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## November 15 Deadlines Near

November 15, 2012, is an important date for Tennessee Friends.

Applications for three FOTL grants—to support projects related to advocacy, fundraising, or membership drives—are due on that date. Applications should be mailed to Dwight Shepherd, P.O. Box 1014, Kodak TN 37764-7014 or e-mailed to <dewhitesheep@hotmail.com> by that date.

Also by that date nominations for Friend of the Year, awarded jointly by FOTL and Tennessee Library Association, must be mailed to Martha Gill, 4109 Forest Glen Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919 or e-mailed to <marthagill491@gmail.com>.

For further details, please see page 6, or consult the September-October 2012 issue of the FOTL newsletter.

## FOTL Board To Align with Grand Divisions Proposed Restructure Requires Revision of Bylaws

Adjusting to the state's changes in the regional library system, which reduces 12 regions to 9, the Friends of Tennessee Libraries Board has proposed to restructure along the lines of the three Grand Divisions.

Pending a revision of FOTL's bylaws in December, the board will organize in the following way:

West Tennessee will include Obion River (Region 1), Hatchie River (Region 2), and Metro Memphis-Shelby County.

Middle Tennessee will consist of Red River (Region 3), Buffalo River (Region 4), Falling Water (Region 5),

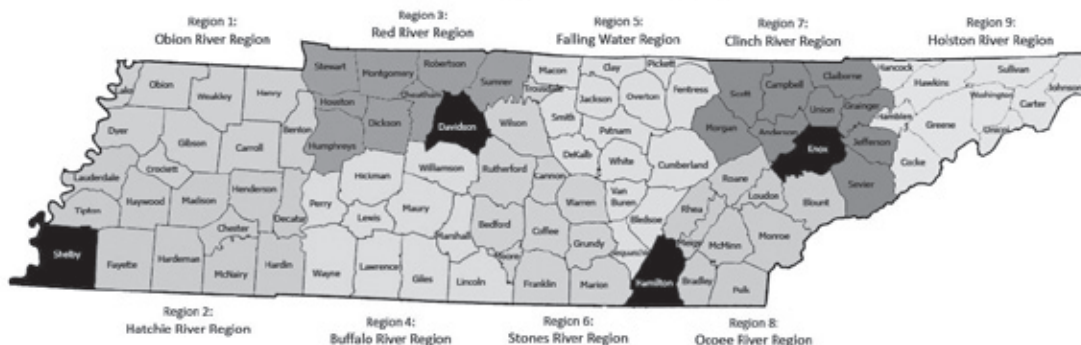
and Stones River (Region 6) as well as Metro Nashville-Davidson County.

East Tennessee will include Clinch River (Region 7), Ocoee River (Region 8), and Holston River (Region 9). Metros Knoxville-Knox County and Chattanooga will be a part of this division as well.

Filling vacancies in Hatchie River, Holston River, Obion River, and Stones River will be of major concern to FOTL. Re-assigning representatives from eliminated regions—Nolichucky and Forked Deer—will also be required.

For more information, see pages 2 and 3.

Tennessee Regional Library System



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## Proposed Alignment of FOTL Representatives

### WEST TENNESSEE

**Region 1: OBION RIVER**  
Formerly *REELFOOT*  
No representative

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# FOTL Needs Its Members To Effect Inevitable Change



**By Susie Webb Ries, President, Friends of Tennessee Public Libraries**

"A public library is the most enduring of memorials, the trustiest monument for the preservation of an event or a name or an affection; for it, and it only, is respected by wars and revolutions, and survives them." —Mark Twain, 1894

Change is one of the few constants in our world. Our board recently voted to change our mission statement: Friends of Tennessee Libraries are volunteers who promote, support and advocate for libraries across the state.

This is our season of renewing and recruiting members. Our members form the network through whom change happens. Help us promote, support and advocate for libraries to continue to be at the center of change.

"The Story of Change" is a short video describing how to create change in three steps: 1) Share an idea for improvement, 2) Work together until the problem is solved and 3) Succeed by taking action. Idea + us + action = change.

The video identifies types of change makers: investigators, communicators, builders, resisters, nurturers and networkers. Whatever kind of change maker you are, whatever you have to offer, a better future needs it. FOTL needs YOU!

Share your strengths with Friends of Tennessee Libraries. Send in your enrollment form with a check today. Then, invite a friend to join you or make that person a member as a gift.

Thank you!

## Counties Served by TN's Regional Libraries

### Region 1: Obion River

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Carroll	Lake
Dyer	Obion
Gibson	Weakley

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Decatur	Lauderdale
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Hardeman	McNairy
Hardin	Tipton

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Humphreys	

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Lawrence	Perry
Lewis	Wayne
Lincoln	Williamson

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Cumberland	Sequatchie
DeKalb	Smith
Fentress	Van Buren
Macon	White
Overton	

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Cannon	Rutherford
Coffee	Trousdale
Franklin	Warren
Grundy	Wilson
Marion	

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McMinn	Roane
Meigs	

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Cocke	Johnson
Greene	Sullivan
Hancock	Unicoi
Hawkins	Washington

### Workshop, Anyone?

**Would you like for Friends of Tennessee Libraries to conduct a workshop for your Friends? Discuss possible dates with your regional library director or your library manager. Then contact FOTL President Susie Webb Ries at <susieries@comcast.net>.**



# Knoxville Couple Shares Their Love of Reading

By Martha Gill

**Editor**

Leslee and Todd Tarbett are avid readers.

And they want their neighbors to be avid readers, too.

To that end, the young Knoxville couple's front yard features a Little Free Library, crafted by Todd and stocked by both Tarbetts with fiction and nonfiction, free for the taking.

The Tarbetts became familiar with Little Free Libraries, an international movement, when they saw a report about it on the CBS broadcast *Sunday Morning*. They investigated its website [www.littlefreelibraries.org](http://www.littlefreelibraries.org), where they learned its mission:

To promote literacy and the love of reading by building free book exchanges worldwide.

To build a sense of community as we share skills, creativity, and wisdom across generations.

To build more than 2,510 libraries around the world—more than Andrew Carnegie—and then more.

Leslee, a second-grade teacher at Bearden Elementary, and Todd, director of the Christian Student Center at the University of Tennessee, found that their values supported such a mission. Todd downloaded plans for the library itself from the website and in a week or so had created the Tarbetts' Little Free Library. "I'm not a carpenter," Todd says, but he had made other things like a reading nook in Leslee's classroom, and the plans were easy to follow.

From their home library they have chosen a variety of books to share in their Little Free Library. Readers who pick one of the Tarbetts' books often contribute other volumes.

The Tarbetts are frequent patrons of the South Knoxville Branch, where Todd is recognized as the husband of that celebrity who checks out so many books for her class. And even though they are busy professionals, they are always reading something.



Leslee and Todd Tarbett invite readers to their Little Free Library in South Knoxville.

Even as a boy Todd liked to read nonfiction but resisted fiction until in middle school he encountered Howard Fast's novel *April Morning*. That historical work persuaded him that fiction could be "true" as well though he still tends to favor non-fiction like Bruce Feiler's books *Walking the Bible: A Journey by Land Through the Five Books of Moses* and *Where God Was Born: A Journey by Land to the Roots of Religion*.

Leslee is reading Anne Lamott at the moment and was pleased to learn that the novelist would be speaking in Knoxville in September. Leslee works hard to develop lifelong readers in her classroom through literacy centers that encourage independent reading, listening to books, reading to one's self and to someone else, building vocabulary, and writing.

Since an article about their project appeared in the *Knoxville News Sentinel* ("Resident Builds Little Free Library in Yard" August 13, 2012) other newspapers in Tennessee have picked up the story. The organization's website lists other Little Free Libraries in Allardt, Clarksville, Hendersonville, Memphis, Murfreesboro, Nashville, and Old Hickory.

## Imagination Library Needs Volunteers

By Theresa Carl

**Governor's Books from Birth Foundation**

Tennessee is extremely fortunate to have Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in *every* county across the state. The Governor's Books from Birth Foundation works with these county programs to help sustain and support their efforts to enroll as many children as possible so that they can receive these FREE high-quality, age-appropriate books each month. Each county provides 50% of their county's total book costs and The Governor's Books from Birth Foundation matches those funds. What a great investment!

Volunteers are needed to

- serve on county Imagination Library boards
- assist with enrolling children
- fundraise to help pay for the county's commitment of 50% of the cost of the books each month

If you would like to volunteer in your county or learn more about the Imagination Library program, contact the Governor's Books from Birth Foundation at 615-253-3600 or visit [www.governorsfoundation.org](http://www.governorsfoundation.org). We also invite you to like us on Facebook, where you'll see stories about children and books from all over the state. Help us get these free books into the hands of ALL of Tennessee's children from birth to age five!

**Editor's note:** FOTL urges Friends to answer this call for support. Since 2003, led by Frances Darnell and the late Maryann Bork, FOTL has promoted Imagination Library and is proud of Friends like those in Stewart County who register eligible recipients for this great program.



Frances Darnell with Polly Parton from FOTL Newsletter (Fall 2004)

# Taking Advocacy to the Top National Library Legislative Day

By Vivian Wynn

*Tennessee Coordinator*

*2013 National Library Legislative Day*

Dear Tennessee Library Advocate,

Although May seems a long way off, now is the time to be thinking about attending National Library Legislative Day (NLLD) on May 7 and 8 in Washington, DC.

As you all know, Tennessee has a proud history of active participation in the ALA National Library Legislative Day, and I am hoping that 2013 will see even more of us in Washington, DC. Because FOTL advocates have attended NLLD in the past or have shown interest in the event, I wanted to give you some important information.

In 2013 NLLD will be held on Tuesday, May 7, and Wednesday, May 8. I am hoping that many of you will be joining us in DC in May for this significant exercise in democracy. This is an important opportunity for constituents to let their elected officials know about the vital work our libraries do in their communities. We all have poignant stories to tell about how libraries change and improve the lives of the people we are serving, including during extreme weather situations when libraries remain open or quickly reopen so people in need have internet access.

This two-day NLLD event is important, informative and fun—plus you can visit DC at the wonderful ALA hotel rate. The first day (Tuesday, May 7) will be briefing sessions held in the hotel during the day with a reception on Capitol Hill in the evening. We will be at the Liaison Capitol Hill Hotel again. The second day (Wednesday, May 8) will be appointments on the hill with our senators and congressmen.

The Tennessee Library Association has always supported NLLD by providing the registration cost for everyone in the Tennessee contingent, as well as with a significant contribution to ALA as a sponsor of the event.

Although time to register for NLLD is a ways off, I wanted to mention some details for the future. In order for TLA to cover your registration cost of \$30, the registration forms must be e-mailed to me rather than registered online directly to ALA. You do not need to send any payment. The best way for this to happen is for you to fill out the registration form

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**Tennessee State Coordinator**  
**National Library Legislative Day 2013**



It was Tennessee Tuesday at 2012 National Library Legislative Day for State Librarian and Archivist Chuck Sherrill, TLA President Wendy Cornelisen, Senator Lamar Alexander, NLLD Coordinator Vivian Wynn, Senator Bob Corker, Cara Huwieier from Brentwood Library, Martha Gill, and Marc Robertson, director of sales for public libraries at Ingram.

(just Google NLLD and go to the registration link) and e-mail it to me. I will then take care of all Tennessee registration fees with one check.

This year Susan Earl, director of the Brentwood Library, will be working on NLLD with me. Together we hope to build a large group of excited, knowledgeable library advocates to carry our message of support to our elected officials in DC. Support for libraries is more important than ever as the economy continues to struggle. We need our voices to be heard. Please plan to join us in Washington, DC, in May 2013. If you are thinking of attending, let me know so I can keep you fully informed.

Please let me know if I can answer any questions. And please excuse any cross postings—if you get this message two or three OR four times, it means we really, really want you to be part of our group.

## Why I Plan To Attend 2013 NLLD

*For the fourth consecutive year I plan to join the Tennessee delegation in Washington for National Library*

*Legislative Day. From the librarians in the group I know that I will continue to learn about the challenges and achievements of our public libraries, and as a private citizen I will have the opportunity to join professionals in supporting one of our greatest democratic institutions—the public library.—Martha Gill, FOTL Past*



Photo by Wendy Cornelisen

# Need To Fund Project? Apply to FOTL by Nov. 15

Does your Friends' group have a great idea for a project but no funds to implement it? Friends of Tennessee Libraries can help you underwrite projects designed to **increase membership, raise funds, or support advocacy.**

FOTL offers three grants of \$200 each, available to members of FOTL in good standing as they design projects of **advocacy, fund raising, or membership drives** for the coming year.

From [www.friendstnlibraries.org](http://www.friendstnlibraries.org) local groups can download instructions and an application form. Applications must be received by November 15.

Applications should be mailed to Dwight Shepherd, P.O. Box 1014, Kodak, TN 37764-7014, or sent by e-mail to [dewhitesheep@hotmail.com](mailto:dewhitesheep@hotmail.com).

The grants are designed to support new projects, not to pay for projects already completed.

Grants will be awarded by January 15, 2013.

Once the grant has been awarded, the winning Friends' group must follow up with an evaluation of the project within 30 days of the project's completion. That form is also available on the FOTL website.

Failure to return the evaluation form could result in the group's having to return the grant money or could diminish the group's chance of receiving another grant.

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 (One grant per application.)	DESCRIPTION
Fund Raising:	To assist with the expense associated with fund raising for your Friends group.
Advocacy:	To assist with expense associated with advocating on behalf of your community library.
Membership:	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:	
16. Date Application Received:	

This form may be downloaded from FOTL's website: [www.friendstnlibraries.org](http://www.friendstnlibraries.org).

# Friend of Year Nominations Due Nov. 15

In 2013, 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, either an individual or a group, must be a member in good standing of the Friends of Tennessee Libraries and must have made a significant contribution to a Friends' group and to the advancement of libraries in Tennessee. Now you have the opportunity to nominate a group or a person deserving that honor. The deadline for nominations is November 15.

In no more than 200 words describe 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](mailto: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 a member of FOTL?** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**Nominator's e-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator's telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

# Friends Promote Communities' Learning

**Chattanooga's** new Eastgate branch library site was the setting for an address by the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. Arun Gandhi, on September 20. The program included a presentation of "Libraries and Communities" by Library Director Corinne Hill. Friends held the fall book sale September 15-24.

**Cheatham County Friends** teamed up with the County Library, Museum, and the Historical and Genealogical Association to sponsor "Exploring Our Stories" at the library on October 13. The idea was formulated by Yvonne Stinnett, president of the Friends, and Lisa Walker, county historian, as a way of bringing people into the library and museum, located on the bottom floor of the library building. Friends served as tour guides and provided refreshments for the event. Members of the Historical Society appeared in Revolutionary or Civil War uniforms. Genealogist Mark Lowe was a featured speaker, and other attractions included a Friends' used-book sale, story time for youngsters, and promotion of library cards as well as membership in the Friends and Historical Association. County Mayor David McCullough declared the day a county-wide celebration for exploring Cheatham County stories.

**Humboldt Friends** have been instrumental in establishing a foundation, which has already become a 501(c)3 organization and is working to find grants. Jointly the boards of the Friends and Foundation sponsored a booth at the Downtown Fall Festival in October, when they sold food and gave away children's books provided by Davidson Titles in Jackson. Friends have also upgraded security at the library by installing more cameras, and the October 22 membership gala, "Fall into Friends," featured authors, door prizes, and a silent auction.

**King Family Library Friends** have resumed their lifelong learning series following a summer break. In September, Brad Free, historian and national park ranger, presented a pictorial review of Elkmont, once a timber town and later a summer retreat. October's presentation by Paul Richardson explored buying and selling online.

**Knox County Friends** thanked library staffs by treating them to lunch on October 23 during National Friends of Libraries Week. Branching out, the Friends are staging used-book sales in branches in the system where they are also taking their membership drive.



Knowing that classroom teachers benefit from their used-book sales, Knox County Friends publicize upcoming events in the school system. At a recent sale this kindergarten teacher filled a box of gently used books for her classroom library.



Stewart County Friends achieved another successful fundraiser, the annual salad luncheon, on September 4 in Dover. Now the Friends are concentrating on plans to host FOTL's Annual Meeting on May 4.

**Kodak Friends'** September meeting featured Keith Donnelly, author of the Donald Youngblood mystery series, as speaker. The Gatlinburg resident published his latest book, *Three Drops of Blood*, in August.

**Lawrence County Friends** provided refreshments, decorations, and prizes for a celebration during Teen Read Week, October 14-20. The successful September book sale, bringing in more than \$3,700, will support programs and provide supplies and materials for the library.

**McMinn County Friends** brought the *Coexist* Outreach Project to Athens, TN, on September 20. The documentary film *Coexist*, made by Adam Mazo and his team, uses Rwandan history to explore universal questions like why people bully others and why bystanders don't intervene. During his visit to Athens, the filmmaker led discussions at the local middle school, McMinn County Justice Center, and the E. G. Fisher Public Library.

**Memphis-Shelby County Friends** conducted their fall book sale October 26-27.

**Nashville Friends** conduct a used-book sale featuring around 20,000 volumes on the second Saturday of each month. Books that are not selling are sent to Better World Books, GA. A percentage of proceeds from that firm's sales purchases new books from Ingram for the Nashville Library System and results in a small stipend to the Friends.

**Sevier County Friends**, representing the King Family Library in Sevierville as well as libraries in Kodak and Seymour, collaborated on the fall book sale in September.

## Share Your News

Want to see news about your Friends in this space? Contact your FOTL representative (page 2) or send items and photos directly to <marthagill491@gmail.com>. Some Friends' groups have designated a specific member as an FOTL liaison.

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- **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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### Membership Application

## Become a Friend of Tennessee Libraries

(Membership year is January to December.)

#### INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

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

#### FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS

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

#### ORGANIZATIONS

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to Friends of Tennessee Libraries. Send to FOTL Membership Chair Connie Albrecht, 1560 Country Club Place, Cookeville, TN 38501-2062.**