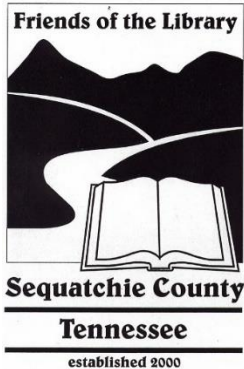


SEQUATCHIE COUNTY LIBRARY LIGHTS

Summer 2016

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*A great
community
deserves a great
library.*

A Celebration of Valley Life

At the 2016 Art & the Library Exhibition, visitors chose Steve Pickett's *New Girl Friend* as the *People's Choice*. The art exhibited this spring was so arresting most of the visitors spent over an hour viewing all the pieces before voting on their favorites.

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Steve Pickett, working hard to finish the piece before the reception.

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On April 28, the exhibition opened with a well-attended reception. Jane Indyk, in the forefront of the photo at the right, did a great job hanging the show. Valerie Segura and Belinda Miner, at the far right, served as charming mistresses of ceremony.



All kinds of art were on view at the exhibition, from a tiny, whimsical hummingbird tasting the nectar from a flower to works of all kind, many celebrating the beauty of the Sequatchie Valley.



On the left Linda Green Johnson, a regular exhibitor, and a local educator, recently retired, shows a watercolor which represents a blend of her hobbies. During her weekly hikes with friends Linda enjoys taking photos of nature. When she looked through some of her photographs, one of rain drops lying on a fall leaf caught her eye. Linda enlarged the photo and painted her exhibited water color. On the right is a painting shown by local artist Roxana Wall. She enjoys painting landscapes depicting pieces of Americana, which she sees as rapidly disappearing. This year she painted a vintage barn which offers a view of historic Chapel Hill United Methodist Church through its disintegrating walls.

Nina Hunt, the Art Committee Chair, reported “more than 500 people visited the exhibition which featured the work of 46 artists.” On Thursday, April 28, the exhibition opened with a reception. Belinda Miner and Valerie Segura interviewed the artists attending to provide them an opportunity to speak about their art, so the other guests could learn a little more about how the works came into being. The exhibition closed Sunday, May 1, as Valley Fest closed. Volunteers who greeted visitors during the exhibition were struck by how interested those viewing the work seemed to be, and the exhibition received many compliments from both locals and those attending from elsewhere.

The exhibition this year was a lively mix of artists new to the exhibition and those already favorites of past exhibition visitors. Long-time exhibitor Martha Summa-Chadwick stopped traffic with her beyond colorful quilt made from hand dyed fabrics. James Leopard’s Kokopelli with accompanying hang glider was a big favorite, as was Landon Price’s scrollsaw mill. Many more photographers than usual participated, some showing scenes familiar to valley residents, like photos taken at Fall Creek Falls. John Hargis, one of the photographers, concentrates on photographing landscape images of the places he loves. His first nationally recognized works were scenes of Fall Creek Falls State Park.

Nina says “it takes a lot of work to make an exhibition seem an effortless creation. Many people helped make this one a success: Jamie Barrett; Bill Colvin; Linda Howard; Nina Hunt; Jane Indyk; Linda Green Johnson; Rick Jacob; Lucy and Ed Szelengiewicz; and many others who provided food at the reception or took shifts greeting guests and protecting the art. We are thankful for all those who helped us.”

“Little Free Libraries” will soon be a reality in Sequatchie County.

Proving one person can make important changes, in 2009 one man, Todd Bol of Hudson, Wisconsin, built a model of a one room schoolhouse as a tribute to his mother; a teacher who loved to read. He filled it with books and put it on a post in his front yard. His neighbors and friends loved it. He built several more and gave them away. Each one had a sign that said FREE BOOKS. Rick Brooks of UW-Madison saw Bol's do-it-yourself project while they were discussing potential social enterprises. Together, the two saw opportunities to achieve a variety of goals for the common good. The rest is history. The year 2011 brought national media attention. There were nearly 400 Little Free Libraries across the United States by the end of the year. Read more about this at <http://littlefreelibrary.org/history/>

Jane Indyk chairs the Little Free Library Committee for the Friends of the Library. She is happy to report “generous donors have already funded 10 Little Free Libraries. An anonymous donor has funded two. The Sequatchie County Fair and the Sequatchie County Family & Community Education Council (FCE) funded one each. Individuals also have also provided funds to purchase the “Little Free Libraries:” Linda & Louis Deangelis; Lorna & Terry Earnest; Cricket & Jimmy Garren; Susan & Steve Greer; Rachel Hixson; Vicki Swan; Melinda Tingle; and Pat Treadwell. On June 15, ten arrived unpainted and ready to be decorated. The Sequatchie County Fair has graciously agreed to permit Friends and other volunteers to do the painting at the fairgrounds. Greg Harris, a local roofer, has agreed to roof them. If you want to help paint them or become a steward for one of them, please call Jane Indyk at 423-949-4034. The plan is to have all of them ready for display at the Sequatchie County Fair. Betty Worley has a book at the library about the Little Free Libraries, which shows how diverse and clever the decorations for them are. Anyone is welcome to come take a look at the book.

Not all locations have been decided, but these places have already been selected: a place near the gazebo across from city hall; Harris Park; Griswold Park; and Daus Community Center.” The City of Dunlap will install all of them within city limits, and arrangements are being made for those to be installed outside the city but inside the county.

Before the Friends install the first little free library, stewards must be found for the locations already selected. Stewards will have no problem filling the libraries. After all, hundreds of books are donated to the Friends for the book sales every year, and folks using the libraries are very likely to be generous in leaving books for others. Culling will probably be the steward's heavier responsibility, not, of course, according to the steward's own taste in books, but for appeal and appearance. Most people hate to discard old books, no matter what their shape, but a steward will have to be more discerning and much more firm. A dirty, tattered book must be recycled. A steward's temptation may be to keep the little free library chock full, but this will discourage others from sharing books, which is one of main points of having a little free library in the first place. Finally, the steward will need to refresh his or her collection frequently. If passersby see the same material in the little free library each time they stop to visit, they'll become bored and no longer wish to sample the wares.

If you wish to help with



Spring Book Sale, March 9-12, raised over \$2000.

The two book sales we hold each year are the Friends major fundraiser for the library. Thanks primarily to Lucy and Ed Szelengiewicz and Norma Lizotte, the March sale was extremely successful. Of course, many other Friends members donated hours of their time to setting up the sale, working during it, and packing everything up after it closed. Remember, too, the sales are important to the community not only because they raise funds, but also because they allow community members to purchase wonderful books and magazines at a fraction of their usual cost. Books for children and youth are only a quarter.



Summer Reading 2016

On June 1, the library staff launched this summer's reading program with over 100 sign ups on that day alone. On Saturday, June 4, the staff had a mini-kickoff to support parents who work during the week and can only make it on a Saturday. Sixteen registered Saturday. Betty Worley, Library Director, is very happy with the registration which, as of June 10, is 174 children. The Cooperative Response Center employees once again generously supported the summer reading program with a \$1500 donation.

Library Statistics



The library staff just completed a purge of library patrons to create a more accurate count of library users. Those who have not used their card for over three years were dropped, but they can be reinstated if they begin to use the library again. On May 9, 2016, the number of patrons was 5,639 or roughly 38% of 14,811, the July 2015 U. S. Census estimate of county residents. Readers may be surprised to learn of the 3219 items circulated in May, almost a quarter of them, 749, were not checked out of the library, but downloaded from READS, the Tennessee regional libraries' electronic system.



Congratulations Dakota Hudson on being selected to play for the St. Louis Cardinals! The whole county's proud of your achievement.



Ready for some beach books? Here are some good books newly arrived at the library, which may suit you perfectly.

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Duty and Honor by Tom Clancy

This is a Jack Ryan, Jr., novel. Even though he's on forced leave from the clandestine intelligence group known as The Campus, Jack still finds himself caught in the crosshairs after an attempt on his life is thwarted when he turns the tables on his would-be dispatcher. Convinced that the attack is linked to his recent covert actions with the convalescing Iranian national Ysabel Kashini, Jack sets out to find out who wants him dead, and why. Using clues found on the now dead assassin, Jack pursues the investigation, following a growing trail of corpses to the European Union's premier private security firm, Rostock Security Group, and its founder, Jürgen Rostock—a former general in the German Special Forces Command. Rostock is world-renowned as a philanthropist and human rights advocate. But Jack knows him from a Campus mission revolving around a company linked to RSG—a mission that has put him on Rostock's lethal radar.

The Weekenders by Mary Kay Andrews

Some people stay all summer long on the idyllic island of Belle Isle, North Carolina. Others come only for the weekends, and the mix between the regulars and “the weekenders” can sometimes make the sparks fly. Riley Griggs is a regular whose life is taking an unexpected turn. Her sojourn on the Belle Isle becomes grim and challenging when she is confronted by a process server on the ferry heading from the mainland to the island. And her husband is nowhere to be found, later discovered to have been murdered. Riley turns to her friends for help and support, but it turns out that each of them has their own secrets, and the clock is ticking as the mystery deepens...in a murderous way. Riley must find a way to investigate the secrets of Belle Island and the husband she clearly does not really know.

End of Watch by Stephen King

The first book, *Mr. Mercedes*, in the New York Times bestselling *Bill Hodges* trilogy was published in 2014. The second, *Finders Keepers*, was published in 2015. This one is the finale.

In Room 217 of the Lakes Region Traumatic Brain Injury Clinic, something has awakened. Something evil. Brady Hartsfield, perpetrator of the Mercedes Massacre, where eight people were killed and many more were badly injured, has been in the clinic for five years, in a vegetative state. According to his doctors, anything approaching a complete recovery is unlikely. But behind the drool and stare, Brady is awake, and in possession of deadly new powers that allow him to wreak unimaginable havoc without ever leaving his hospital room.

Retired police detective Bill Hodges, the unlikely hero of *Mr. Mercedes* and *Finders Keepers*, now runs an investigation agency with his partner, Holly Gibney—the woman who delivered the blow to Hartsfield's head that put him on the brain injury ward. When Bill and Holly are called to a suicide scene with ties to the Mercedes Massacre, they find themselves pulled into their most dangerous case yet, one that will put their lives at risk, as well as planning revenge not just on Hodges and his friends, but on an entire city.

The Sorcerer's Daughter: The Defenders of Shannara by Terry Brooks

This novel is book three of *The Defenders of Shannara* series. The mysterious, magic-wielding Druid order has existed for long ages, battling any evil that threatens the Four Lands—and struggling to be understood and accepted by outsiders. But their hopes of building goodwill are dashed when a demon's murderous rampage at a peace summit leaves their political opponents dead—casting new suspicions upon the Druids and forcing them to flee from enemies both mortal and monstrous. Paxon Leah, the order's appointed protector, knows that blame lies with Arcannen Rai, the vile sorcerer he has battled and defeated before. But there's no time to hunt his nemesis, if he is

to lead the wrongfully accused Druids to their sanctuary. It is a quest fraught with danger, as a furious government agent and his army snap at their heels, and lethal predators stalk them in the depths of the untamed wilderness.

But Arcannen is playing a deeper game than Paxon realizes. Paxon's sister possesses a powerful magic that the sorcerer longs to control—but Arcannen has not reckoned with the determination of his own estranged daughter, Leofur, who is also Paxon's devoted life mate. Leofur sets out on a perilous quest to thwart her father's desires—while the vengeful Arcannen conjures his blackest magical skills, determined to destroy them all . . . and claim the most powerful of magic for his own.

As Time Goes By by Mary Higgins Clark

A news reporter tries to find her birth mother just as she is assigned to cover the high-profile trial of a woman accused of murdering her wealthy husband. Television journalist Delaney Wright should be thrilled, yet her growing desire to locate her birth mother consumes her thoughts. When Delaney's friends Alvirah Meehan and her husband Willy offer to look into the mystery surrounding her birth, they uncover a shocking secret they do not want to reveal.

On trial for murder is Betsy Grant, widow of a wealthy doctor who has been an Alzheimer's victim for eight years. When her lawyer urges her to accept a plea bargain, Betsy refuses: she will go to trial to prove her innocence. Betsy's stepson, Alan Grant, bides his time nervously as the trial begins. His substantial inheritance hangs in the balance—his only means of making good on payments he owes his ex-wife, his children, and increasingly angry creditors. As the trial unfolds, and the damning evidence against Betsy piles up, Delaney is convinced that Betsy is not guilty and frantically tries to prove her innocence.

The Second Life of Nick Mason by Steve Hamilton

Nick Mason has already spent five years inside a maximum security prison when an offer comes that will grant his release twenty years early. He accepts -- but the deal comes with a terrible price. Now, back on the streets, Nick Mason has a new house, a new car, money to burn, and a beautiful roommate. He's returned to society, but he's still a prisoner. Whenever his cell phone rings, day or night, Nick must answer it and follow whatever order he is given. It's the deal he made with Darius Cole, a criminal mastermind serving a double-life term who runs an empire from his prison cell. Forced to commit increasingly more dangerous crimes, hunted by the relentless detective who put him behind bars, and desperate to go straight and rebuild his life with his daughter and ex-wife, Nick will ultimately have to risk everything—his family, his sanity, and even his life—to finally break free.

Foreign Agent: A Thriller by Brad Thor

Scot Harvath has exactly the skills the CIA is looking for. He's a former U.S. Navy SEAL with extensive experience in espionage. Working for a private intelligence company, he will provide the CIA, and more importantly, the President, with absolute deniability. But deep within the Russian Caucasus, Moscow also has its own special kind of operative. As a child, Sacha Baseyev endured an unimaginable horror. Today, he lives and breathes for only one reason—to kill. And he will kill as many Americans as it takes to accomplish his mission.

When a clandestine American operations team is ambushed near Syria, all signs point toward a dangerous informant in Brussels. But as Harvath searches for the man, he uncovers another actor—a rogue player hell-bent on forcing America's hand and drawing it into a confrontation deadlier than anyone could have imagined.

As the attacks mount, and terror is brought to the very doorstep of the White House, Harvath finds himself in the race of his life. From Vienna, Brussels, and Berlin, to Malta, Jordan, and Syria—he will push himself beyond the edge in order to confront one of the greatest evils the world has ever known.

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

Friends Meetings

Second Tuesday of Every

Month at 4:30pm

Monthly Library Challenge Book Discussions

1st Tuesday of each month at 3pm

August Book Sale August 25 through August 27

Friends Sneak Preview August 24

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