Let’s get ready for the 2013 FOTL Annual Meeting

At the FOTL Annual Meeting in Dover on Saturday, May 4, you’ll meet authors, hear financial advice from an accountant, and pick up ideas about networking. Registration begins in the March-April issue of our newsletter. In the meantime, save the date and nominate your valued volunteer to receive an award of appreciation. Page 5.

FOTL Supports Three Projects

FOTL has awarded three $200 grants to assist local Friends’ groups in achieving their goals.

To recruit new members, Friends of the Seymour Library plan a series of programs drawing new recruits to the organization. Entitled “East Tennessee Culture: Learning about Ourselves and Our Land,” the series will feature an evening of storytelling, another of music performed by local musicians, and films about the state’s culture purchased from Appalshop and subsequently to be added to the Seymour Library’s collection. A potluck dinner will conclude the series.

Another $200 grant will be used by Friends of the Tellico Village Library to help defray the costs of renting space for the organization’s three-day book sale, which generates a significant portion of the Friends’ funding of the library. Unlike any other library in the state, the Tellico Village Library is not part of a city tax base and therefore does not receive public funding for operations or capital.

The Tellico Village group will also use a second $200 grant to help publish its quarterly newsletter, the organization’s foremost means of communicating its advocacy of the library with the community.

Calling All Friends . . .

To TN Library Legislative Day

On February 19 in Nashville

By Cara Huwieler, TLA Legislative Committee Co-Chair

On February 19, we’re paying special attention to our best advocates—Friends! It’s a well-known fact that often citizens whose jobs don’t depend on legislative outcomes make the biggest impact on the legislative process. We’re hosting a panel of Friends and Trustees to share tips and tricks they have found most effective in advocating for libraries. And of course, you’ll get the chance to use these tips over lunch with legislators. Join us in Nashville on February 19 for our annual Tennessee Library Legislative Day!

See page 4 to learn about the day’s events and to register for this event which is important to the success of our public libraries.
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Check us out on Facebook. Our website is temporarily disabled because of the untimely death of our website manager Walt C. Smith, Jr.
2013 Offers Library Lovers Three New Opportunities

By Susie Webb Ries, FOTL President

My mother, a very wise woman, says she thinks two people can do the work of three. In other words, when two people get together and work, extra energy is created and more is accomplished.

In the coming months there are three major gatherings for library lovers to get together, create energy, and accomplish good things. Put these on your calendars and make plans to join us:

1. Tennessee Library Legislative Day, Tuesday, February 19, in Nashville, TN. This is a triple opportunity to meet other library lovers from across the state, gain knowledge about advocating for libraries, and meet with your legislator over a box lunch in the library. See page 4 for a schedule and information about how to register.

2. The Tennessee Library Association (TLA) Annual Conference, April 24-26 in Chattanooga, TN. The theme of the conference is “Libraries Out of the Box.” Friends can think outside the box by giving their favorite library staffers a scholarship to attend this meeting. Friday, April 26, TLA and FOTL will co-host our annual Friends and Trustees Luncheon which will feature Steve Smith, dean of libraries at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, as guest speaker. The annual award co-sponsored by FOTL and TLA will also be presented there to the 2013 Friend of the Year, too, so consider coming to that event.

3. FOTL’s Annual Meeting, Saturday, May 4, in Dover, TN. This year’s meeting is being held on a Saturday to allow members to attend by possibly making a weekend trip of it without taking off time from work. See page 4 for more details about the meeting and where to stay. The form to nominate someone who has had a positive influence on your library is on page 5. Those who are selected will be honored at the annual meeting in Dover.

What’s Up @ Libraries in Tennessee and Beyond?

New Courier Service ‘Faster, Cheaper’

A new speedy interlibrary loan service will link rural, suburban, and urban public libraries to deliver more books to Tennessee public libraries.

Firefly Courier Service, developed by the Tennessee State Library and Archives in conjunction with Tenn-Share, will make more titles available to library patrons because it includes the resources of Vanderbilt University, the University of Tennessee, and other private libraries, according to State Librarian and Archivist Chuck Sherrill.

Secretary of State Tre Hargett, whose office oversees the State Library and Archives, says on his website, “A book in Union City can be shared with a reader in Bristol at no cost to either of those libraries.” Couriers will visit each of the state’s 177 public libraries twice a week at no cost to local libraries.

Caroline Kennedy To Chair Library Week

Caroline Kennedy will serve as honorary chair of National Library Week, April 14-20, according to a report in the American Library Association’s publication American Libraries (January/February 2013).

Kennedy, who will work with ALA to develop public service announcements promoting National Library Week, is “An advocate for reading, literacy, and libraries,” according to ALA. She is the author or editor of 10 bestselling books on American history, politics, and poetry” (American Libraries 10).

‘Knock Their Socks Off’ With Service, Urges TLA President Harris

Writing in the Fall 2012 edition of The TLA Newsletter, President Dinah Harris raises this question: “Why will customers still frequent the library when they can check out books and access informational databases online?”

Her answer? “Libraries and staff can offer one thing that online sources cannot . . . care and comfort, the human touch.”

She continues, “We must elevate our service to the ‘knock-their-socks-off’ level. Conversations with patrons should never end with ‘I don’t know’ or ‘Sorry, we don’t have that.’”

In addition, writes President Harris, “Many of our customers come to the library because it is the one place they will receive a friendly smile and that feeling that someone actually cares about their needs.”
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Schedule of Events

9:00-9:45 Registration & Continental Breakfast [Nashville Public Library Conference Center (Library doors open at 9:00 a.m.)]

9:45-12:30 Advocacy Workshop featuring a Tennessee Library Advocacy Panel, Stewart Clifton, and an OCLC advocacy session

12:30-1:30 Lunch with Legislators

1:30- Legislative Office Visits (Schedule appointments in advance)

Early Bird Registration Fee: $20 — Deadline: January 18, 2013
Regular Registration Fee: $30 — Deadline: February 11, 2013

Register Online at www.tnla.org

For additional registration information contact TLA at arhuggins1@comcast.net or (901) 485-6952.

TLLD is sponsored by the Tennessee Library Association in cooperation with the Friends of Tennessee Libraries and the Tennessee Association of School Librarians, with the support of TENN-SHARE and the Nashville Public Library.

A Day in Dover: FOTL’s Annual Meeting May 4, 2013

The day begins with registration and continental breakfast at 8:15.

After a brief business meeting, the following will occur in rapid succession:

- Katherine Whitehead, director, Riggins International Rights Services
- Eileen Wirsig, accountant
- Patsy Caldwell, cookbook author
- Lunch
- Panel discussion with Friends from Benton, Montgomery, Henry, Stewart, and Houston counties
- FOTL Recognition Awards
- Door prizes and announcements
- Adjournment by 3 p.m.

Many different kinds of lodging options are available at varying costs.

- Paris Landing State Park. 10 percent discount for FOTL, reservations required two weeks in advance. Contact <Mike.Hastings@tn.gov> or telephone 731.641.4442.
- Land Between the Lakes National Recreational Area—Piney Campground. <www.lbl.org>
- Dover Inn. <www.parislanding.com/doverinnmotel/index.htm>
- Fishtale Lodge. <www.fishtalelodge.com>
- LBL Whispering Pines Campgrounds & Cabins. <lblwhisperingpines@earthlink.net>
- Dixieland Cabins. <www.dixielandcabins.com>
- Sunset Motor Inn. Phone 931.232.5102.

These websites list attractions in the Dover area: <http://www.lbl.org/>
<http://www.dovertnm.com/area_attractions/index.htm>

Registration will begin in the March-April issue of the FOTL Newsletter.
Once again, every FOTL member has the opportunity to recognize those having a positive influence on Tennessee libraries. The nomination itself is an honor and will be appreciated by anyone recognized for service.

The following examples are representative of those who in the past have received certificates of appreciation at the FOTL annual meeting in the past. Now FOTL is searching for such outstanding individuals to be celebrated at the annual meeting on Saturday, May 4, 2013, in Dover.

- Civic-minded individuals who have donated buildings to be used as libraries
- Foundations established through the generosity of individuals
- Friends’ groups that have completely renovated buildings
- Individuals donating many hours a year in such significant roles as library workers who extend the hours of local libraries, computer instructors, fundraisers, coordinators of book sales, composers of brochures about library services, organizers of book-and-author luncheons, founders of Friends’ groups, editors of newsletters, or organizers of summer-reading programs.

Outstanding Friends may also be recognized posthumously.

The awards will again include $100 cash. (Most of those honored in the past have chosen to present their checks to their local library or Friends’ group.)

Guidelines include the following details:

- The nominator must be an FOTL member.
  (Enrollment may accompany the nomination.)
- Nominations by people who do not have individual memberships in FOTL will be disqualified.
- An FOTL member may submit one nomination based on achievements during the past two years.
- Nominees may be:
  - A living individual
  - An individual recently deceased
  - A Friends’ group
  - A business
  - Other groups (e.g. a club, a foundation)
- Duplication of past winners will be avoided
- Nominations must be turned in by April 12, 2013.

Get busy and return your nomination for consideration.

Help FOTL Reward Your Benefactors by April 12th

Certificate of Appreciation Nomination Form
(For achievements during the past two years)

If your nominee is an Individual, Librarian, Friend, or Benefactor
Name ______________________________________
Address ___________________________________
Nominee’s Phone Number ____________________
Category _________________________________
(Individual? Librarian? Friend? Benefactor? other?)
Library ____________________________________
Library’s Address ___________________________
_________________________________________
Library’s Phone Number ____________________

If your nominee is Local Friends’ Group, Business, or Other
Name ______________________________________
President of Organization ____________________
Address ___________________________________
Phone Number ______________________________
Category ___________________________________
Library ______________________________________
Address _____________________________________
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In 100 or fewer words, describe the nominee’s contributions to libraries in the past two years. Attach the description to this form.

Name of Nominator, FOTL member ________________________________
Address ____________________________________________________________________________________________
Telephone Number ________________________________________________________

Mail by April 12, 2013 to: Frances Darnell, 7208 Scottsville Rd, Lafayette, TN 37083

January-February 2013 Friends of Tennessee Libraries newsletter
From East to West, Tennessee Friends Are Best

In West: Expansion, Dedication, and Foundation

**Friends of the Crockett County Library** hosted a reception marking the grand opening of the newly remodeled Crockett Memorial Library in Alamo on December 2. Patrons toured the 1,200 square feet of expanded space recently added to the building to create a programming room available for teaching classes and an enclosed conference room for meetings as well as areas especially for children, genealogical research, and computer services.

**Humboldt Friends** are the beneficiaries of property across the street from the library, a legacy from the estate of William Mullins, former Humboldt resident, and a gift made possible by Mr. Mullins’ son Craig. The bequest also includes a cemetery plot that can be sold to benefit the Friends.

**Friends of Lauderdale County Public Library** are taking orders for the fourth volume of the county’s pictorial history. Sales are booming.

**Friends of McIver’s Grant Public Library** in Dyersburg are raising funds to name the children’s department in honor of Dr. Don Connell, pediatrician who touched the lives of several generations of patients, and his wife Carol. More information about Dr. Connell and the project can be found at these links: www.connellfoundation.com and www.facebook.com/ConnellFoundation?fref=ts. Friends invited the public to view the new building on December 8.

**Friends of the Humboldt Public Library** have begun a foundation, and an active board has applied for its 501(c)(3) status.

**In Middle TN: Friends Marshal Forces for Community**

The Cheatham County Library’s Fall Festival drew 250 participants for activities including face painting, games, inflatables, and prizes. Christmas programs featured a performance by Rachel Sumner and an appearance by Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. The Teen Advisory Board has been busy making money for the Friends and going on outings like the première of the Twilight film.

**Friends of the Clarksville Montgomery County Library** have approved the purchase of equipment valued at $5,500 but unfunded by the library’s budget. In addition the group has purchased a scanning system in the genealogy section for general library use.

Patrons of the **Houston County Public Library** enrolled in a series of free computer classes in the fall; instruction included programs like Excel, Facebook, and Word as well as e-mail and résumé and job search.

**Putnam County Friends** continue to support the library through their monthly used-book sale, Twice-Told Tales, which garnered proceeds of over $11,000 by December. From the bounty of the October sale the Friends purchased Spanish language tapes for children and adults. The Friends also supported library staff by contributing paper goods and desserts for the staff’s fall training day.

The **South Cheatham Library** is back in business after experiencing a damaging tornado nine months ago. Thanks to the support of the Friends of the Library, the Tennessee Library Association, the ARK, the trustees, library staff, and patrons, the library is no longer water-logged.

Promoting childhood literacy, **Friends of the White County Public Library** like Teen Librarian Erin Savage and George Weber read to children in seven schools in November.
In East: Notable Support for Libraries

The Art Circle Public Library Foundation in Crossville purchased 1,000 new books for the Children’s Library, a new film reader for research, new computers, and a multiple map case for the Archives, reports Diane Brown, chair. A $100,000 bequest from the estate of the late Draper Keisling will be administered by the Foundation as a memorial to Mr. Keisling and spent for purposes stipulated in Mr. Keisling’s will.

Friends of the King Family Library in Sevierville sold note cards featuring the paintings of local scenes by Frances Ostergren during the holiday season. Mrs. Ostergren, who is 101 years old, donated the paintings to the King Family Library.

Friends of the Kodak Library have purchased benches for outdoor seating at the library branch in recognition of the branch’s 10th anniversary. Teens and tweens enjoyed a special program sponsored by the Friends in October that included ghost stories and a screening of the very first vampire movie; the audience was surprised that the movie had no sound and that the vampire did not look like a fashion model!

For the whole family, in November Kodak Friends sponsored a craft project presented by Home Depot. FOKL hosted the annual membership appreciation reception in December. In honor of volunteers who serve the branch on a regular basis, the Friends added books to the library’s collection and made a donation in honor of the system’s entire staff to the Library System Foundation.

Friends of the Seymour Branch Library surprised Spence Perry, library assistant, with a retirement party in December. Well-wishers thanked Mr. Perry for his contributions to the library, especially his weekly story hour for children and his help as the Friends have undertaken reorganization. He has promised to remain active as a volunteer with the Friends.

Friends of the Sevier County Public Library System, made up of the Friends of the King Family, Kodak, and Seymour libraries, concluded their most successful used-book sale in years in September.

Metros Focus on Outreach, Funding of Programs

Friends of the Memphis-Shelby County Library report that the Community Outreach Program has been wonderfully successful. Led by Sherman Dixon, the Friends distributed over 355 boxes containing 10,650 books to several organizations around the city that otherwise would have had no additional library assistance. They include the Messick Adult Education Center, Bellevue Baptist Summer School for Nutrition, the Church Health Center, Operation Head Start, the Orange Mound Community Center, the Refugee Empowerment Program, and Methodist Hospitals.

Dr. Scott Morris of the Church Health Center was featured speaker at the Friends’ well-attended annual meeting on December 2. Dr. Morris spoke on the importance of the library as more than a gathering place and safe haven.

To convey their appreciation of the library staff’s hard work, the Friends hosted dinner and dancing to a live band at the annual library staff Christmas party on December 7 at the Benjamin Hooks (Central) Library.

Friends of the Nashville Public Library had a busy fall. With the support of the Community Foundation, the Friends sponsored two classical guitar concerts as part of their ongoing Virtuoso Concert Series. Planning is well underway for the spring season. Typically these concerts draw audiences of 100-150 even on a Sunday when the Titans play at home.

For a number of years Nashville Public Library has partnered with Vanderbilt University’s Philosophy Department in hosting the Thinking Outside of the (Lunch) Box midday program. The monthly series presents provocative themes intended to inspire thoughtful discussion. The Friends are now providing financial and promotional support for the series. December’s topic was “The Future of Food in Nashville.”

Friends of the Knox County Public Library once again contributed thousands of books for both adults and children benefiting from the Empty Stocking Fund sponsored by the Knoxville News Sentinel. Quickly shifting gears, the Friends will open their annual used-book sale on March 9. Weekend hours will be extended for shoppers’ convenience.
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

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__________________

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