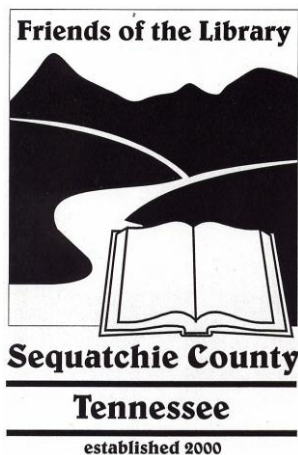


# SEQUATCHIE COUNTY LIBRARY LIGHTS

Winter 2013



*A great  
community  
deserves a great  
library.*

## More Than A Book Sale, March 13-16!

*Bring your donated  
materials to the library now!*

### The Friends Most Reliable Fund Raisers

The next book sale will begin on March 13, as always, with a “sneak preview” day just for Sequatchie County Friends of the Library members. This “perk” gives its membership access to the widest variety of materials available before the sale opens to the general public on the 14th. Anyone who has shopped the book sale before already knows the offerings are extremely diverse, including music, games, puzzles, movies, and sometimes surprises difficult to categorize. The sale is well-organized, so it’s easy to find what you like and the offerings are very inexpensive, a service to those who have less than others to spend.

The book sale is so important. The money raised has allowed the Friends to purchase many items making the library a more pleasant and efficient place for all:

- A new scanner, DVD’s and NOOK (e-reader) for the library
- Microsoft Office program for the FOTL computer
- Plastic mats for under office chairs
- New chairs for Betty and Donna
- Book carts
- Paid to paint downstairs bathroom
- Paid for cleaning library carpets
- Bought computer, printer, wireless card and flip pad mobile scanner for genealogy
- Business cards to advertise the book sale dates

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Aside from making purchases to improve the library, the Friends participate in many activities throughout the year. Last year's activities include:

- The Annual Meeting with Guest Speaker Harold Bibb
- Book Sales in March and October
- Art Show featuring local artists
- Booth at Valley Fest
- Betty Worley's 50th Anniversary Luncheon with Guest Speaker, author Susan Gilmore
- Flag Retirement Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Wall with the Boy Scouts
- Helping with Summer Reading & Story Hour
- FOTL Newsletters
- Collecting and donating old cell phones for overseas military personnel
- Collecting and donating old eyeglasses for the RAM program
- Participating in "Give Kids a Chance" program
- Removing wallpaper from downstairs bathroom
- Sponsoring the Imagination Library Program
- Sponsoring Imagination Library Week celebration with performance by "The Groove Kids"

Belonging to the Friends is very inexpensive. An individual membership is only \$5 and a family membership only \$10. As a volunteer, you may do as much as you like or just enjoy the book sale sneak previews. If you decide to join, simply request a form at the library.

## **It takes a village to mount a book sale. Well, nearly....**

Since the book sale dates are fast approaching, March 14th, 15th and 16<sup>th</sup>, the Friends not only ask you to mark your calendars, and bring your donations, but also to consider joining the book sale committee or volunteering to work individual book sales.

With the book sales being the Friends biggest fundraisers and with them requiring many people to make them successful, we are grateful more people chose to volunteer for book sales than for any other Friends activity. The explanation is probably not only because it is for a good cause but because people enjoy the camaraderie, whether just a couple sorting books in the Friends office or fifteen or more setting up or taking down the sales. The work goes on year round. Before the sales we sort books into categories, box them and transport the boxes to the storage unit. (Charlotte Narrimore of Dunlap Self-Storage generously donates a



unit for our use)

On the Monday before each sale, the books are transported from the storage unit to the City Training Center. Usually 20 volunteers or so set up tables, then unpack and set up the books, working through Wednesday so, when the sale opens, the setup looks neat and customers can find what they want easily. Fifteen people per day work in 2 hour shifts during the sale to help with collecting money, answering questions, assisting customers and keeping the books neat and orderly.

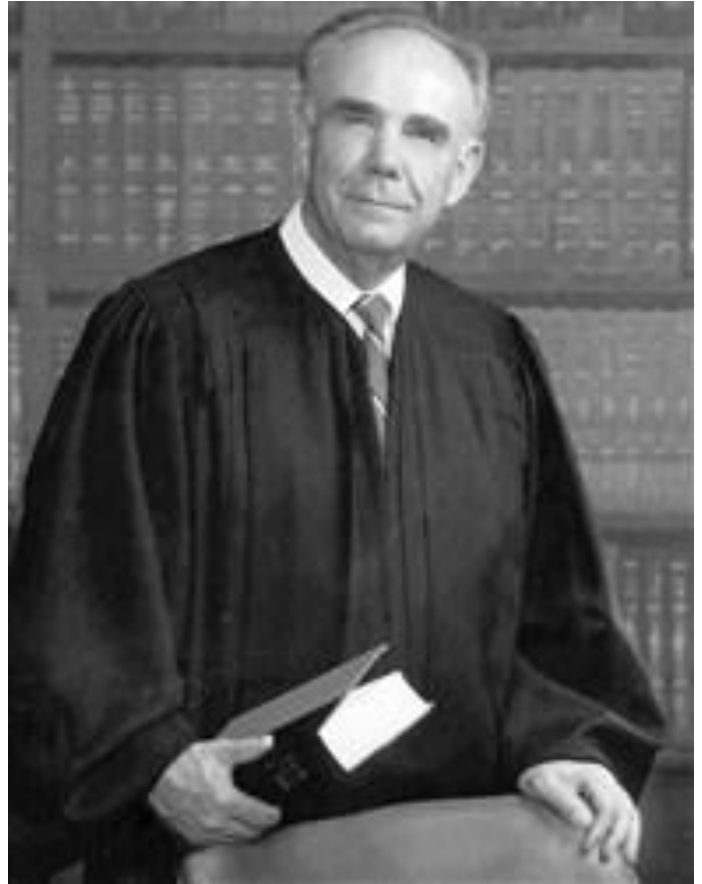
Before, during, and after the sales, we purge books too old or battered to resell. Before boxing and storing the remainder for the next sale, books and magazines are donated to the VA Hospital in Murfreesboro and the library at the local jail. Scott and Ernestine Pilkington graciously deliver the books and magazines to the VA Hospital.

During our fall book sale we include a Silent Auction, a great way to get in some Christmas shopping. Many local merchants and Friends members donate items that make our baskets wonderful gifts. We make available business cards and brochures from the businesses which support us and encourage you to support them.

As you can see, organizing the book sales is time consuming. The Friends are always looking for new volunteers to help with sorting books, setting up or working the sales. Anyone with a pickup, who does not mind lifting and would like to volunteer to help transport books occasionally, is encouraged to leave a name and phone number at the library or call Lucy at 949-7753. She will contact you when we have boxes ready for transfer to the storage unit. Please think about volunteering for any book sale task.

# The Genealogy Room To Become The Thomas A. Greer, Jr. Room.

On Thursday, November 29, 2012, the library lost an avid supporter when Judge Thomas A. Greer, Jr., passed away. Judge Greer accomplished much in his long and worthy life, but nothing so important to the library as his role in establishing its existence in 1959. Judge Greer learned of a federal grant which would permit the county to fund a library, but which required a funding match from the county. He led the campaign to persuade local officials to fund the match and helped the county apply for the grant. Judge Greer was a lifelong reader and learner and clearly wished to share his love of books with others. On January 22, 2013, the library's board of trustees voted to honor his efforts on the library's behalf by naming the genealogy room after him. The library staff and the board also wish readers to know how much the monetary donations made in his honor will assist in making improvements to the library and its collection and to thank, once again, those who made donations.



## Love Your Library & Win A Prize!

Library Lovers' Month is a month-long celebration of school, public, and private libraries of all types, a time for everyone, especially library support groups, to recognize the value of libraries and to work to assure the nation's libraries will continue to serve us all.

This newsletter always encourages patrons to visit the library in February and thank the library staff for their service. This year, however, to celebrate Library Lovers' Month, we offer an incentive for your visit. During February, the Friends will sponsor a month-long adult reading program with prizes. Adult readers can deposit slips with their names and phone numbers and a list of the books they have read into a box at the circulation desk during their library visits. Each week one name will be drawn for a special prize, which will be announced in advance at the desk. Good luck and start reading for fun and "profit."

## **This Year's Annual Meeting** *We went to outer space.*

On January 22, 2013, Art Coulson, retired from his position with a NASA contractor, graciously agreed to share his experiences at the Kennedy Space Flight Center and a video presentation with the Sequatchie County Friends of the Library. Art showed us some dramatic photographs made through the Hubble Telescope and a video of the NASA crawler-transporter (crawler) as it carried the space shuttle to the launch pad.

The crawler in the video is one of a pair of tracked vehicles used to transport spacecraft from NASA's Vehicle Assembly Building along the Crawlerway to the Launch pad. Originally used to transport the Saturn IB and Saturn V rockets during the Apollo, Skylab and Apollo-Soyuz programs, they were later used to transport Space Shuttles from 1981 to 2011.

The two crawler-transporters were designed and built by Marion Power Shovel (later Bucyrus International) using components designed and built by Rockwell International at a cost of \$14 million each. Once the largest self-powered land vehicles in the world, they were later eclipsed by the German Bagger 288 excavator.

The Hubble photographs were unexpectedly beautiful with vivid coloring, although the Hubble does not use color film. It does not use film at all. Its cameras record light from the universe with special electronic detectors. These detectors produce images of the cosmos not in color, but in shades of black and white. The finished color images are actually combinations of two or more black-and-white exposures to which color has been added during image processing.



## **The annual meeting format this year was much more user friendly.**

To accomplish the necessary business, yet make the meeting more enjoyable, it featured a completely different format. Members and visitor took their refreshments to the tables before the business meeting and the speaker began, and the meeting was very short, with necessary information being handed out to members to read before voting.

At the business meeting Lucy Szelengiewicz, President, opened the meeting and welcomed members and guests. The budget was presented by Pat Treadwell, Treasurer. Jane Indyk presented board member nominations, and Nina Hunt presented bylaw changes. Five Friends members were elected to the board or had terms renewed: Lorna Earnest; Linda Howard; Wilda Moss; Ava Navin; and Pat Treadwell. After the vote on the new board members, the board met to elect 2013 officers: Lucy Szelengiewicz, President; Linda Johnson, 1<sup>st</sup> VP; Karen Fletcher, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP; Norma Lizotte, Secretary; and Pat Treadwell, Treasurer.



## A Little Known Battle: Libraries vs. Ebook Publishers



“Worried that people will click to borrow an e-book from a library rather than click to buy it, almost all major publishers in the United States now block libraries’ access to the e-book form of either all of their titles or their most recently published ones.” Randall Stross, *New York Times Business Day*, December 24, 2011.

Obviously librarians could not long tolerate this situation. On September 24, 2012, American Library Association (ALA) President Maureen Sullivan released an open letter denouncing the refusal by several large trade publishers which sell ebooks to provide access to their ebooks in U.S. libraries. She said: “It’s a rare thing in a free market when a customer is refused the ability to buy a company’s product and is told its money is ‘no good here.’ Surprisingly, after centuries of enthusiastically supporting publishers’ products, libraries find themselves in just that position with purchasing ebooks from three of the largest publishers in the world. Simon & Schuster, Macmillan, and Penguin have been denying access to their ebooks for our nation’s 112,000 libraries and roughly 169 million public library users. Let’s be clear on what this means: If our libraries’ digital bookshelves mirrored the *New York Times* fiction bestseller list, we would be missing half of our collection any given week due to these publishers’ policies.”

### Is Peace Around the Corner?



On Thursday, January 24, 2013, on the eve of the American Library Association’s Midwinter Meeting in Seattle, Macmillan Publishers announced that it will enter the library e-book lending market (with a pilot program) by March 2013.

“The pilot is limited to 1,200 older titles from the Minotaur Books mystery and crime fiction imprint (part of Macmillan’s St. Martins division). Libraries will be able to lend out the ebooks for two years or 52 times, whichever comes first, before having to buy a new copy. According to *Library Journal*, each ebook will cost \$25. The ebooks will be available through three different digital library distributors at launch: OverDrive, 3M Cloud Library and Baker & Taylor’s Axis 360.” <http://paidcontent.org/2013/01/24/macmillan-to-launch-two-year-ebook-library-lending-pilot/>

On January 25, 2013, the ALA released “The Business Model Scorecard,” to help libraries identify essential ebook licensing terms. The report examines specific variables often seen in library ebook license contracts and can be used by librarians to weigh ebook contract variables most important to their library. To view the press release and read the scorecard, visit: <http://www.ala.org/news/pr?id=12252>

Those of you who love digital books stay tuned while our librarians fight these battles for us.

**Suddenly, it is finally cold, and a comforter and a good book is a great combination.** *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..*



### **Fox Tracks by Rita Mae Brown**

Readers who love “Sister” Jane Arnold will enjoy this thrilling new mystery in the beloved foxhunting series. A string of bizarre murders sweeps the East Coast committed by a devious killer who may be closer than Sister and her cohorts first think. A fierce snowstorm rages on Manhattan’s Midtown streets, but inside the elegant ballroom of Manhattan’s Pierre Hotel. Hunt clubs from all over North America have gathered for their annual gala, and nobody is in higher spirits than “Sister” Jane, Master of the Jefferson Hunt in Virginia’s Blue Ridge Mountains. Braving the foul weather, Sister and her young friend “Tootie” Harris pop out to purchase cigars for the celebration at a nearby tobacco shop, finding themselves regaled by the colorful stories of its eccentric proprietor, Adolfo Galdos, later found shot in the head. When a similar murder occurs in Boston, Sister’s “horse sense” tells her there’s a nefarious plot afoot—one that seems to originate in the South’s aromatic tobacco farms.

### **Mrs. Lincoln’s Dressmaker by Jennifer Chiaverini**

A friendship blossomed between Mary Todd Lincoln and her seamstress, Elizabeth “Lizzie” Keckley, a former slave who gained her professional reputation in Washington, D.C. by outfitting the city’s elite. Keckley made history by sewing for First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln within the White House, and she became a trusted witness to many private moments between the President and his wife, two of the most compelling figures in American history. Keckley supported Mary Todd Lincoln through the loss of first her son, and then her husband to the assassination that stunned the nation and the world. Keckley saved scraps from the dozens of gowns she made for Mrs. Lincoln, eventually piecing together a tribute known as the Mary Todd Lincoln Quilt. She also saved memories, which she fashioned into a book, "Behind the Scenes: Thirty Years a Slave and Four Years in the White House." Upon its publication, Keckley’s memoir created a scandal that compelled Mary Todd Lincoln to sever all ties with her, but in the decades since, Keckley’s story has languished in the archives.

### **The Husband List by Janet Evanovich**

It is 1894 and in New York City Caroline Maxwell would like nothing more than to join her brother, Eddie, and his friend, Jack Culhane, on their adventures. While Jack and Eddie are off seeing the world, buying up businesses and building wildly successful careers, Caroline's stuck at home frightening off the men her mother hopes will ask for her hand in marriage. When her mother sets her sights on the questionable Lord Bremerton as a possible suitor, Caroline struggles with her instincts and the true nature of her heart. She longs for adventure, passion, love, and most of all . . . Jack Culhane, an unconventional Irish-American bachelor with new money and no title, a completely unacceptable suitor in the eyes of Caroline's mother. But Caroline's dark hair, brilliant eyes and quick wit have Jack understanding just why it is people fall in love and get married.

### **Scoundrels by Timothy Zahn**

Han Solo should be basking in his moment of glory. After all, the cocky smuggler and captain of the Millennium Falcon just played a key role in the daring raid that destroyed the Death Star and landed the first serious blow to the Empire in its war against the Rebel Alliance. But after losing the reward his heroics earned him, Han’s got nothing

to celebrate, especially since he's deep in debt to the ruthless crime lord Jabba the Hutt. There's a bounty on Han's head—and if he can't cough up the credits, he'll surely pay with his hide. The only thing that can save him is a king's ransom. Or maybe a gangster's fortune? That's what a mysterious stranger is offering in exchange for Han's less-than-legal help with a riskier-than-usual caper. The payoff will be more than enough for Han to settle up with Jabba—and ensure he never has to haggle with the Hutts again.

### **Empire and Honor by W.E.B. Griffin**

In book seven of the Honor Bound series it is October 1945. The Germans and Japanese have surrendered. For Cletus Frade and his colleagues in the OSS, it should be time to pack up, but they have far more important things to do. In the closing months of the war, the United States made a secret deal with the head of German intelligence's Soviet section. In exchange for a treasure trove of intelligence, including the identity of the Soviet spies in the American atomic bomb program, his people would be spirited to safety. If word got out, all hell would break loose, and the United States would lose some of its best sources, not to mention its most valuable secrets. It is up to Frade and company to keep them all safe. But some people have other ideas.

### **Political Suicide by Michael Palmer**

Dr. Gary McHugh, known around Washington, D.C. as the "society doc," calls his longtime friend Dr. Lou Welcome in a state of panic, certain he is about to be arrested for murder. McHugh was found in an alcoholic blackout in his wrecked car after visiting a patient of his, the powerful Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, Elias Colston. Soon after McHugh leaves, Colston's wife returns home to find her husband shot to death in their garage. McHugh has no recollection of committing the crime and no one who would possibly believe in his innocence, other than Lou. As more facts come to light, even Lou has serious doubts. But something about McHugh's story nags at him and as he looks into matters, pieces of the puzzle don't point to his friend's guilt so definitively. With the help of Sarah Cooper, an ambitious attorney with her own reasons for hating doctors, Lou finds himself at the center of a deadly, high-level conspiracy.

### **Blood Money by James Grippando**

Miami criminal defense attorney Jack Swytek agrees to defend Sydney Bennett, a sexy nightclub waitress and good-time girl accused of murdering her two-year-old daughter for cramping her party life knowing this will be the toughest and most controversial case of his career. When the shocking verdict of not guilty is announced, citizens across the country are outraged, and Jack is bombarded by the fallout: angry, profanity-laced phone calls and even outright threats. Media-fed rumors of "blood money"—purported seven-figure book and movie deals—ratchet up the hysteria, putting Jack's client and everyone around her at risk. On the night of Sydney's release, an angry mob outside the jail has gathered to serve its own justice. In the frenzy, an innocent young woman bearing a striking resemblance to the reviled Sydney Bennett ends up in a coma. Refusing to believe the attack was the tragic result of random mob violence, the victim's parents reach out to him, requesting his help.

### **Private Berlin by James Patterson**

Chris Schneider is a superstar agent at Private Berlin, Germany headquarters for the world's most powerful investigation firm. When he suddenly disappears, he becomes Private Berlin's most dangerous investigation yet. Mattie Engel, another top Private Berlin agent and Chris's ex throws herself headfirst into finding him. She's following leads to the three people Chris was investigating when he vanished: a billionaire suspected of cheating on his wife, a soccer star accused of throwing games, and a nightclub owner with ties to the Russian mob. Any one of them would surely want Chris gone—and one of them is evil enough to want him dead.

## 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

Master Gardener Presentation (TBA)

Friends Meetings

Second Tuesday of Every

Month at 4:30pm\*

\*Ask Librarian to confirm meeting date before attending

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