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FOTL Invites You to Meet In Nashville October 22

On October 22, come from your library to the library that belongs to all of us in Nashville, the new Tennessee State Library & Archives. Here's what FOTL is planning for its Annual Meeting there:

- a tour of the state-of-the-art State Library & Archives
- a presentation by one of the 2021 Friends of the Year about how she and her team are making \$10,000 a month by selling used books online
- a visit with Ed Tarkington, Nashville author of *Only Love Can Break Your Heart* and *The Fortunate Ones*
- a chance to learn more about how to advocate for your library
- an opportunity to share the experiences of your Friends group with members of other groups in Tennessee

See page 3 for more details about the agenda of the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Friends of Tennessee Libraries. Register online or by mail to attend. We're excited about getting back to action in person.

Worried about parking in Nashville? We've got you covered! See p. 2.



Bring a photo I.D. with you to get your own State Library & Archives card.

It's Not Too Late . . .

. . . to apply for one of FOTL's \$500 grants or to nominate a stellar member of your Friends group to receive a certificate and a cash award of \$100. Deadline for both is September 30. Recipients will be announced on October 22. See p. 2.

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The FOTL Outlook

By **Kathy Dooley-Smith, President**
Fellow Library Lovers,

While most people reset their plans and make resolutions in January, I, as a teacher and mom, find that aisles of new school supplies and the changing of the leaves signal my new beginning. For the first time in 24 years, my world is quiet as both of my daughters have embarked on their own adventures. Surprisingly, I have raised two teachers, and their journeys and experiences have only strengthened my resolve to advocate for libraries and readers.

Just like my little part of world, the library community faces immense change, and this is a vital time to increase our awareness of and advocacy for libraries.

The unprecedented volume of legislation and challenges to our freedom to read may seem overwhelming, but FOTL is always advocating for and ready to support local Friends' groups and their mission.

As part of our outreach and support, we have planned an amazing annual meeting. The daylong event will provide practical information about fundraising, online sales, advocacy, and much more. The meeting is the perfect place to connect with fellow Friends from across the state, learn from each other, and push your own reset button. We will also have a behind-the-scenes tour of the Tennessee State Library and Archives, including the state-of-the-art retrieval robot and the world-class conservation lab. Make plans to join us on Saturday, October 22!

See you at TSLA,
Kathy



Edward Smith and Kathy Dooley-Smith and their daughters Kassie, a teacher, and Sydney, a college freshman, begin a new academic year.

Parking at TSLA Garage for FOTL Annual Meeting

■ **GPS address is 1001 Rep John Lewis Way NORTH.** Be sure to add the N for North, or you will end up on the other side of town.

■ **The parking garage is located off Junior Gilliam Way (between 5th & 6th Ave.).** The entrance is closer to the Bicentennial Mall side (6th Ave.).

■ **Before entering the garage, you'll see a keypad on the left. If the gate is not open, use the airphone in the middle to call the front desk. Say you are here with FOTL.** The gate will be opened.

■ **Park in any visitor parking space in the middle of the garage. Look for the sign directing you to the Lobby and make your way upstairs. Someone from FOTL will direct you to the meeting room.**

How to Apply for Grants

Go to our website at friendsTNlibraries.org. Click on **Grant Applications** under **On the Calendar**.

Want to Honor Someone?

Go to our website at friendsTNlibraries.org. Click on **Recognition Award nominations** under **On the Calendar**.

FRIENDS OF TENNESSEE LIBRARIES ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, October 22, 2022

**Tennessee State Library & Archives Building
1001 Rep. John Lewis Way North, Nashville, TN**

- 8:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast.**
9:00 a.m. Welcome.
Kathy Dooley-Smith, FOTL President
Chuck Sherrill, Retired State Librarian & Archivist
Jamie Ritter, State Librarian & Archivist
FOTL Business Meeting. Kathy Dooley-Smith, FOTL President
Introduction of TLA/FOTL Friends of the Year.
Announcement of Grant Recipients and Certificates.
- 9:30 a.m. Tour of Tennessee State Library and Archives.**
10:45 a.m. Break.
11:00 a.m. Exploding Your Online Sales!
From Friends of the Blount County Public Library,
Diane Rocco, a 2021 Friend of the Year
- 12:00 noon Lunch.**
12:45 p.m. Visit with a Nashville novelist. Ed Tarkington
1:45 p.m. PayPal, Square, Venmo: A Practical Guide to the Right Choice.
2:00 p.m. Advocacy and Action.
3:15 p.m. Door prizes and closing remarks.
3:30 p.m. Adjournment.

**Register for FOTL's October 22 Meeting
at www.friendstnlibraries.org**

OR

by check and mail (see below).

Registration covering both continental breakfast and lunch is \$30.

Registration must be received by FOTL by October 15.

Detach this form and mail it with your check, payable to FOTL, to

Marjorie Kaup Haines, FOTL Treasurer, P.O. Box 681493, Franklin, TN 37068

Questions? Check out our website at www.friendstnlibraries.org.

Name _____ Telephone _____

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Remembering Don Reynolds

Each Nolichucky Library Receives \$50 Stipend for Books

For 18 years Don Reynolds (1942-2021) was director of the Nolichucky Regional Library in Morristown. In fact, when Don retired from that position in 2012, he was the last Nolichucky director of record. In 2012 the Nolichucky Region was eliminated in a statewide restructuring of the regional library system that reduced regions from 12 to 9. Bringing with him his love of and experience in libraries, in 2014 Librarian Don then became president of Friends of Tennessee Libraries. His love of children's picture books came with him to FOTL as well, and therefore it seems fitting that FOTL, Don's friends, and his Friends should remember Don by sending every library in what used to be the Nolichucky Region a stipend with which to purchase books for the children who still come through those doors to begin their adventures in reading.

Before 2012 there were 22 of those libraries in 7 counties.

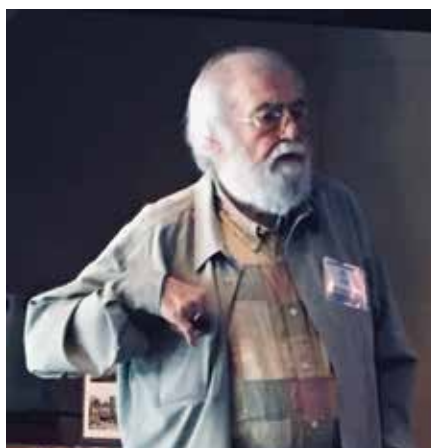
Cocke County (now in Holston River Region): Cosby Community Library, Marie Ellison Memorial Library, Parrottsville Community Library, Stokely Memorial Library.

Grainger County (now in Clinch River Region): Bean Station Public Library, Blaine Public Library, Rutledge Public Library, Washburn Community Library.

Hamblen County (now in Holston River Region): Morristown-Hamblen Library.



The Nolichucky Region, shown here in green, was part of the statewide Regional Library System until 2012. Graphic from the Secretary of State's website.



Don Reynolds presided over the FOTL Annual Meeting in Cookeville in 2019. He served FOTL as president from 2014 until 2019.

Hawkins County (now in Holston River Region): H. B. Stamps Memorial Library, Mt. Carmel Public Library, Surgoinville Branch Library.

Jefferson County (now in Clinch River Region): Dandridge Memorial Library, Jefferson City Public Library,

Parrott-Wood Memorial Library, White Pine Public Library.

Sevier County (now in Clinch River Region): Anna Porter Public Library, King Family Library, Kodak Branch Library, Pigeon Forge Public Library, Williams Family Seymour Branch Library.

Donors to the memorial fund also made possible a gift for a book in Don's memory at the State Library & Archives.

FOTL thanks the following donors:

Connie Albrecht

Martha Edington

Stephen and Susan Englese

Martha and Jim Gill

Judy Greeson

Marjorie Haines

James G. and Diane E. Johnson

Janis Perry

Charles Sherrill

William Sundquist

Caleb Wray

Annual Meeting: Talk of the Towns

Across the state people are talking about FOTL's 2022 Annual Meeting. Here's what they're saying.

■ "The tour of the new State Library & Archives will be one for the books!"

■ "It will lift your spirits!"

■ "You'll find old and new friends who are Friends there."

■ "You'll be in a community of people who are ready to help each other become better Friends."

■ "You'll hear ideas that you can take home and adapt to your local Friends group."

■ "You'll make Friends who can help you put those ideas to work."



Who Will Be 2022 Friends of the Year?

The Tennessee Library Association and Friends of Tennessee Libraries are now accepting nominations for two winners of the 2022 Friend of the Year Award, given annually to individuals or groups that have made a significant contribution to a Friends group and to the advancement of libraries in Tennessee. December 31 is the deadline for nominations.

Consider the achievements of last year's Friends of the Year. Representing a large membership, Diane Rocco and the dozens of volunteers on her team made online sales the primary source of the group's income. The much smaller group of Friends of the Seymour Library for many years made continuing and significant contributions to the expansion of their library that reopened this year. The renovated space was featured in the Library Design Showcase of *American Libraries* (September 2022).

Individuals or groups representing service to a population of 25,000 or more and those representing a population of 24,999 or fewer will be considered for the award. Each nominee must be a member of FOTL. An individual must hold an individual membership, and a group must be enrolled as a group.

The nomination form may be accessed at our website, friendsTNlibraries, under On the Calendar. A statement no longer than 200 words describing the nominee's service, achievements, and contributions to a Friends group and to the advancement of libraries or education through libraries must accompany the nomination.

Recipients of the Award from 2010 with references to relevant FOTL newsletters include the following:

- Friends of Art Circle Library, Crossville (June-July 2011)
- Friends of Kodak Library, Sevier County (May-June 2012)
- Friends of Benton County Library (May-June 2013)
- Friends of the Tellico Village Public Library (May-June 2014)
- Friends of Williamson County Public Library (Spring 2015)
- Julie Webb (Summer 2016)
- Friends of White County Public Library and Friends of Smyrna Library (Spring 2017)
- Connie Albrecht, Cookeville, and Martha Gill, Knoxville (Summer 2018)
- Marilyn Morrison and Meg and Ron Halter (Spring-Summer 2019)
- Friends of Spring Hill Library and eBay Team of Blount County Friends (*FOTL News* April 2020)
- Blount County Friends and Emma Ruth Catlett (*FOTL News* April 2021)
- Diane Rocco of Blount County Friends and Friends of the Seymour Branch Library (*FOTL News* February 2022)



FRIENDS GROUPS SUPPORTING THESE LIBRARIES

- Art Circle Library, Crossville
- Blount County Public Library, Maryville
- John P. Holt Brentwood Library
- Cheatham County Public Library, Ashland City
- Clinton Public Library
- Collierville Burch Library
- Dickson County Public Library, Dickson
- Fairview Public Library
- Franklin County Public Library, Winchester
- Hardin County Library, Savannah
- Hendersonville Public Library, Sumner County
- Humboldt Public Library
- Jefferson City Public Library
- Johnson County Public Library, Mountain City
- King Family Public Library, Sevierville
- Kodak Branch Library, Sevier County
- Knox County Public Library, Knoxville
- LaFollette Public Library
- Lauderdale County Library, Ripley
- Lewis County Public Library, Hohenwald
- Martin Public Library
- Meigs-Decatur Public Library, Decatur
- Memphis Public Library and Information Center
- Morristown-Hamblen Public Library
- Oak Ridge Public Library
- Perry County Public Library, Linden
- The Public Library at Tellico Village
- Putnam County Public Library, Cookeville
- Smyrna Public Library
- South Carolina Libraries, Columbia
- Spring Hill Public Library
- Stewart County Public Library, Dover
- Williams Family Seymour Branch Library
- Williamson County Public Library, Franklin

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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

Friends with Memberships Have Benefits

■ **One-on-one mentoring with FOTL leaders** for local Friends groups. Topics include fundraising; outreach events; building relationships among Library Board, staff, and Friends; membership recruitment and retention; starting a new Friends group; legal assistance with 501(c)3 paperwork; bylaw review and revision; and much more!

■ Access to a free professional **Zoom** account for local Friends meetings

■ **Grants** for advocacy, fundraising, and building membership

■ **Newsletters and social media** sharing ideas and information

■ Support for **Library Legislative Day**

■ Information on **advocacy** and updates on pending legislation



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