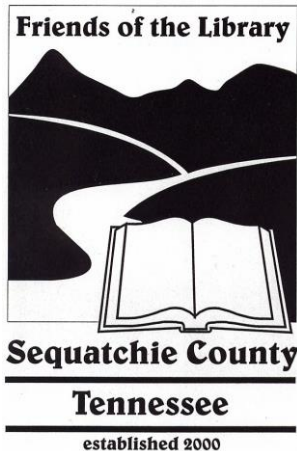


SEQUATCHIE COUNTY LIBRARY LIGHTS

Winter 2015



*A great
community
deserves a great
library.*

A house divided more painfully than most knew.

Author Gregory Wade's evocative review of the divisiveness produced by secession and the ensuing Civil War captivated his listeners at this year's annual meeting.

On June 16, 1858, candidate Abraham Lincoln introduced his speech seeking a seat in the United States Senate with a phrase which provoked criticism from supporters and opponents alike, "a house divided against itself cannot stand." When challenged before the speech about his proposed use of this biblical reference, Lincoln replied, "The proposition is indisputably true ... and I will deliver it as written. I want to use some universally known figure, expressed in simple language as universally known, that it may strike home to the minds of men in order to rouse them to the peril of the times."

Author Gregory Wade brought home just how perilous the times were, for those who lived in our beautiful valley particularly. He reminded us, while many suffered throughout the country, almost all the battles were fought in the southern states, and Tennessee experienced more than its share of the devastation from years of warring armies battling for territory and supremacy.

He underscored the tension existing even before the Civil War and began by reviewing the Tennessee secession vote. As the nation was divided, so was Tennessee. West Tennesseans overwhelmingly voted for secession, while in East Tennessee most residents voted against secession. One notable exception was Sequatchie County, whose voters chose secession. Wade told us these differences prepared the way for vicious neighbor-against-neighbor guerrilla conflict when the Civil War commenced.

Although when most think about the Civil War, the epic battles come to mind, Bull Run, Shiloh, Antietam, and Gettysburg, for

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example, Wade spoke of the suffering and cruelty produced by guerrillas, unofficial and often uncontrollable combatants for one side or the other. The guerrilla leaders and their men had tenuous ties to the regular Confederate and Union armies. Not only did they operate outside recognized rules of warfare, their actions were often barbaric and directed against civilians, as well as soldiers. Wade explained how these guerrillas operated, using a man named Champ Ferguson as one example. Many died at his hands, some arguably acts of combat, others undisputedly cold blooded murder.

Misery in Tennessee and in the Sequatchie Valley arose from the indirect consequences of war, as well, hungry men and animals. Foraging was essential for soldiers cut off from supplies, as soldiers on both sides often were. The soldiers from both sides often took what they needed and wanted from the local populace.

Wade spoke briefly about the Civil War event most close to us geographically, Wheeler's Raid, describing it as the most successful property raid by Confederates during the entire Civil War.

A first-time author, Wade is a native of Franklin, Tennessee. Wade is an avid historian of the Civil War and an enthusiastic re-enactor of the period. He chose to write his historical novel, *Broken Valley*, centered on Sequatchie County during the Civil War due to his family roots in that area. "The people of that area were divided and fought for both sides. I have ancestors myself who fought for both sides." The book details the struggles of a fictional family - the Barkers - as they try to navigate the treacherous waters of feuds, warfare, and banditry that defined life in eastern Tennessee during 1863 and 1864. "My book accurately describes what the regular people had to go through, raising kids and getting a crop out of the ground."

Sharon Follett, Linda Johnson, and Pamela Ryle entertained us with songs from the Civil War: Dixie; When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again; the Battle Cry of Freedom (ironically, popular with both sides, each choosing different lyrics); and the Battle Hymn of the Republic. Before the singing began, Linda told us something interesting about each song. For more than 150 years the Battle Hymn of the Republic has been identified with the Union cause. We learned the song's origin. In 1861, Julia Ward Howe, the daughter of a



Author Wade makes a presentation to librarian Betty Worley before he speaks.



Sharon Follett, Pamela Ryle, and Linda Johnson sing period songs.



The audience applauds the reading achievements of Jada Land, Kelsey Jones, Libby Hendricks, and Jackson Boston, while Librarian Betty Worley looks on.



wealthy New York City banker, was inspired to pen new lyrics to the then familiar tune of John Brown's Body.

Valerie Segura and Linda Howard did an excellent job of arranging the annual meeting with great efficiency and style. Despite the winter weather, we had an excellent turnout.

President Linda Johnson presided over the brief business meeting which preceded the presentation, and she and Librarian Betty Worley recognized the summer reading achievements of four of the participating children: Jackson Boston; Libby Hendricks; Kelsey Jones; and Jada Land. The 2014 summer reading program was very successful; the children who participated read a total of 4,851 books.

The budget was presented by Pat Treadwell, Treasurer. Jane Indyk presented board member nominations: Bert

Esslinger; Norma Lizotte; Belinda Miner; Valerie Segura; and Suzanne Spicer. After the vote on the new board members, the board met to elect 2015 officers: Linda Johnson, President; Terry Earnest, 1st Vice President; Belinda Miner, 2nd Vice President; Valerie Segura, Secretary; and Pat Treadwell, Treasurer. Board members had also voted to have Cindy Price replace Karen Fletcher on the board in an earlier session. Our partners who also support the library and the Friends were recognized: Mountain Valley Bank; Crisis Response Center; and Dunlap Self-Storage.

The back of the meeting agenda listed the 2014 achievements of the Friends, which not only fund important library programs, improvements, and services, but also provide events, like speakers, to the community. The Friends also continue to fund the Imagination Library, providing books free of charge to children aged birth to five years.

Think Libraries Aren't Changing with the Times. Think Again.

Geoffrey A. Fowler, writing in the August online edition of the Wall Street Journal,

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/why-the-public-library-beats-amazon-for-now-1407863714>

has nothing but praise for the forward thinking public librarians of this country. "A growing stack of companies would like you to pay a monthly fee to read e-books, just like you subscribe to Netflix to binge on movies and TV shows. Don't bother. Go sign up for a public library card instead."

Patrons of the Sequatchie County Public Library enjoy a veritable bonanza of electronic resources in the Tennessee READS (Regional Ebook and Audio Download System). A screenshot of the current READS welcome screen says it all, not only are ebooks and audio books available, but also streaming video.

Fowler goes on to compare favorably popular book availability on public library download systems to availability from tech giants like Amazon. "Though you still have to deal with due dates, hold lists and occasionally clumsy software, libraries, at least for now, have one killer feature that the others don't: e-books you actually want to read." He explains why public library systems "have a leg up." "Amazon is locked in a hate-hate relationship with many publishers, so none of the five largest will sell their whole collection to Amazon for its subscription service. (Amazon bought a few big titles like the Harry Potter and Hunger Games series, has 500 books already in the public domain, and pads out the rest with back-catalog and self-published books to reach the 600,000 tally it touts.) And so far only two of the big publishers will sell even part of their collections to startups Oyster and Scribd. Over at the library, the situation is different. All of the big five publishers sell their e-book collections for loans, usually on the same day they're available for consumers to purchase."

Visit www.sequatchiecountylibrary.org, click on the home page's link to READS and follow instructions there to start enjoying accessibility to many popular titles.

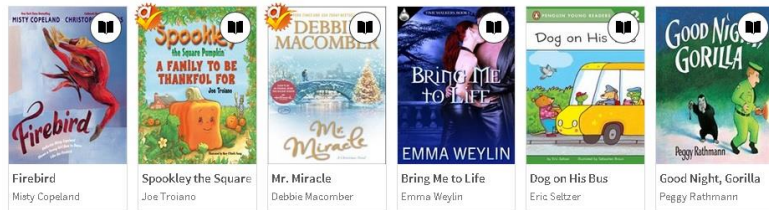
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New eBooks



The Fall Book Sale Raised \$3000! The Spring Sale is coming March 5.

The generosity of those who donated items for the silent auction was unprecedented. The number of baskets and other items and the quality of the items provided was practically overwhelming to visitors at the sale.

The Spring book sale is scheduled to begin March 5. Please bring your donated items to the library now. The silent auction is held only during the Fall sale, so no need for basket donations now. We will soon be asking for volunteers for setup, work during the sale, and take down.

Visit from Tennessee's First Lady, Crissy Haslam

On September 24, 2014, Crissy Haslam, Tennessee's First Lady, Theresa Carl, President of the Governor's Books from Birth Program, and the Imagination Library bus visited Dunlap and its children. Children enjoyed activities in and around the bus, and some received backpacks with school supplies. Suzanne Spicer, the Imagination Library Committee Chair, for the Friends, helped the First Lady and Ms. Carl recognize some of the many Friends who volunteer to help sustain the Imagination Library, among them: Reba Childress; Linda Johnson (Friends President); Pam Ryle; Valerie Segura; and Pat Treadwell.

For any unfamiliar with this program, it provides monthly mailings of books at no charge to local children from birth to five years of age. Over 800 local children have reached age five and have graduated from the program and over 400 are currently served. Donations are always appreciated.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services Releases Public Library Survey

On January 26, 2015, the Institute of Museum and Library Services ("IMLS") released its latest, FY 2012, analysis of the most comprehensive annual data collection of United States public library statistics. The link to the report may be found at http://www.ims.gov/research/public_libraries_in_the_us_fy_2012_report.aspx, and the Tennessee information may be found at http://www.ims.gov/assets/1/AssetManager/PLS_FY2010_SP_Tennessee.pdf.



Ninety-seven percent of public libraries in the 50 states and the District of Columbia contribute data for the survey. The cooperation is not surprising since IMLS is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 35,000 museums.

The analysis found a continuing high demand for the resources and services of the nation's approximately 9,000 public libraries. "The public library is adapting to the changing needs of the American people," said Maura Marx, Acting IMLS Director. "The report describes shifts in funding, as well as changes in the services and programs of public libraries that reflect changes in public demand." She continued, "We found positive links between investments—particularly in staffing and collections—and public library usage. When a library has more full-time staff members, it is visited more often. When it spends more on electronic materials, it increases its per capita circulation. So, we clearly see a strong connection between investment and usage."

In Tennessee 555 full time equivalent librarians serve a population of 6,270,431. Rural libraries account for almost 39% of the state's public library outlets. Visitation and circulation amount to about 4 per capita, about half the national average, with about the same proportion for expenditures and operating revenue. However, public use of the Internet in Tennessee is about 0.96 per capita, versus 1.24 nationally, or about 77% of the national average.



Friends members enjoying an outing to Chattanooga. From left to right: Valerie Segura; Betty Worley (Librarian); Linda Johnson (President); Norma Lizotte; Terry Earnest; Linda Howard; and Belinda Miner. Jane Indyk was the photographer, so she is not pictured.

Sequatchie County Friends Celebrate National Friends Week With A Double Header

On October 23, 2014 the Sequatchie County Friends of the Library celebrated National Friends of the Libraries Week with two different events. Eight members began the celebration by driving to Chattanooga to tour the Downtown Branch of the Chattanooga Public Library. Andria Davis, Community Relations Coordinator, led an informative and entertaining tour of the various sections of the Library: References & General Circulation; Coffee Shop & Checkout; Children's & Young Adults; History & Genealogy; and Technology & Applied Arts. Davis and other staff members explained the various services and resources the Library offers - the highlight being a demonstration of a 3-D printer. Everyone agreed that the Chattanooga Public Library is a pathfinder in terms of making 21st Century technology available to its patrons. After the tour was over, the Friends group headed a few blocks south to the Main Street art district, one of Chattanooga's many areas focusing on art and entertainment. They toured two different art galleries: the Hart Gallery, which shows art by local homeless and non-traditional artists, and the Area 61 Gallery, which hosts an eclectic collection of works inspired by local craftsmen and surrounding area artists. Both tours were exceptionally interesting, but left the members hungry for some local fare. They had a wonderful lunch at the nearby Bluegrass Grill.

Several of the menu items were so unique and colorful that many members took pictures of their main courses before eating them with gusto. The tour ended with a few group pictures and selfies. The tour left everyone with a new appreciation for downtown Chattanooga.

Rounding out the celebration, later that day Terry Earnest, Friends board member and first Vice President, presented the third in a series of 'Civil War 150' presentations for Dunlap, Tennessee residents. All three presentations focused on events that occurred in or near Tennessee one hundred and fifty years ago. The most recent presentation focused on the Confederate invasion of Tennessee in the fall of 1864 to liberate Tennessee from Union control. Audience members were treated to an enthusiastic description of the battles fought for control of Tennessee, ending in the defeat of the Confederate General John Bell Hood and the Confederate Army of Tennessee in the Battle of Nashville in mid-December 1864. The victors were led by General George Thomas, known as the Rock of Chickamauga due to his heroics at the battle of that name. At the end of the presentation, Terry answered several questions, most of them from local high school students striving to learn more about their Southern heritage.

It has been very cold. A comforter and a good book are 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..*



The Empty Throne by Bernard Cornwell

This eighth entry in New York Times bestselling author Bernard Cornwell's epic Saxon Tales series brings to life the harrowing and turbulent tale of a nation torn apart by sectarian and religious strife, a political struggle dominated by dynastic rivalries, and the remarkable strength that elevates some characters above their time.

Rain on the Dead by Jack Higgins

In the past few years, the killing and capture of many Al-Qaeda leaders has left the terrorist organization wounded—but by no means dead. And they intend to prove it. On a dark summer night, two Chechen mercenaries emerge from the waters off Nantucket to kill a high-value target, the former president of the United States, Jake Cazalet. Unfortunately for them, Cazalet has guests with him, including black ops specialist Sean Dillon and his colleague, Afghan war hero Captain Sara Gideon. The Chechens do not survive the night, but Dillon is curious as to how they even got on the island. What he discovers sends a chill through his bones—a name from very far back in Dillon's past. If this man is working with the terrorists now, the assassination attempt is only the beginning—and the next time, the results might be much, much different.

Blood Rubies by Jane Cleland

Ana Yartsin is on the verge of becoming a celebrity chef. Her custom Fabergé egg-shaped cakes have brought her national attention, as has the story behind the cakes: Her family owns the spectacular Fabergé Spring Egg snow globe, a magnificent example of the master craftsman's work that includes five ruby-red tulips. As she prepares to be filmed for a reality TV show about the launch of her bakery in Rocky Point, New Hampshire, Ana hires antiques expert Josie Prescott to appraise the precious egg and snow globe. The show's pilot will show Ana planning the desserts for the upcoming wedding of her friend Heather to investment guru, Jason. When Josie arrives at Ana's home, however, she finds Jason murdered and the priceless snow globe smashed beyond repair. All that remains for Josie to examine are bits and pieces—which to her shock reveal that the Spring Egg was a fake.

White Plague by James Abel

In the remote, frozen waters of the Arctic Ocean, the high-powered and technically advanced submarine U.S.S. Montana is in peril. Adrift and in flames, the boat—and the entire crew—could be lost. The only team close enough to get to them in time is led by Marine doctor and bio-terror expert Joe Rush. With only thirty-six hours before the surviving crew perish, Joe and his team must race to rescue the Montana and ensure that the boat doesn't fall into enemy hands. Because a fast-approaching foreign submarine is already en route, and tensions may explode. But that's the least of their troubles. For the surviving sailors are not alone on the sub. Something is trapped with them. Something deadly lethal. Something that plagued mankind long ago, when it devastated the entire world. And the crew of the Montana has unknowingly set it free. Now, Joe and his team must not only find a way to save the Montana and her crew, but stop a lethal horror of apocalyptic consequence from being unleashed on all humanity.

The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

In the quiet village of Carriveau, Vianne Mauriac says goodbye to her husband, Antoine, as he heads for the Front. She doesn't believe that the Nazis will invade France...but invade they do, in droves of marching soldiers, in caravans of trucks and tanks, in planes that fill the skies and drop bombs upon the innocent. When a German captain requisitions Vianne's home, she and her daughter must live with the enemy or lose everything. Without food or money or hope, as danger escalates all around them, she is forced to make one impossible choice after another to keep her family alive.

Vianne's sister, Isabelle, is a rebellious eighteen-year-old girl, searching for purpose with all the reckless passion of youth. While thousands of Parisians march into the unknown terrors of war, she meets G etan, a partisan who believes the French can fight the Nazis from within France, and she falls in love as only the young can...completely. But when he betrays her, Isabelle joins the Resistance and never looks back, risking her life time and again to save others.

When the Dead Awaken by Steffen Jacobsen

A crane cable breaks while loading a ship in Naples, sending a container crashing to the ground and disgorging its grisly contents: the corpses of illegal workers destined for a discreet burial at sea as well as the remains of two Italian citizens from the witness protection program. Assigned to the case is Sabrina D'Avalos, a district attorney whose father--a prominent police officer known for his zealous pursuit of organized crime--was murdered by the mafia. Young and gifted, she is driven to see her father's killers brought to justice. As she investigates the case, D'Avalos uncovers an unusual link among the dead workers, the bodies of the civilians, and her father's death: the fashion industry. As she begins to tease out a connection between all these deaths and the Camorra-run "fauxture" business, she herself becomes a target of a mafia assassin.

Scorched Eggs by Laura Childs

As Suzanne is getting her hair colored at Root 66, she's stunned to witness the County Services office next door suddenly go up in flames. Concerned neighbors throng the streets, and the fire department does their best. Unfortunately, their best isn't enough to save longtime civil service worker—and friend to the Cackleberry Club—Hannah Venable. Soon enough, it's discovered that an accelerant was used to fan the flames. Someone set the fire on purpose—was Hannah the intended victim? Suzanne, Petra, and Toni vow to smoke out the culprit.

LIBRARY HOURS AND INFORMATION

HOURS: Monday, 8am-5:30pm

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

CLOSED THURSDAY

Friday, 8am-4:30pm

Saturday, 8am-Noon

Betty Worley,
Library Director
Donna Moore,
Assistant Director

Upcoming Events

Friends Meetings

Second Tuesday of Every

Month at 4:30pm*

Spring Book Sale Setup Begins March 2

*Ask Librarian to confirm meeting date before attending

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