



# Friends of Tennessee Libraries *newsletter*

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## **Legislative Day Set for March 5**

Library Day on the Hill, also known to Friends of Tennessee Libraries as Library Legislative Day, will occur March 5, 2014, in Nashville. Please save the date for this important event in the year of library advocates.

Details will be announced, according to Cara Huwieler, Brentwood librarian who is co-chair of Tennessee Library Association's Legislative Committee.

In the past TLA has sponsored the event in cooperation with Friends of Tennessee Libraries, TENN-SHARE, the Tennessee Association of School Librarians and the Nashville Public Library.



The Chattanooga Public Library at 1001 Broad Street will open its doors to Friends of Tennessee Libraries' Annual Meeting in the spring.

**Put April 26, 2014, on Your Calendar**

## **Chattanooga To Host Annual Meeting**

The 4th Floor of the Chattanooga Library on Broad Street, described recently in the Chattanooga *Times Free Press* as "a creative laboratory" with cutting-edge equipment like a 3-D printer, will be the site of the 2014 Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 26.

One of the highlights of the gathering will be a presentation by Corinne Hill, the library's director, and Nate Hill, assistant director, who will speak about how the 4th Floor is enticing technology specialists to come to the library. Profiles of the innovative Chattanooga Library staff have appeared in the *Times Free Press* (<http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/2013/aug/11/rock-star-librarians/>).

William Sundquist, a representative of Chattanooga on the Friends of Tennessee Libraries' board, is working closely with Carol Harris, FOTL's president-elect, and others like Chattanooga Friends to develop an engaging program for the meeting.

For Friends who want to arrive in Chattanooga on Friday night, the Doubletree Downtown Chattanooga (423.756.5250) will offer a special rate of \$129.

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## Documents Articulate Values

Two documents that came to FOTL recently put into words what our organization values: libraries and their Friends.

Barbara Stripling, 2013-2014 president of the American Library Association, came to Nashville August 5 to unveil "Declaration for the Right to Libraries." FOTL signs off on the declaration and hopes that you will, too. Governor Bill Haslam and Secretary of State Tre Hargett have issued a proclamation recognizing October 20-26 as Friends of Libraries in Tennessee Week (page 3).

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Click on "About."

# Libraries Change Lives Declaration for the Right to Libraries

(For a downloadable copy, go to <<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/declaration-right-libraries>>.

*In the spirit of the United States Declaration of Independence and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, we believe that libraries are essential to a democratic society. Every day, in countless communities across our nation and the world, millions of children, students and adults use libraries to learn, grow and achieve their dreams. In addition to a vast array of books, computers and other resources, library users benefit from the expert teaching and guidance of library staff to help expand their minds and open new worlds. We declare and affirm our right to quality libraries—public, school, academic, and special—and urge you to show your support by signing your name to this Declaration for the Right to Libraries.*

### LIBRARIES EMPOWER THE INDIVIDUAL.

Whether developing skills to succeed in school, looking for a job, exploring possible careers, having a baby, or planning retirement, people of all ages turn to libraries for instruction, support, and access to computers and other resources to help them lead better lives.

### LIBRARIES SUPPORT LITERACY AND LIFELONG LEARNING.

Many children and adults learn to read at their school and public libraries via story times, research projects, summer reading, tutoring and other opportunities. Others come to the library to learn the technology and information skills that help them answer their questions, discover new interests, and share their ideas with others.

### LIBRARIES STRENGTHEN FAMILIES.

Families find a comfortable, welcoming space and a wealth of resources to help them learn, grow, and play together.

### LIBRARIES ARE THE GREAT EQUALIZER.

Libraries serve people of every age, education level, income level, ethnicity and physical ability. For many people, libraries provide resources that they could not otherwise afford—resources they need to live, learn, work, and govern.

### LIBRARIES BUILD COMMUNITIES.

Libraries bring people together, both in person and online, to have conversations and to learn from and help each other. Libraries provide support for seniors, immigrants, and others with special needs.

### LIBRARIES PROTECT OUR RIGHT TO KNOW.

Our right to read, seek information, and speak freely must not be taken for granted. Libraries and librarians actively defend this most basic freedom as guaranteed by the First Amendment.

### LIBRARIES STRENGTHEN OUR NATION.

The economic health and successful governance of our nation depend on people who are literate and informed. School, public, academic, and special libraries support this basic right.

### LIBRARIES ADVANCE RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP.

Knowledge grows from knowledge. Whether doing a school assignment, seeking a cure for cancer, pursuing an academic degree, or developing a more fuel efficient engine, scholars and researchers of all ages depend on the knowledge and expertise that libraries and librarians offer.

### LIBRARIES HELP US TO BETTER UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER.

People from all walks of life come together at libraries to discuss issues of common concern. Libraries provide programs, collections, and meeting spaces to help us share and learn from our differences.

### LIBRARIES PRESERVE OUR NATION'S CULTURAL HERITAGE.

The past is key to our future. Libraries collect, digitize, and preserve original and unique historical documents that help us to better understand our past, present, and future.



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, Friends of Tennessee Libraries and local friends of library groups across the state are dedicated to the support of libraries as institutions essential to democracy and life-long learning; and

**WHEREAS**, friends groups advocate for funding that will equip libraries with the necessary print and electronic materials, expert assistance in research, and services for all ages from the very young to the senior citizen; and

**WHEREAS**, friends groups promote the joys and benefits of citizens' literacy, learning, and economic well-being by investing time and effort in raising supplementary funds to enhance libraries resources and programming; and

**WHEREAS**, Friends groups also volunteer many hours of work to help libraries provide services and materials to their patrons; and

**WHEREAS**, the gifts of time and commitment by Friends of Libraries in Tennessee set a positive example of civic engagement that benefits both volunteers and their communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the state of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 20-26, 2013, as

*Friends of Libraries Week*

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twelfth day of August, 2013.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Lee Hargett*

Secretary of State

# *Last Call for Grant Applications and Nominations* **Candidates for Friend of Year Due Nov.15**

In 2014, the Friends of Tennessee Libraries and the Tennessee Library Association will recognize an individual or a group earning the designation of "Friend of the Year."

The recipient must be a member in good standing of the Friends of Tennessee Libraries. An individual must hold an individual membership, and a group must be enrolled as a group. (See membership categories on page 8.) The individual or group must have made a significant contribution to a Friends' group and to the advancement of libraries in Tennessee. The deadline for nominations is November 15.

Describe in no more than 200 words the nominee's service, achievements, and contributions to a Friends' group and/or to the advancement of libraries or education through libraries. The description and the following information should be sent to Martha Gill, past president of FOTL. It may be e-mailed to <marthagill491@gmail.com> or sent by postal service to Martha Gill, 4109 Forest Glen Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919, by November 15.

**Nominee** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's mailing address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee's e-mail address** \_\_\_\_\_

**If nominee is an individual, is that nominee an individual member of FOTL?** \_\_\_\_\_

**If nominee is a group, is that group a member of FOTL?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of nominator** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator's mailing address** \_\_\_\_\_

Friends of Tennessee Libraries GRANT APPLICATION	
Applicant must be a Friends Group that is a member in good standing of Friends of Tennessee Libraries. Applications must be received by November 15 to be considered for a grant to be utilized in the following calendar year. ALL GRANTS WILL BE FOR \$200.	
1. Application Date:	
2. Friends Group Name:	
3. Tax Exempt Status?	
4. Area Served:	
5. Contact Person:	
6. Telephone:	
7. Mailing Address:	
8. City/Zip Code:	
9. Email Address:	

10. TYPE OF GRANT REQUESTED <small>(One grant per application.)</small>	DESCRIPTION
<b>Fund Raising:</b>	To assist with the expense associated with fund raising for your Friends group.
<b>Advocacy:</b>	To assist with expense associated with advocating on behalf of your community library.
<b>Membership:</b>	To assist with expense associated with retaining existing members and securing new members.

11. Project Title:	
12. Project Budget:	
13. Project Starting Date:	
14. Project Ending Date:	

15. Describe how the grant will be used:	
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16. Date Application Received:	
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## **Need \$\$ for That Project? Apply for \$200 Grant**

Does your group want to increase its membership, raise funds, or support advocacy? FOTL might be able to help.

For the third year FOTL is accepting applications for a \$200 grant to underwrite one new project in each of three categories: membership, fundraising, or advocacy.

From <www.friendstnlibraries.org> local groups can download the application form depicted here. Completed forms must be received by **November 15**.

**Applications should be mailed to Dwight Shepherd, 10405 Alex Bales Road, Kodak, TN 37764-1089 or sent by e-mail to <dewhitesheep@hotmail.com>.**

Grants will be awarded by January 15, 2014.

## *Growing Community from the Ground Up*

### **Fairview Friends Lead Tour of Porch, Deck, and Garden**

**By Millicent Kidder**

***President of Friends of the Fairview Library***

The Friends of the Fairview Library in Williamson County organized and sponsored a Porch, Deck, and Garden Tour this past June 8. Five spectacular gardens and two homes with creatively decorated porches and decks were featured. Some of gardens had been professionally landscaped while others were the result of many years of planning, imagination, and hard work by the owners.

All of the gardens on the Tour were very different from each other but offered a true feast for the senses of both sight and smell. While some gar-

dens were flat, others showed what could be accomplished in hilly terrains. Many diverse plantings, gazebos, benches, sculptures, bird feeders, and water features were showcased.

As an added bonus, Troy Marden, co-host of the Nashville Public Television's hit gardening show *Volunteer Gardener*, was present at one of the homes to answer gardening questions. Mr. Marden is a garden designer with a passion for plants, and his 25 plus years of professional experience includes time spent in nearly every facet of the horticulture industry.

Tour tickets sold for \$10. The Porch, Deck, and Garden Tour was so successful that it is planned to become an annual event.



### **Humboldt Friends Finance Garden, Plan Wi-Fi Space**



Photos from Humboldt Public Library's Facebook page  
Pat Hanna planted the Humboldt Library's garden, and Friends of the Library financed it. An internet garden where patrons can access free wi-fi after hours is planned.



### ***Kids Dig Reading, Veggies In Cheatham County***

Summer reading at the Cheatham County Public Library featured the Story Time Garden where children grew vegetables for eating or giving away to charity. Children's Librarian Bryan Godwin envisioned the project located on a plot of earth behind the library as a learning experience for the youngsters.

The grand finale featured miniature ponies for the children to pet and ride as well as the water slide, which the children's librarian tried out.





Artist Denise Kendrick stands beside one of her glass etchings, work that kicked off year-long art displays sponsored by the Crockett County Friends of the Library.

## Crockett Friends Entice Patrons With Local Art

To attract more patrons to the newly remodeled library, Friends of the Crockett County Library have begun a year-long exhibit of work by local artists.

Denise Kendrick, a teacher at Bells Elementary School and an artist since she was a teenager, inaugurated the series with her current medium of choice, glass etching. Using glass found in scrap heaps, she frames her creations with recycled wood. According to Georgia Elizer of the Friends, Kendrick has also worked with watercolor, hardcast paper, and photography.

Artists' work will be displayed for several months in the library conference room equipped with art-hanging systems installed by Pete Maher.

Future artists will include Martha Corbett and Susan Wood.

## More Groups Share News Digitally

Kodak, Stewart County, and Wartburg Friends are among those groups electronically distributing news about their organizations. Excerpts follow.

With the blessing of the Sevier County Public Library System's administration, **Kodak Friends** plan to implement a pilot book buddy program to deliver library materials to community shut-ins. Monthly deliveries will reach 25-30 people, thanks to volunteers.

**Wartburg Friends** report that the very successful summer reading challenge will conclude with a September dance party at the Morgan County Elementary School. In July the Friends sponsored a booth at the WECO Outdoor Show where children could select two free books. The booth attracted many smiling recipients, including grandparents who chose books to have when grandchildren visit.

Wartburg's library has recently benefited from the donation of

\$1,250, to be used to purchase new shelving, from B&W Y-12 of Oak Ridge. Also Library Director Pamela Rudnitzki succeeded in securing a grant to purchase an "AWE" computer, part of a nationwide early learning literacy program whose goal is to create technology to engage children in a challenging and safe learning environment.

On September 12, **Wartburg Friends** welcomed Dr. Bill Bass to talk about and sign copies of his latest book, *Cut to the Bone*.

**Stewart County Friends** met in July to plan their popular salad luncheon. Members were encouraged to choose to decorate a table with items from home that suggest a particular book from the library. For example, President Mary Ann Jordan will pair tulips and wooden shoes with a book set in the Netherlands.

Please send your electronic newsletter to FOTL: <marthagill491@gmail.com>.

## Junior Friends To Meet Monthly In Putnam County

This fall Putnam County Library will launch a new program, Junior Library Friends, for 10-12-year olds. Participants will be able to earn volunteer hours, help make decisions related to the Children's Library, get a behind-the-scenes view of the working of the library, review the latest additions to the children's collection, and—most importantly—have fun.

September 5 marked the first meeting of the group. Each Junior Library Friend applicant was required to file an application signed by a guardian before attending his or her first meeting.



Greg Carter charms the crowd at Cheatham County Public Library.

## Reading Programs Enrich the Summer

In a new blog on our website, FOTL reflects on summer reading programs supported by Friends and their many partners across the state. Check it out: <[www.friendstnlibraries.org](http://www.friendstnlibraries.org)>.



## Autumn Brings Books, Authors

Book-and-author events seem to flourish in Tennessee in the fall.

For example, **Putnam County Friends** will sponsor dinner with novelist Robert Hicks, author of *Widow of the South* and *A Separate Country*, on Friday, September 20, at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 421 N. Washington Avenue, Cookeville. Tickets will be on sale at the library until September 18 for \$35. More information is available at <pclibraryfriends@gmail.com>.

Elizabeth Gilbert, author of non-fiction and fiction, including the memoir *Eat, Pray, Love* and her new novel *The Signature of All Things*, will be in Knoxville at the Tennessee Theater on November 2 under the sponsorship of the **Knox County Friends** and the Knox County Public Library. Tickets will be \$35. The University of Tennessee has also invited Knox Friends to help bring Abraham Verghese, author of *Cutting for Stone* and *My Own Country*, to the campus on September 25.

**Salon@615**, sponsored by the Nashville Public Library, Parnassus Books, Humanities Tennessee, and the Nashville Public Library Foundation, has announced its 2013 program of outstanding authors. They include Wally Lamb, Ann Patchett, Nikki Giovanni, and Donna Tartt. Details are available here: <<http://nashvillepubliclibrary.org/salonat615/>>.

**Humanities Tennessee's Southern Festival of Books**, free and open to the public, is scheduled for October 11-13 on Nashville's Legislative Plaza. Details can be found here: <<http://humanitiestennessee.org/programs/southern-festival-books-celebration-written-word>>.

**Chattanooga Friends'** used book sale September 21-30 will include a local authors' table where patrons can meet writers and purchase the authors' books directly from them.

## King Family Friends Promote Passion for Lifelong Learning

By Diane Johnson

**Friends of the King Family Library in Sevierville**

September 12, 2013, was a special day for the Friends of the King Family Library. It marked the third anniversary of their successful Lifelong Learning Program. People gathered from all over Sevier County to hear a presentation by Tim Fisher, Sevier County Public Library System's genealogist, historian, and archivist. His topic was "Who are you?—ancestry.com for Beginners." He taught attendees how to navigate the site, both the home and library versions, so they can create their own family trees.

The Lifelong Learning series has been presented monthly (with summers off) since November 2011. Classes are taught by local experts and cover topics as diverse as digital photography, iPads, bread and winemaking, gardening,

scrapbooking, stained glass, yoga, and critters (All About Goats!).

The Lifelong Learning Committee was formed in October 2011 with the charge of creating a community education program to be sponsored by the Friends. The first class, Nature Photography, was presented the next month. Over the last three years the committee (Kate Carlyle, Leslie Leduc, Roger Simpson) has met regularly to review suggestions, audition and select speakers, and organize, publicize, and evaluate each class.

King Family Library  
408 High Street, Sevierville

Friends of King Family Library  
Lifelong Learning

**Who Are You??**  
Ancestry.com  
for Beginners  
presented by  
D. Tim Fisher  
Genealogist, Historian, and  
Archivist, Sevier County  
Public Library System

**September 12, 2013**  
5:30-7:00 PM

Tim was introduced to Genealogy at a very young age by his mother Wanda Howard Fisher. Wanda has been doing Genealogy for over 50 years on the families of Sevier County.

Learn the basics of Ancestry.com. Tim will introduce you to the basics of the website, showing you how to navigate through the site to find the information you seek in order to create your own family tree. He will also show you the differences between the home version and the library version, which is available free of charge to all patrons for use within the library.

Preregister at the library in person or by calling (865) 453-3532

**SEPTEMBER 2013**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5		
8	9	10	11	12		
15	16	17	18			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Community participation and feedback have been excellent. This free series has introduced scores of people to library resources, and many of them have become regular library patrons and Friends. Lifelong Learning and the King Family Library—a perfect combination!

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The Friends of Tennessee Libraries is a volunteer organization of individuals and groups dedicated to supporting Tennessee libraries and local Friends of Library groups through

- **Establishing and helping** Friends of Library groups succeed
- **Communicating** with libraries and trustees about the value of Friends
- **Serving** members as a communication network and clearinghouse for information
- **Advocating** for library funding and legislative support on a local, state, and national basis

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Go to [<www.tntel.info>](http://www.tntel.info)

### Membership Application

## Become a Friend of Tennessee Libraries

(Membership year is January to December.)

#### INDIVIDUAL or FAMILY

- ☐ Individual \$15/yr
- ☐ Family \$25/yr
- ☐ Silver \$50/yr
- ☐ Gold \$100/yr
- ☐ Platinum \$500/yr

#### ORGANIZATION

- ☐ 1-49 Members \$25/yr
- ☐ 50-99 Members \$55/yr
- ☐ 100-499 Members \$75/yr
- ☐ 500 Members \$100/yr

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