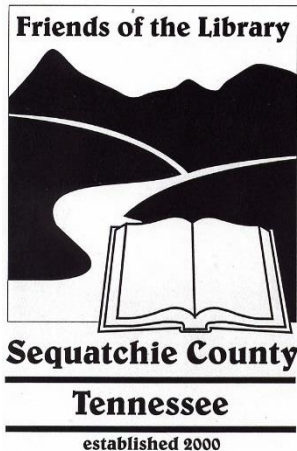


SEQUATCHIE COUNTY LIBRARY LIGHTS

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*A great
community
deserves a great
library.*

A Very Special Friend

Lucy Szelengiewicz has served in many ways, but her contributions to the book sales alone deserve recognition.



No rest for the weary. One book sale is barely over when preparation for the next begins, hours and hours of sorting and storing materials for the next sale. Lucy says she is very fortunate to have the assistance of Norma Lizotte and other Friends, who invest many hours in making the sales a success.

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Imagine, if you will, a late summer or early fall Saturday evening in the Szelengiewicz household. Lucy and Ed sit down to eat supper, but neither has the energy to lift a fork. The latest Sequatchie County Friends of the Library book sale may have concluded at 2pm, but only hours later were Lucy and Ed able to finish their work, scrambling to clean up the Dunlap City Training Room and packing up books and supplies. Months of preparation and days of intense activity have produced yet another successful fundraiser for the Sequatchie County Friends of the Library. Nevertheless, with the amount of time and effort required, you might reasonably wonder why Lucy is willing to chair the Friends book sale committee again and again. The answer is her dedication to libraries and their importance to communities.

Lucy and Ed have enjoyed a long and useful life. In May 2016 they will have been married 50 years. They have two sons and a daughter, two grandsons, and two great grandsons. Lucy and Ed met and married in New Jersey where they were both raised. Slowly, but surely, the lure of the Sunshine State, Florida, drew most of Lucy's family away from New Jersey, and she and Ed eventually moved down there, too. As the years passed, family members grew older and began to think about retirement homes away from Florida. Lucky for us, one of Lucy's sisters moved to Dunlap, and, when Lucy visited her, she and Ed fell in love with this area, too, enjoying the beauty of the mountains and the existence of four seasons. There was property for sale right next to her sister and her husband. Lucy and Ed bought it and have never regretted the purchase.

By 2001 Lucy was looking for local volunteer opportunities here. Susan Greer still had an office upstairs at the library dedicated to adult literacy. She suggested Lucy join the then fledgling Sequatchie County Friends of the Library. Lucy decided this was a perfect place for her to volunteer. Not only did she believe libraries were major community assets, she soon met other Friends members who offered friendship and fellowship. Lucy has served as President of the Friends, but she has given the longest service to the bi-annual book sales. Around six years ago, shortly before the book sale became too large to be held at the library and moved to the Dunlap City Training Center, she succeeded Jane Indyk as the book sale chairman.

“Yes, it's an important fundraising support for the library and its services, but it's just as important to community residents, especially those with lower incomes. Many people would love to own more books, but can't afford to purchase them at the prices stores

charge. They want their children to have books, and where else can you buy a child a book for a quarter? Also, the sale is a big help for those who home school. Adding a silent auction to the late summer, fall sale, was a good idea because this allows shoppers to buy some very nice items for gifts without having to spend a fortune,” Lucy tells us.

Lucy shares what she describes as most important, her gratitude for all the help she receives. “I could not bring off a good book sale, without people like Norma Lizotte. Norma regularly comes into the library to help me sort the books which are continually donated from one sale to the next. She's invaluable preparing for the silent auction, too, spending hours combing garage sales for baskets and helping me fill them right before the sale. A great deal of hard work is done by great volunteers, who never turn me down when I ask them to sort books or to help set up or take down the sale or anything else. I appreciate the many, many loyal readers who donate books and materials. The city is very generous in letting us use the training center, which is a great venue for the sale. The county contributes by providing trustees who are essential for setting up and taking down the sale. They do the 'heavy lifting.' The trustees are always very helpful and enthusiastic. Charlotte Narramore, a lifetime Friends member, generously provides storage space at Dunlap Self-Storage for the books between sales. There are so many who help, and all of them are greatly appreciated.”

Her one wish for change in the future, greater involvement by younger people. “I know how hard it is for younger people, still working and caring for young families, to become involved with organizations like the Friends, but I would like to see more of them join and participate. They would bring fresh ideas and certainly also bring valuable technical expertise. You can volunteer as much or as little time as you can, so we can find a fit for any young person who decides to join. There are some jobs that they could even do from home without having to attend meetings.”

It's a pleasure to recognize the work of such a wonderful volunteer, and the work of her husband Ed, as well, who with great patience and dedication makes every book sale set up and take down look like a well-engineered operation. We thank both these wonderful volunteers for all that they do and encourage everyone to say how much it is appreciated when they encounter them.

A Very Special Library Board Member



Paul Powell has been a library board member for so long, no one can remember how long it's been. It's definitely been more than 20 years.

You can rely on Paul for perfect minutes of every library board meeting. He's got a great eye for catching errors. You can also count on him for unexpected, but intriguing suggestions, like suggesting a short comedy sketch involving the library at next summer's Hee Haw presentation might be a great public relations tool. Most importantly, however, you can rely on his dedicated service as a library board member with the best interests of library patrons and community residents at the forefront of his suggestions.

While Paul originally came to Sequatchie County from Whitwell, he has lived here for more than 48 years, and he married a native, Ethel Powell. The couple has one son, Travis Powell, who lives in Winston Salem, North

Carolina, and a daughter, Stacey Blevins, who lives here. Paul and Ethel have been blessed with seven grandsons.

From 1983 to the present, Paul has been a hardworking employee of Ferrellgas here in Dunlap for more than 32 years. He recently retired, but not really, beginning part time work for the company instead.

Paul's public service is not limited to serving as a trustee on the library board. Since 1994 he has served on the Sequatchie County Commission, six years as Budget Committee Chair. From 1980 to 1993, he served on the Sequatchie County School Board.

Asked what he likes best about serving as a library board member, he replies "the big salary, all the perks." Since it's an unpaid, perkless, position, the listeners knows he's once again joking. More seriously, he replies. "This is a wonderful community, but not everyone here is well off. A library is a great leveler. Its services and materials are free to community residents. It provides entertainment and learning opportunities to all, but particularly to community residents without a lot of money. I enjoy being a part of making it work as well as possible."

Paul enjoys joking with people, making them smile. He loves sports, watching his grandsons participate in them. He particularly enjoys UT sports, especially the Lady Vols. He's a big fan. Despite it's being hard work, he also enjoys helping others with yard work.

The library board has many tasks, primarily setting policies for the library. This community is lucky to have Paul as a committed and helpful board member.



Extra, Extra, Book Sale Brings in over \$3000!!

The Dunlap City Training Center is quite popular with many organizations. It was so fully booked the Friends had to have a late summer, instead of fall, sale this year. Nonetheless, the sale was very successful, raising over \$3000, due in large part to the generosity of those who donated items for the silent auction. The silent auction items even included a tandem hang glide. The Friends member sneak preview was August 26, 2015, and the sale opened to the public for three days thereafter. Thanks to everyone who made the sale successful.



Jamie Barrett, Suzanne Spicer, and Pat Treadwell are ready to receive guests to celebrate this county's tenth Imagination Library anniversary.

August 29, 2015 Sequatchie County Imagination Library Celebration

In 2004, the Governor's Books from Birth Foundation (GBBF) was created to allow Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to be available to every child in the state of Tennessee. Children from birth to age five are eligible to receive books at no cost to families, regardless of income. With funding support from the Tennessee General Assembly, various foundations, individual donors, small businesses and a host of private corporate partners, the GBBF matches funds raised by each Tennessee Imagination Library program for books and mailing – a dynamic public-private partnership unlike any other in the U.S. today.

Locally, the project is sponsored here by the Friends of the Library. We presently serve 432 of the county's children aged birth to five years, and 919 children have graduated, that is, aged out of the project. Any help in identifying qualifying children who are not presently receiving the free books is greatly appreciated, as well as monetary donations, of course.



Have you met and welcomed the newest staff member, Linda Powell? If not, please do. Linda works only on Mondays, but we are very lucky to have her at all. Formerly the library director in Whitwell, her expertise is very valuable in completing tasks like updating our patron data.

A Successful Summer Reading Program *Every Hero Has A Story*

On May 27, 2015 summer reading began, and it was completed in July. This year's theme was "Every Hero Has A Story." On registration day 150 children were registered, and 219 eventually participated, reading over 5,000 books. Registration day featured many activities for children, including a visit to Wildlife on Wheels, a travelling wildlife exhibition. Children enjoyed several different programs and won prizes for reading books.

Sequatchie County may be ready for several "Little Free Libraries."



The library is presently reviewing the feasibility of placing several little free libraries at various places around the county. The White County library has already installed one, and it has been very well received by county residents. The idea is a free book exchange where community residents can "share" beloved books, take one, leave one. These exchanges have a unique, personal touch. The books are housed in tiny little structure, each having a "steward," someone who regularly checks to make books are there.

Friends Show *Casablanca*



On Tuesday, October 27, 2015, the Citizens Tri-County Bank graciously permitted the Sequatchie County Friends of the Library to use its meeting room and audio-visual equipment to show the movie *Casablanca*. Set in the Moroccan city of that name during World War II, the film starred Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, and Paul Henreid. In 1944 it won three Academy awards: Outstanding Motion Picture; Best Director (Michael Curtiz; and Best Actor (Humphrey Bogart).

Seeing the film was free, and it was open to the public. About thirty people attended the showing, and everyone who came enjoyed themselves (and the popcorn and cookies, of course). The Friends are definitely thinking about doing this for the community again, perhaps next summer at Harris Park at night. Now wouldn't that be fun.



The Tennessee Electronic Library – Free Access to Great Resources for Tennesseans

If you have never used the Tennessee Electronic Library (TEL), you may have missed some great, free resources. This is a virtual library that you can access from a home personal computer, a school library computer lab, or any electronic device, like a tablet or an iPhone. You can access it anywhere with an internet connection. TEL provides access to over 400,000 electronic resources, including magazines, scholarly journals, podcasts, videos, e-books, test preparation materials, federal census records, Tennessee primary source materials, and more!

The address or link for TEL is <http://tntel.tnsos.org/index.htm>. But you can also access it from the library's web site at <http://sequatchiecountylibrary.org/TEL.html>. This page contains an outline which may make it easier for you to find what you seek.

All types of not-for-profit libraries participate in TEL and benefit from the wide range of information TEL databases offer, including homework help to new readers, consumer health information, business resources, leisure reading suggestions, current event essays, academic and civil service test preparation help, and genealogy and family history sources. Over 1.2 million searches are performed each month across the various TEL databases. Since 1999, the Tennessee Electronic Library has been dedicated to providing equal access to this expansive collection of electronic resources for all Tennesseans.



Don't let the shorter days bother you. If it gets dark too early, turn on a lamp and read some of these books, newly arrived at the library.

Christmas Bells by Jennifer Chiaverini

Author Chiaverini celebrates Christmas, past and present, with a wondrous novel inspired by the classic poem “Christmas Bells,” by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. *I heard the bells on Christmas Day/ Their old familiar carols play/ And wild and sweet/ The words repeat/ Of peace on earth, good-will to men!*

In 1860, the Henry Wadsworth Longfellow family was preparing to celebrate Christmas, despite the grave political unrest present in the country. With his beloved wife, Fanny, and their five adored children, Longfellow enjoys the delights of the season, until he suffers a great loss. He writes *Christmas Bells*, penned on Christmas day, despite his loss. Turning to present-day Boston, the reader learns a dedicated teacher in the Watertown public school system has been stunned by somber holiday tidings. Her music program has been sacrificed to budget cuts, and she worries not only about her impending unemployment but also about the consequences to her underprivileged students. Sophia has chosen for a Christmas children’s choir program Longfellow’s beautiful carol. The reader will get to see the same day through the eyes of different people.

And West Is West by Ron Childress

When Jessica, a young Air Force drone pilot in Nevada, is tasked with launching a missile against a suspected terrorist halfway across the world, she realizes that though women and children are in the crosshairs of her screen, she has no choice but to follow orders. Ethan, a young Wall Street quantitative analyst, or in financial jargon, a quant, is involved in a more bloodless connection to war when he develops an algorithm that enables his company’s clients to profit by exploiting the international financial instability caused by exactly this kind of antiterrorist strike. While only minor players, their actions have global implications that tear lives apart—including their own. When Jessica finds herself discharged from the service, and Ethan makes an error that costs him his job, both find themselves adrift, cast out by a corrupt system and forced to take the blame for decisions they did not make.

Accused by Tanya Craft

This book is set much closer to home. In September 2015, seven years after the Catoosa County Sheriff’s Office arrested Tanya Craft, a Chickamauga, Georgia, elementary school teacher on charges of molesting three children — listing among them her daughter — she released a memoir. In May 2008, false accusations of child molestation turned her world upside down. The trial that followed dragged her reputation through the mud and lent nationwide notoriety to her name. Tanya’s life spiraled into a witch-trial nightmare in which she was deemed guilty before her

innocence could be determined by a jury. Her children were taken away without even a goodbye, and her own daughter was forced to take the stand against her in a courtroom. The situation seemed hopeless, and Tonya was shell-shocked and heartbroken. But that didn't keep her from finding the strength to fight. Over the course of two terrifying years, Tonya rallied to take charge of her own defense, flying across the country and knocking on doors on a desperate quest for answers, and defying her own lawyers on more than one occasion. Tonya's goal was not only to avoid conviction; it was to clear her name, and, most of all, regain custody of her children.

Buffalo Trail: A Novel of the American West by Jeff Guinn

After barely escaping nemesis Killer Boots in the tiny Arizona Territory town of Glorious, Cash McLendon is in desperate need of a safe haven somewhere—anywhere—on the frontier. Fleeing to Dodge City, he falls in with an intrepid band of buffalo hunters determined to head south to forbidden Indian Territory in the Texas Panhandle. In the company of such colorful Western legends as Bat Masterson and Billy Dixon, Cash helps establish a hunting camp known as Adobe Walls. When a massive migration of buffalo arrives, Cash, newly hopeful that he may yet patch things up with Gabrielle Tirrito back in Arizona, thinks his luck has finally changed. But no good can come of entering the prohibited lands they've crossed into. Little do Cash and his fellows know that their camp is targeted by a new coalition of the finest warriors among the Comanche, Cheyenne, and Kiowa. Led by fierce Comanche war chief Quannah and eerie tribal mystic Isatai, an enormous force of two thousand is about to descend on the camp and will mark one of the fiercest, bloodiest battles in frontier history. Cash McLendon is in another fight for his life—and this time running is not an option.

The Lake House by Kate Morton

Living on her family's idyllic lakeside estate in Cornwall, England, Alice Edevane is a bright, inquisitive, innocent, and precociously talented sixteen-year-old who loves to write stories. But the mysteries she pens are no match for the one her family is about to endure... One midsummer's eve, after a beautiful party drawing hundreds of guests to the estate has ended, the Edevanes discover that their youngest child, eleven-month-old Theo, has vanished without a trace. What follows is a tragedy that tears the family apart in ways they never imagined. Decades later, Alice is living in London, having enjoyed a long successful career as an author. Theo's case has never been solved, though Alice still harbors a suspicion as to the culprit. Miles away, Sadie Sparrow, a young detective in the London police force, is staying at her grandfather's house in Cornwall. While out walking one day, she stumbles upon the old estate—now crumbling and covered with vines, clearly abandoned long ago. Her curiosity is sparked, setting off a series of events that will bring her and Alice together and reveal shocking truths about a past long gone...yet more present than ever.

Gatefather: A Novel of the Mithermages by Orson Scott Card

Gatefather is the third installment in the Mithermages series, a fantastic tale of the Mages of Westil who live in exile on Earth. Danny North is the first Gate Mage to be born on Earth in nearly 2000 years, or at least the first to survive to claim his power. Families of Westil in exile on Earth have had a treaty that required the death of any suspected Gate Mage. The wars between the Families had been terrible, until at last they realized it was their own survival in question. But a Gate Mage, one who could build a Great Gate back to Westil, would give his own Family a terrible advantage over all the others, and reignite the wars. So they all had to die. And if the Families didn't kill them, the Gate Thief would—that mysterious Mage who destroyed every Great Gate, and the Gate Mage, before it could be opened between Earth and Westil. But Danny survived. And Danny battled the Gate Thief, and won. What he didn't know at the time was that the Gate Thief had a very good reason for closing the Great Gates—and Danny has now fallen into the power of that great enemy of both Earth and Westil.

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