The Friends in Dover, TN, offer FOTL members a full plate at the annual meeting May 4: financial advice, book talk, and networking in an inviting setting. The rich program begins with continental breakfast, includes lunch, and ends with the bounty of awards from FOTL.

Catherine Whitehead will speak about the work of Riggins International Rights Services, Inc., the rights department for several inspirational publishers. The company promotes its clients’ books, protects their rights, and collects royalties on their behalf.

Eileen Wirsig, CPA, will talk about keeping the financial books straight.

Patsy Caldwell, culinary professional for 40 years and owner of Watertown Food Concepts in Charlotte, NC, brings another kind of book to the table. She and Amy Wilson have written Bless Your Heart: Saving the World One Covered Dish at a Time.

Cate Beauman left a boring job to write and self-publish three thrillers available exclusively in paperback or for the Kindle from Amazon: Morgan’s Hunter, Falling for Sarah, and Hailey’s Truth. A fourth in the series about bodyguards of L.A. County is in the works.

A panel of Friends from several counties will address problems that many advocates face and suggest some uncommon solutions.

A registration fee of only $25 will cover the day’s events. See page 5.

Several options exist for travelers who want lodging:

- 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.
- LBL Whispering Pines Campgrounds & Cabins. <lblwhisperingpines@earthlink.net>.
- Sunset Motor Inn. Phone 931.232.5102.

These websites list attractions in the Dover area: <http://www.lbl.org/>.


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Region 2 Hatchie River
Chester, Decatur, Fayette, Hardeman, Hardin, Henderson, Lauderdale, Madison, McNairy, Tipton counties
Representative A: To Be Named
Representative B: To Be Named
Representative C: To Be Named

MIDDLE TENNESSEE
Region 3 Red River
Cheatham, Dickson, Houston, Humphreys, Montgomery, Robertson, Stewart, Sumner counties

Region 4 Stones River
Bedford, Cannon, Coffee, Franklin, Grundy, Marion, Moore, Rutherford, Trousdale, Warren, Wilson counties

Region 5 Falling Waters River
Bledsoe, Clay, Cumberland, DeKalb, Fentress, Jackson, Macon, Overton, Pickett, Putnam, Sequatchie, Smith, Van Buren counties

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Region 8 Ocoee River
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Region 9 Holston River
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As FOTL Changes, We Need YOU

The year 2013 is fraught with change for Friends of Tennessee Libraries, but you can help us meet these challenges.

In March board members will discuss and very likely will adopt several changes to FOTL’s bylaws. Chief among them is the restructure of the board according to the three Grand Divisions—West, Middle, and East Tennessee—to align with the state’s revision of the Regional Library System. That revision requires FOTL to search for, to find, and to orient new members to the board: three from West Tennessee, two from Middle Tennessee, and one from East Tennessee. In addition, a successor to Peter McNeal, who recently resigned as representative from Metro Memphis and Shelby County, must be found.

Are you one of the representatives FOTL is looking for?
Successful communication is essential to our organization. To our printed newsletter and Facebook page we will soon add a new website.
Are you one of the people FOTL needs to enhance our communication?

Become the face of your library by becoming a part of a group and identifying yourself with that group as you write letters, meet face-to-face with law makers, and use the social media.

Know the facts about your library, but also tell stories illustrating how the library is helping your community.

Get to know the people who hold the purse strings to your library before you have to ask for money.

Thank lawmakers for doing the right thing like supporting the Tennessee Electronic Library.

Become acquainted with other individuals and groups in your community. They might become allies.

Be courteous. Don’t make enemies.

Don’t give up. People and policies can change.

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The Tennessee Library Association, Tennessee Association of School Librarians, Friends of Tennessee Libraries, and TENN SHARE sponsored the event held in the Nashville Public Library.

Advocates Turn Out for TN Library Legislative Day

Participants in Tennessee Library Legislative Day on February 19 took away several articles of faith for advocates. Building relationships was the over-arching concept.

- Become the face of your library by becoming a part of a group and identifying yourself with that group as you write letters, meet face-to-face with law makers, and use the social media.
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FOTL President Susie Ries meets with Representative Jason Powell.

State Librarian and Archivist Chuck Sherrill quizzes the panel about effective techniques for advocates: Tim Wirgau, Representative for Henry, Benton, and Stewart counties; David Farris, Clarksville, Public Library Board Chair; Jerry Spurlin, Tullahoma, Regional Library Board Chair; Martha Gill, Knoxville, past president of FOTL; and Carol Harris, Dyersburg, FOTL president-elect.
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.

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
Spend a Day in Dover with Friends: FOTL’s Annual Meeting May 4

Location: Dover, TN, The Visitor’s Center

8:15 a.m.  Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:45 a.m.  Welcome
           Mary Ann Jordan
           Stewart County Friends President
8:55 a.m.  Brief Business Meeting
9:15 A.m.  CATHERINE WHITEHEAD
           Director
           Riggins International Rights Services
           Dover
9:55 a.m.  EILEEN WIRSIG
           Accountant, Dover
10:15 a.m. Break
10:30 a.m. PATSY CALDWELL
           Cookbook Author, Charlotte, NC
10:50 a.m. CATE BEAUMAN
           Self-Published Amazon Author
           Clarksville, TN
11:30 a.m. Networking Lunch
           Tour of Stewart County Library
12:50 p.m. OUR EXPERIENCES
           Friends from Benton, Henry, Montgomery,
           and Stewart counties
2 p.m.     Break
2:10 p.m.  FOTL Recognition Awards
2:40 p.m.  Door Prizes and Adjournment
3 p.m.     Adjournment

Registration covering both continental breakfast and lunch is $25. Registration must be received by FOTL by May 1. Detach this form on the dotted line and mail it with your check, payable to FOTL, to Martha Gill, 4109 Forest Glen Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919. Questions? <marthagill491@gmail.com>.

Name_____________________________________Telephone__________________

Address_____________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip_________________________________________________________

E-Mail_______________________________________________________________

_________Check here if this is the first FOTL Annual Meeting you have attended.
2013 Man of Year: Peter J. McNeal, Sr.

Peter J. McNeal, Sr., formerly Memphis and Shelby County’s representative on the Friends of Tennessee Libraries’ board, was named 2013 Man of the Year by the St. John Baptist Church in Memphis on February 24.

Peter, a father and grandfather, was honored for leadership in the church as well as in community activities like FOTL and Real Men Read.

FOTL also appreciates Peter for his faithful attendance at board meetings, his eloquence, and his dedication to public libraries at home and in the rest of the state.

FOTL Goes to TLA

Friends of Tennessee Libraries will present a program on innovations among Friends’ groups at the Tennessee Library Association’s conference in Chattanooga on Thursday, April 25. “Beyond the Used-Book Sale: Friends Innovate” will outline unusual approaches to fundraising, outreach, and communications. The 2013 Friend of the Year Award will also be presented by TLA and FOTL on April 26.

To register for the conference online, go to <tnla.org>.

From the West: What’s New in Newbern

The Dyersburg State Gazette describes the Newbern Friends as “a small team accomplishing great things.”

The second annual Reading Run scheduled for Saturday, March 23, is the work of that small group. Members are recruiting sponsors and crafting publicity for the fundraiser in support of the Newbern City Library’s summer reading programs and other activities throughout the year.

Knox Friends and Historical Society Partner to Bring Meacham to Knoxville

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jon Meacham appeared in Knoxville on Presidents Day, February 18, under the joint sponsorship of the Friends of the Knox County Public Library and the East Tennessee Historical Society.

FOTL Goes to TLA

At a dinner in the East Tennessee History Center, Governor Bill Haslam, a student of history himself, turned the tables on the writer by interviewing him about his work.

Later a sell-out crowd at the Bijou Theater gave Mr. Meacham a standing ovation for his talk laced with anecdotes and wit. Central to his presentation was the concept of great leaders as human beings, not demigods. Facing extraordinary challenges, they often had to reach an acceptable compromise between two competing principles.

Jackson, for example, championed states rights but chose the principle of preservation of the union over the threat of nullification.

A former Newsweek editor and a native Tennessean now living in Nashville, Mr. Meacham is the author of American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House, winner of the Pulitzer in 2009, and a recently published study, Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power.

Mr. Meacham’s earlier books, Franklin and Winston and American Gospel, were New York Times best sellers.

He is executive editor and executive vice president of Random House as well as a contributing editor to Time.
**In Middle TN: Books for Grownups and Children**

Dr. William Brinker, retired professor of history at Tennessee Tech, was featured speaker at the Putnam County Friends’ February Coffee with an Author. Dr. Brinker’s most recent book, *And We Did Cope*, is based on interviews with women affected by the Vietnam War.

At the Upper Cumberland Home and Garden Show on March 2, Putnam County Friends also featured Lynne Tolley, cookbook author and proprietor of Miss Mary Bobo’s Boarding House in Lynchburg, TN.

February 25 marked the eighth birthday of the White County Imagination Library program, which over time has provided 67,725 age-appropriate books to children in the county under the age of five at no cost to the family.

**Friends of the King Family Library** welcomed Frances Ostergren, the 101-year-old painter of scenes from Sevier County, to the January 31 meeting. Mrs. Ostergren, who displayed some of her rarely viewed oil paintings at the gathering, talked about growing up and becoming an artist in Sevier County.

**Friends of the Kodak Library** featured guest speaker Carroll McMahon, author of the photographic history of Sevierville in the Images of America series, on January 22. The book is widely available from such sources as Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and the East Tennessee History Center.

**Friends of the Seymour Library** welcomed patrons to the very first of the First Friday Get-Togethers around the library’s fireplace on March 1. Tea or coffee greeted visitors in what President Colleen Shannon described as “a quiet retreat, a gathering space, a place to make new friends, whether in person or within the covers of a book.”

**Friends of the Sevier County Public Library System** (King Family, Kodak, and Seymour) recently gave away 700 religious and self-help books to churches in the county. Ten congregations of varying sizes and representing different denominations added volumes to their libraries as a result of the giveaway.

Friends of the Library in McMinn County and the McMinn County Historical Society sponsored a performance of Talk Is Cheap, a touring company made up of storytellers Bill Landry, Sam Venable, Elizabeth Rose, and Jim Claborn, on February 16 at the Athens Middle School. The fundraiser is yet another community effort designed to continue providing library services during tough economic times.

**In the East: Focus on Art, Local History, Fundraising**

**Friends of the Library in McMinn County** and the McMinn County Historical Society sponsored a performance of Talk Is Cheap, a touring company made up of storytellers Bill Landry, Sam Venable, Elizabeth Rose, and Jim Claborn, on February 16 at the Athens Middle School. The fundraiser is yet another community effort designed to continue providing library services during tough economic times.

**Grants To Target Strapped Libraries**

United for Libraries has secured $75,000 from the Neal-Schuman Foundation to support library advocacy at the local level for libraries with troubled budgets. The opportunity to apply for consultation began in January, and the first 10 recipients will be selected in April.

For details, see <http://www.ala.org/united/grants_awards/neal-schuman>.
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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**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

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Name________________________________________________ Phone__________________

Address______________________________________________ E-Mail_________________

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