, Finland and Norway have started projects to digitize works in their countries. The National Library of Norway, which has materials dating back to the Middle Ages, started their project in 2006 and estimates completion in 20 or 30 years. Norway headed off copyright problems by entering into agreements with publishers to allow those with a Norwegian IP address access to the materials online. Norway has also set required IT standards for all state materials to make storage and access easier.

One might ask if it matters whether the project is controlled by private corporations or by public institutions. As a matter of public policy, who controls access to information in the future may be a serious issue as there is no guarantee that private corporations will provide open access.

Is it really all online?
The good news is the Books for Soldiers project is still operating. The sad news is that due to draw-downs overseas and reconstruction of the website, we sent fewer boxes this year than in the past. However, our faithful volunteers have been diligent, and for the entire year of 2013 they have sent 67 boxes of books to our men and women around the globe. There were about 50 CDs, 850 books and uncounted magazines in those boxes. They spent $384 in postage, and since we had donations of $477 there is enough in the fund to continue the first month or so of the year 2014.

We have been sending books to our troops since 2005. Records for the first three years are somewhat sketchy, but we sent about 400 boxes with 6,000 books those first years. Since 2008, we have sent a total of 1,028 boxes, with 16,610 books and uncounted CDs, DVDs and magazines. We spent $6,097 to mail them, and received donations of $6,418.

We owe a big thank you to twelve to fourteen people who have sent books through the years, and to the many who have donated postage.

If you would like to participate in or support this service project, please contact the Books for Soldiers Committee Chairperson, Vivian Selecman at Selecman@msn.com.

Many thank you letters are displayed on a table in the basement of the library. Below is a copy of one most recently received.

Hello,

I wanted to personally thank you for the books sent out for “books for soldiers.” Though we are not soldiers “we are Sailors” we are still serving the country. Me and my shipmates that are enjoying the books we received are very thankful. We appreciate the undying love and support we receive from citizens like you. Thank you and we hope you have a blessed day.

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Bookworms and Readers of all ages are welcome!
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