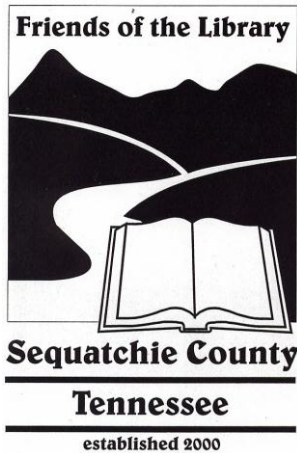


SEQUATCHIE COUNTY LIBRARY LIGHTS

Fall 2012



*A great
community
deserves a great
library.*

Automation –Think Library, as well as Henry Ford



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Our New Circulations System, Verso

The library recently installed a new circulation system called Verso. Verso is one example of an automated integrated library system because it not only permits you to see what is available in our local catalog, but also what is available across the state, allowing you to enter the Tennessee state catalog system. Even better, Verso delivers convenient library account management to you through the Internet. You can renew books from home, for example.

You can reach Verso through our library’s website, which has a page entitled “Access to TN Catalog.” If you have yet to make your first visit to our web site, go to: www.sequatchiecountylibrary.org. On the Access to TN Catalog page, you will find instructions which help you access our library’s “splash page,” our entry into Verso. A “splash page” is the page of a Web site that the user sees first before being given the option to continue to the main content of the site. Once you reach this page you

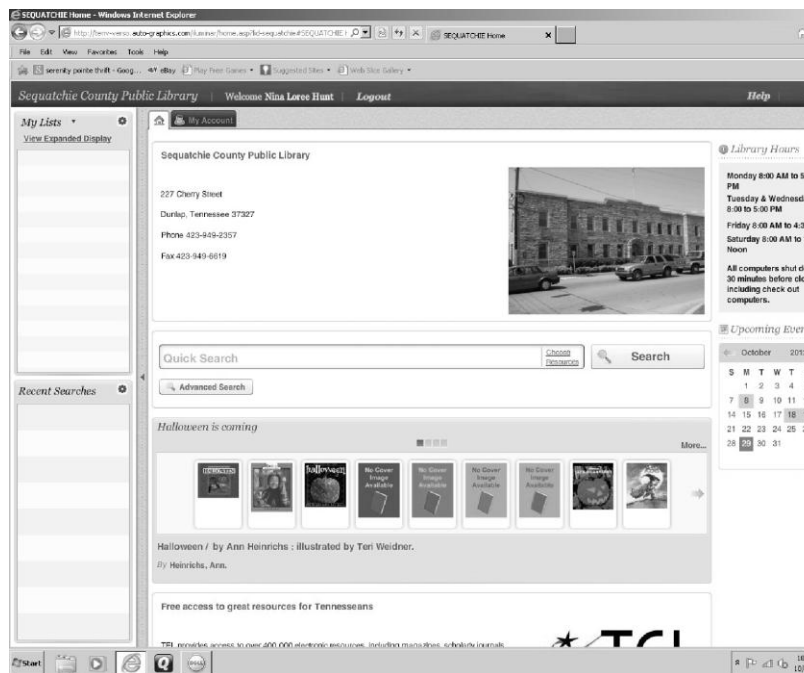
will see a tab labeled “my account,” which will show you what you have checked out and other information. There are two tutorials at the bottom of the splash page entitled: “Click here to learn about searching our catalog,” and “Click here to learn about managing your online library account.” Both of these short videos are very simple and easy to follow, and you can pause them as often as you wish.

The library account video shows you how to renew all or part of the materials you have checked out. It also demonstrates a feature called “Checkout History.” As explained in the library account video, if you select “I agree,” Verso will track the materials you check out. This may be helpful when you want to find another book by an author you like and are unable to remember the name. You may also, if you wish, use another tab labeled “My WebLinks” to save favorite web sites. This could be especially useful if you are working on a particular project, like a book report.

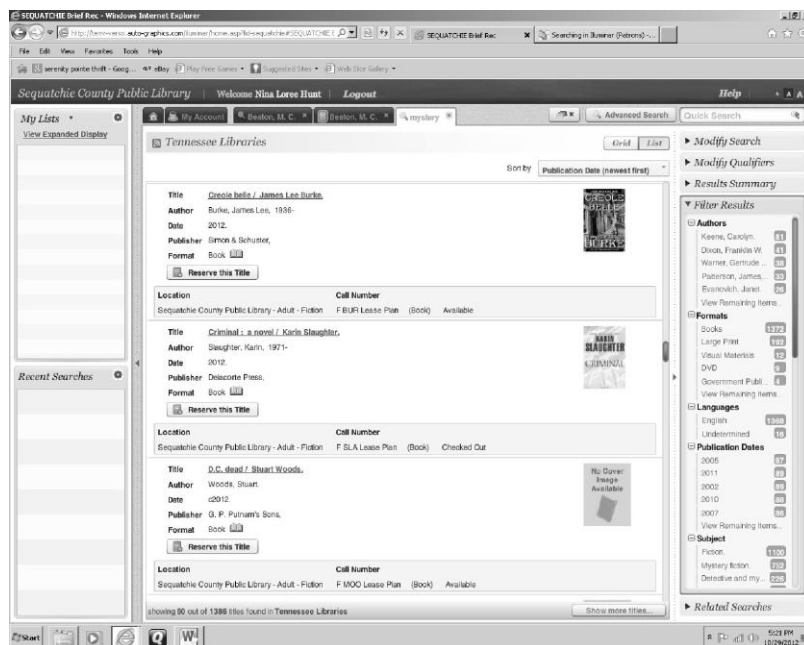
The catalog searching video helps you learn about using a search tool known as Agent Illuminar. At the top left of the splash page, you will find a “my list” feature. For example, using this feature you can create a list called “summer reading” and add books or other resources you find using the search tool to it. The video will not only teach more effective search techniques, it will also teach you how to place a reserve on a book you want. Although you may search the entire Tennessee collection, presently you may only reserve books in our library’s collection using Verso. You will still have to contact the library staff to reserve books located at other libraries.

One cautionary note, however, is the inability to use this service from your Ipad, if you happen to have one. The service requires the use of Adobe Flash Player, which, for reasons unknown to this writer, is not available for at least some of the Ipads. There may be other personal computer devices which may be similarly unable to use the Verso online service.

Verso is really a great new tool, not only for the library staff, but for any library patron who seeks a wider selection of library materials, one much wider than we can maintain in the limited physical space provided by any brick and mortar library.



The library staff can change the content on its splash page. Here the staff is featuring Halloween books.



This picture illustrates a search in our library collection for new mysteries.



October 2012 Book Sales Nets About \$2200.00

The October 2012 Sequatchie County Friends of the Library book sale was a tremendous success. Lucy Szelengiewicz and her co-chair, Karen Larrimore, want all who volunteered their time to know how much it was appreciated, whether it was setting up, taking down, working the sale, or contributing items for the silent auction. Several local merchants were very generous with items to be auctioned: Affinity Soap; Backdraft Donuts; Cookie Jar Restaurant; The Game Shop; Four Seasons Salon & Spa; Hughes Market; Jiffy Lube; Moyer Barn; Music Makers; Walters Flowers; Creative Discovery Museum; and the Tennessee Aquarium. Mention your appreciation when you shop or visit these fine merchants and service providers.



Volunteers setting up this fall's sale believed we had more selection during this sale than ever before, and there was certainly plenty of selection for everyone.

Bag day, on the last day of the sale, is extremely popular. Buyers paying \$3 a bag are very resourceful in filling them. Here Karen Fletcher and Ernestine Pilkington help them keep track of their purchases.

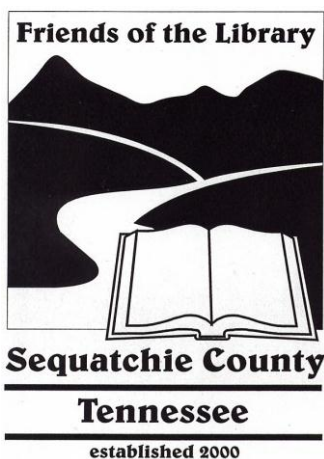


Friends are not “all work and no play!”
Instead of a June 2012 business meeting, the Sequatchie County Friends of the Library elected to visit a Chattanooga glass blowing studio, iGNiS Glass Studio. Those participating were permitted to choose the colors they would melt into an heirloom glass ornament each would create. The genial studio host demonstrated each step of the process with eager students carefully copying each step of the process, thus trapping their own breath inside the ornaments they created.



Thank you Cooperative Response Center!

The Cooperative Response Center sponsored this year's summer reading program whose theme was "Dream Big, Read!" Linda Meck and Friends volunteers hosted a big "kickoff" registration which registered 118 children. Eventually 208 participated, reading more than 5000 books during the program.



What can you do to help?

Friends of the Library are citizens who value the service of libraries and volunteer to help them. Friends usually operate with a self-elected board representing the community.

While the book sale committee is very important as the book sales are generally our primary fundraising activities, we have many standing committees who would love to have new members: Imagination Library; genealogy; membership; public relations; nominating; bylaws; finance; and audit. If you are interested in joining a committee, please attend one of our regular meetings, the second Tuesday of each month at 4:30 upstairs at the library or leave us a note at the circulation desk.

Computer Classes, Winter 2013

The first computer classes for adults, taught by Rick Meck, were so well-received the Friends have voted to provide funding, as needed, for more classes. Seventy-seven adults participated in 62 hours of computer classes. A federal grant, the Rural Libraries Computer grant, paid for laptops and the projector, necessary to teach the classes, as well as providing funds to pay for the classes themselves. Planning for classes and the dates they will be taught is underway and more information about them will be provided at a later date. A small fee will be charged for the classes, but any student unable to pay the fee will be able to apply for a Friends "scholarship" to cover the cost of the classes.





Natalie Thompson, left, and Tawny Westbrook perform at the celebration hosted by the Sequatchie County Friends of the Library to celebrate Imagination Library week.

Groove Club Entertains at September Imagination Library Celebration

On September 24, 2010, the Friends hosted two members of the Groove Club from Nashville, Tennessee, who performed at the Dunlap City Training Center to celebrate Imagination Library Week. They sang and danced, using familiar songs modified to encourage reading. As delightful as their performance was, so many activities competed that weekend for attention the audience was smaller than hoped. The Friends decided later that next year they will partner with the elementary school to host the celebration during the school week and at the school.

Fun Library Facts

47% of Sequatchie County's population hold library cards

In FY 2012

- 42,927 books and other library materials circulation
- 4,380 people used library computers or wifi
- The library staff answered 9700 reference questions
- 3,327 of the library's patrons used READS, Tennessee's Regional Ebook & Audio Download Systems (It's free.)

Seems like suddenly it is fall, and winter is just around the corner. *It is time to find some good books, like these newly arrived at the library, and curl up next to the heat for a good read..*



Winter of the World by Ken Follett

In book two of *The Century Trilogy* Ken Follett follows *Fall of Giants*, the first novel, by continuing the story of the five interrelated families—American, German, Russian, English, Welsh. The families enter a time of enormous social, political, and economic turmoil, beginning with the rise of the Third Reich, through the Spanish Civil War and the great dramas of World War II, up to the explosions of the American and Soviet atomic bombs.

Severe Clear by Stuart Woods

Stone Barrington was pleased that the new ultra-luxe hotel, *The Arrington*, was built on the grounds of the mansion belonging to his late wife, Arrington Carter. The grand opening was sure to be attended by the top echelons of the beau monde: Hollywood starlets, socialites, politicians, billionaires from overseas. What does not please him is that the grand occasion has also attracted a dangerous criminal group with sinister plans. The NSA (National Security Agency) believes it may have also attracted the attention of terrorists.

Postcards from the Dead by Laura Childs

Kimber Breeze of KBEZ-TV is broadcasting live from a small balcony on the fourth floor of the Hotel Tremain during Mardi Gras interviewing locals and capturing the spectacle down below. Her next subject will be Carmela Bertrand, owner of Memory Mine scrapbooking shop. Carmela has never been a fan of Kimber, but she isn't about to turn down the chance of good publicity for her shop. But before Carmela's shop gets its five minutes of fame, a killer slips onto the balcony and strangles Kimber with a cord, leaving her body dangling above the parade. Now someone is leaving strange postcards at Carmela's shop—signed by the dead Kimber. Now Carmela and her friend Ava will have to risk their own necks to find out who's posing as a ghost—and to expose a killer.

Panther by Nelson DeMille

Anti-Terrorist Task Force agent John Corey and his wife, FBI agent Kate Mayfield, have been posted overseas to Sana'a, Yemen—one of the most dangerous places in the Middle East. While there, they will be working with a small team to track down one of the masterminds behind the USS Cole bombing: a high-ranking Al Qaeda operative known as The Panther. Ruthless and elusive, he's wanted for multiple terrorist acts and murders—and the U.S. government is determined to bring him down, no matter the cost. As latecomers to a deadly game, John and Kate don't know the rules, the players, or the score. What they do know is that there is more to their assignment than meets the eye—and that the hunters are about to become the hunted.

Bone Bed by Patricia Daniels Cornwell

In Alberta, Canada, an eminent paleontologist has vanished while digging a dinosaur bone bed in the remote wilderness. Somehow, the only evidence has made its way to the inbox of Chief Medical Examiner Kay Scarpetta, over two thousand miles away in Boston. She has no idea why.

But as events unfold with alarming speed, Scarpetta begins to suspect that the paleontologist's disappearance is connected to a series of crimes much closer to home: a gruesome murder, inexplicable tortures, and trace evidence from the last living creatures of the dinosaur age.

Inn at Rose Harbor by Debbie Macomber

Situated in the Pacific Northwest, the town of Cedar Cove is home to people who share the ups and downs of their lives. At the center of this story is a bustling bed and breakfast called the Inn at Rose Harbor. Jo Marie Rose first arrives in Cedar Cove seeking a sense of peace and a fresh start. Coping with the death of her husband, she purchases the local bed-and-breakfast ready to begin her life anew. Yet the inn holds more surprises than Jo Marie can imagine.

To Love and to Cherish by Tracie Peterson (with Judith Miller)

When Melinda Colson's employer announces they'll be leaving Bridal Veil Island to return to their home in Cleveland, Melinda hopes her beau, Evan, will propose. But Evan isn't prepared to make an offer of marriage until he knows he can support a wife and family. Evan works as the assistant gamekeeper on Bridal Veil but hopes to be promoted soon. While they exchange letters, Melinda remains frustrated at being apart from him. So, when she learns of a devastating hurricane hitting Bridal Veil, she returns to help and be closer to Evan—with disappointing results. Will Melinda and Evan ever get the chance to stand at the front of a church and promise "to love and cherish"?

Sleep No More by Iris Johansen

Forensic sculptor Eve Duncan can't shake the feeling there's someone close to her who needs her help. This turns out to be her mother, Sandra, who asks for help in finding a missing friend named Beth Avery. Eve learns Beth has been locked away in a mental hospital for years, which makes it even harder to understand how she could have disappeared. As Sandra reluctantly reveals small pieces of the truth about Beth's identity, Eve is shocked to discover that their lives are strangely entwined, and Beth's disappearance now puts them all in grave danger.

Redoubt by Mercedes Lackey

This is the fourth book in the best-selling *Heralds Of Valdemar* series. Mags, a young Herald trainee in Haven, the capital city of the kingdom of Valdemar, has talents not commonly found in Herald trainees. Recognizing this, the King's Own Herald decides to train Mags as a spy in order to uncover the secrets of a mysterious new enemy who has taken an interest in Mags himself. Why is the even deeper mystery. The answers can only be found in the most unexpected corners of Mags' past...assuming he can live long enough to find them.

LIBRARY HOURS AND INFORMATION

HOURS: Monday, 8am-5:30pm

Tues. & Wed., 8am-5:00pm

CLOSED THURSDAY

Friday, 8am-4:30pm

Saturday, 8am-Noon

Upcoming Events

Annual Meeting January 22, 2012

Friends Meetings

Second Tuesday of Every

Month at 4:30pm*

*Ask Librarian to confirm meeting date before attending

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