‘We plan to show you a great time!’

President of Memphis Friends Looks Forward To Welcoming FOTL’s Annual Meeting April 25

By Jacque Jenkins
President, Friends of the Memphis Public Library

We look forward to having you all as guests at the Memphis Public Library for the annual FOTL meeting April 25. We will have a casual get-together at the library on Friday evening to welcome those who have arrived in Memphis by then. We plan for it to be a fun, relaxing evening at the end of a tiring day of travel. That event will be an opportunity for you to meet our library director, Keenon McCloy, and some of our board members. It also will give you the opportunity to locate the library where Saturday’s events will unfold.

Our planned topic for the meeting is “Marketing Friends.” With so many wonderful non-profits vying for funds, we need every idea and resource that we can come up with, and our program will be informative. We will listen, discuss, and leave with new ideas and a revived motivation to market ourselves.

We have planned a menu of wonderful food for you on Saturday from family-owned restaurants in Memphis. There will be something for everyone, and of course there will be barbecue!

We also plan to give you a tour of Second Editions, our in-library, gently used bookstore and the setting for our online operations. They have been very successful, and we hope to share these ideas with you.

By the time of the meeting we hope that our new Teen Center will be completed, and we will offer a tour of the area. We have partnered with the public libraries in Nashville, Knoxville, and Chattanooga in the fundraising for the center, so it should be of interest to most.

We are working with the Holiday Inn-University of Memphis for accommodations. It is located within a few blocks of the library and is actually the training ground for the Hospitality Management students at the university so it has an excellent rating.

We will update you as more information becomes available. We hope that you are as excited as we are, and we plan to show you a great time!
FOTL Is Keeping Busy
By Don Reynolds
FOTL President

In keeping with our belief that our primary function is to be of service to our members,

- We continue to support the Governor’s Books from Birth Foundation / Imagination Library as we have since its beginning. Their 10th Anniversary Celebration is 14-20 September 2014 with a bus tour traveling the whole state all month.
- We have created a Parent Tips for Reading Aloud (on FOTL website http://www.friendstnlibraries.org) flier to help celebrate the 10th Anniversary.
- We continue to oppose post office shredding of undeliverable Imagination Library books in local communities.
- We support the Southern Festival of Books, 10-14 October 2014. Check out their web site for the program open free to the public: <http://humanitiestennessee.org/programs/southern-festival-books-celebration-written-word>.
- We are planning a Friends of Libraries Week, 19-25 October 2014 as part of the national celebration. See page 4 for Governor Bill Haslam’s Proclamation for Tennessee.
- We have partnered with Picture Book Month, November 2014, a program that celebrates the print picture book: <http://picturebookmonth.com/partners/>.
- The Memphis Public Library Friends are excited about hosting our FOTL Annual Meeting on April 25, 2015, and are well into planning for it. Just the food alone sounds delicious. (See page 1.)
- We are developing a Member Listserv for members to use to ask questions, find information, and share ideas.
  (By the way, FOTL has the best Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Friends-of-Tennessee-Libraries/78895803726?fref=ts>. Check it out.)
- We have representatives to provide training from each Grand Division of the state (West, Middle, East) working to support local friends groups, help establish local groups, and help library directors and trustees feel more comfortable with having a Friends group.
- We celebrate the contributions of Friends we have lost (see In Memoriam on page 3). Now, let’s all be good friends of good cheer.
**In Memoriam**

**Nina (Marable) Finley**  
*Contributed by Melissa Barker*  
*Houston County Archivist/Records Manager*  

Houston County has lost an iconic figure in Mrs. Nina Marable Finley, 78.

Mrs. Finley, the local county historian, was instrumental in developing the Genealogy Room at the Houston County Public Library. She was instrumental in founding the Friends of the Houston County Public Library of which she was serving as vice-president.

Mrs. Finley knew everything there was to know about Houston County and anyone that lived in the community past and present. Her vast knowledge of county history was unique and complete. She could talk for hours about the history of Houston County.

Nina was a Friend of the Library in every meaning of the word. She wrote, edited, and published 27 booklets on Houston County history to benefit the Friends of the Houston County Public Library in their efforts to financially support the local library, all the while taking no compensation for her efforts. Still in print, these publications are available through the Friends of the Houston County Public Library.

She was a Friend who will be greatly missed.

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**Reflections on Being the Grandparent of Children Who Read**  
*By Martha Gill  
Newsletter Editor*  

If there is an experience in life that is better than being a grandparent, it is being the grandparent of children who read.

Today I put in the mail a copy of Arthur Miller’s play *The Crucible* for the granddaughter who suddenly is a junior in high school with a driver’s license. I recall only a day or two ago when she was about four. I had just read “Go To Bed, Fred” to her a couple of times before supper. At the dinner table she ate her spaghetti, quoted from the new book, “Hand me a towel, Baby Owl,” laid her weary little head on my arm, and went to sleep.

When the middle grandgirl, now a freshman in high school, was in sixth grade, we took turns reading aloud to each other from the YA novel *Wait Till Helen Comes* by Mary Downing Hahn. It was such a scary ghost story that I could hardly go to sleep afterwards, but my grandgirl drifted off contentedly.

This month our baby granddaughter turned thirteen—over night, it seems! When I unpacked my bag for a visit with her and the rest of the family, I unloaded six books, two for each—dare I think it?—teenager. Then the baby granddaughter returned the favor.

In the guest room she had laid on the bed a copy of *Olivia Saves the Circus*, one of our all-time favorites. And when I opened it, I found this note:

*My dearest Baba,*

*I would like to return this book to you after seven good years with it, not so that you can read it, but so every time you see it on your shelf, you think of me!*  
*It didn’t just teach me to read but it also taught me imagination.*  
*Love you so so much!*

One of the repeated images on the end papers of Ian Falconer’s book about Olivia is an open door. To this grandmother it represents an open and full heart.

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**Leslie Leduc**  
*Contributed by Dwight Shepherd, FOTL Secretary*  

Leslie Leduc, 68, co-president of the Friends of the King Family Library in Sevierville, died at her home in Dandridge, TN, on August 15.

Leslie graduated from Cumberland, RI, High School in 1963 and from the University of Rhode Island with a degree in microbiology in 1967. She earned a master’s in biomedical research from Brown University in 1970.

After moving with her family to Florida, Leslie earned two more master’s degrees from the University of South Florida, one in instructional technology and one in library science. After 22 years with the Manatee County, FL, School District, Leslie and her husband Bob retired to East Tennessee in 2007.

Leslie continued working, however, as both an educational consultant and a volunteer in the community. An Apple Distinguished Educator and a natural teacher, she shared her knowledge, education, and skills with the Sevierville community in her many capacities with the Friends of the King Family Library.

For the past several years, she taught iPad and iPhone classes for the Friends’ Lifelong Learning series, a program she helped establish in 2011.
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 of Tennessee Libraries support local Friends groups that help their libraries integrate the library thoroughly with the life and work of the community it serves; and

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

WHEREAS, Friends groups promote the joys and benefits of literacy, learning, and economic well-being for Tennesseans of all ages by investing time and effort in raising supplementary funds to enhance library 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 the week of October 19-25, 2014 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 twenty-eighth day of August, 2014.

Governor

Secretary of State
Friends of Tennessee Libraries
Grant Application Guidelines

Friends of Tennessee Libraries has established a Grant Program to aid member Friends groups in paying expenses for programs that would benefit the group, that they might not have the funds to implement.

Grant Amounts: Grants are for $300 each.

Grant Categories: Groups may submit one application in each category. Submissions can be made in multiple categories.

Advocacy: To assist with expenses associated with advocating on behalf of your community library. These expenses could include production or purchase of materials, purchase of advertisements, etc.

Fundraising: To assist with the expense associated with fundraising for your Friends group. These expenses could include rental expenses, advertising, fees for speakers or entertainers, purchase of items for resale, or for use in producing items for sale, etc.

Membership: To assist with expenses associated with securing new members and/or retaining existing members. These expenses could include mailings, membership brochures, program expenses-including speaker’s fees, advertising, etc.

Grant Cycle: The Application Deadline for all Grants is March 1. Winners will be announced at the Friends of Tennessee Libraries Annual Meeting. Grant Evaluations are due 30 days after the end date of the project, but no later than March 1 of the following year.

Minimum Qualifications: Applicants must be Friends of the Library groups that are in good standing (current on dues) in Friends of Tennessee Libraries. Grants are to fund new projects, not projects already completed.

Additional Guidelines:

- Winning Friends groups must follow up with an evaluation of the project within 30 days of the project’s completion, but no later than end of the year of that Grant Cycle. Failure to do so could result in having to return the award and/or not being awarded Grants in the future.

- Copies of any materials produced from the Grant funds or related to the project should be included with the Evaluation Form. Copies of media articles related to the project should also be included.

- Whenever possible, materials produced from the Grant funds should include the notice, “Funded in part by a grant from Friends of Tennessee Libraries.” The same notice should be included with any media release from the winning group.

- The winning Friends group should provide Friends of Tennessee Libraries a list of local media and government officials (i.e. City Mayor, County Mayor, State Representative, State Senator, Library Director, Library Board Chair) that are to be included in Friends of Tennessee Libraries media releases and notifications about the Grants.

Submissions and Questions: Completed Grant Applications should be submitted to Dwight Shepherd, 10405 Alex Bales Rd., Kodak, TN 37764 or DeWhiteSheep@hotmail.com. Questions can be submitted to the same or to info@friendstnlibraries.org.
Friends of Tennessee Libraries

Grant Application

Please use back side of application or attach additional page if needed

GROUP INFORMATION

Friends Group name: ___________________________  Application Date: ______

Does group have 501(c)3 status from IRS: ____  If No, what is group’s tax status: ______

Is group a chartered, not-for-profit corporation: ___  If No, how is group organized: ______

When was group formed: ___________  Website/Facebook page: ____________________________

Library, geographic area and population served: __________________________________________

Total Membership: ___________  Annual Budget: ______________________________

List programs and activities fund and/or carried out by group: __________________________

GRANT INFORMATION

Type of Grant requested: _____ Advocacy  _____ Fundraising  _____ Membership

Project Title: ________________________________________________

Budget: ___________________________________________________

Starting Date: _________________  Ending Date: _________________

How would Grant be used: ____________________________________

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Person: ___________________________  Telephone: ___________________________

Mailing Address: ________________________________________________

Email Address: ________________________________________________

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Date Received: _______________  Grant Disposition: ___________________________

Date Check Mailed: _______________  Evaluation Received/Date: _______________

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Do You Know the Next Friend of the Year?

In 2015, the Friends of Tennessee Libraries (FOTL) and the Tennessee Library Association (TLA) will recognize an individual or a group earning the designation of “Friend of the Year.” Perhaps you will nominate the person or group to receive that award.

**November 15 is the deadline for nominations.**

The winning nominee will be announced at the 2015 TLA conference in Memphis on April 24, but all nominees will be recognized on that occasion and each nominee will receive a year’s membership in the Friends of Tennessee Libraries.

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, former 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

Nominator’s e-mail

Nominator’s telephone

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**Winners of the Friend of the Year Award**

The Friends of Tennessee Libraries website details the achievements of recipients of the Friend of the Year Award, co-sponsored by the Tennessee Library Association and FOTL. See relevant newsletters at <friendstnlibraries.org>.

- Friends of the Art Circle Public Library, Crossville. See FOTL Newsletter June-July 2011.
- Friends of the Kodak Public Library. See FOTL Newsletter May-June 2012.
- Friends of the Benton County Public Library. See FOTL Newsletter May-June 2013.
- Friends of the Tellico Village Public Library. See FOTL Newsletter May-June 2014.
Library Advocate Adds Photography To Her Activities

Throughout August, the Art Wall of the McIver’s Grant Public Library in Dyersburg displayed photographs made by someone whose name is familiar to Friends of Tennessee Libraries.

Carol Harris, formerly a member of the FOTL board and currently a dedicated member of the library board in Dyersburg, began to study photography several years ago. The medium became her passion for capturing an image of nature on film and working with it until it became a work of art. The Dyersburg State Gazette (August 20, 2014) described Carol’s finished products of flowers, animals, and landscapes as resembling paintings. She has now begun to explore portraiture. “I love to photograph horses and children above all other subjects,” she says.

Carol’s photographs have won prizes in international competition, but she says that photography is “really not another career—only a hobby, although I have sold a few pieces.” She still takes classes to perfect her techniques.

Carol put her talents as a photographer to work on behalf of the library when she photographed local celebrities as part of McIver’s Grant Public Library’s Geek the Library campaign. Carol’s devotion to that same library led her to support the capital campaign that financed the conversion of an empty grocery store into today’s outstanding facility, described by the Dyersburg State Gazette as “a state-of-the-art, ADA-compatible building.”

Unselfish Friends Donate Classics

“They could have treated themselves to a fancy lunch. They could have had pedicures. Instead the four members of a subcommittee of Friends of Sevier County Library System took the money they were awarded in a statewide contest and converted it into classic books for three libraries.”

Thus began a story of generosity posted on the Sevier County Library System’s Facebook page August 21. Here’s the rest of the story.

In April the Friends of Tennessee Libraries, searching for noteworthy benefactors of the state’s libraries, recognized the four Friends—Marti Agler, Mary Lou Fair, Sharon Duff and Susan Sarten—with a $100 reward for their work in sorting and selling used books to benefit the Sevier County library system. To that $100 award from FOTL, Marti Agler and Sharon Duff added two $50 gifts they received from FOTL for attending the state meeting for the first time. They also chipped in $30 each that the King Family Library had paid for their registration fees, thus bringing their treasury to $260. The volunteers invested that sum in literature for the three libraries in the Sevier County System: the King Family Library in Sevierville and the libraries in Kodak and Seymour.

Library System Director Rhonda Tippitt polled the managers of the three branches for the titles of six classics that each collection needed. Gordon Brugman, a manager at Books-a-Million, then supplied 18 hardback books just under the Friends’ budget of $260, $259.79, to be exact.

The hardbacks included such great works as Gulliver’s Travels and The Divine Comedy, now available to any patron of the county library system. In the past fiscal year, sales of used books netted more than $16,000 for the King Family, Kodak, and Seymour Friends, money that the organizations have used to help their local libraries.
E.G. Fisher Friends Raise $$ At Athens Cash Mob Sale

A Cash Mob Sale in Athens in May put the fun back into fundraising for Friends of the E. G. Fisher Public Library.

The event, the first sale promoted by the Athens Chamber of Commerce for a non-profit group, encouraged customers to come out and spend at least $20. The Friends reached out to the community to include the local Artists’ League for a partner’s share of the profits.

From its inventory of gently used books for sale, the Friends picked its most attractive wares like tabletop books to offer customers. Hundreds of cards created by Kathy Rhodes, the Friends’ past president, were also popular. The room at the E. G. Fisher Public Library was filled with handmade items and merchandise like handbags offered by local merchants who donated 20 per cent of their profits to the Friends.

Imagination Library representatives were on hand to register new recipients of books from the Dolly Parton Foundation, and local authors were present to sell and sign copies of their books.

A light lunch was available, and goodie cups, which were very popular, were given to over 100 customers. Cash donations helped pay for food and advertising.

According to the Friends’ President Bunny Fisher Browder, the event brought in $1,500, more money for the Friends than a single sale had ever made before. It was also “the most fun—it was something wonderful.” President Browder said that from the Cash Mob, the Friends “have learned that we have to spread the word ourselves and find more inventive ways to fund what we do at the library.” Mrs. Browder also praised the coverage of the event by journalist Greg Moses of the Daily Post Athenian.

In the July issue of Friends Forum, the newsletter circulated by the Friends supporting the E. G. Fisher Public Library, Mrs. Browder thanked the Athens Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring the Cash Mob Sale, which “made a much needed profit for our ongoing projects” and expressed the hope that the future will hold similar events in partnership with the Community Artists’ League.

After the May Cash Mob event, the Friends almost immediately began working eight hours a day for three days to prepare for the annual book sale on July 3 at the McMinn County High School cafeteria.

It’s small wonder that Mrs. Browder loves working to support the E. G. Fisher Public Library in Athens. She comes from the Fisher family for whom the library is named.

Libraries Reach Out In Knox County

Books for the Homebound, a free service provided by the Knox County Public Library, is a godsend.

That’s the opinion of one grateful library patron—let's call her Veronica—who, because of an injury, has been confined to a wheelchair for more than a year.

No longer able to stand, walk or drive, Veronica still has a very active mind. “Fortunately,” she says, “my mom and dad taught me to read!”

Every month Veronica receives 10 books through Books for the Homebound. She reports, “The books are selected by librarian Anna Leah Keene to appeal to me. They take me to other places, so I can travel in my mind.” She and her daughter, who lives out of state, talk about the books she reads by telephone or computer.

Established in 1985, Books for the Homebound currently enlists the help of 25 volunteers. They serve 40 patrons, some of whom are in nursing homes or assisted living centers. The patrons are often referred to the program by branch library staff, family members or senior activity directors.

Anna Leah makes the first visit to the homebound to determine what authors, titles or types of books the patron likes. She says she and the Homebound volunteers may be the only contact the patron has outside of health care personnel. “I want them to know they are not forgotten.”

Source: Friends★KCPL (August 2014)

In Unicoi County

From the convenience of their dwellings, the elderly in Erwin, TN, can check out books from the library every two weeks, thanks to the services of Connie Denney of the Unicoi Public Library.

Through a grant-based program, the library’s senior services coordinator delivers all kinds of reading material to patrons who have difficulty moving about. Denney goes to individual residences, apartments, and nursing homes to take books to those who have simply asked for the service and applied for it.

Thanks to a donation made recently by the Clinchfield Federal Credit Union, those books are now delivered in new durable book bags decorated with the name of the library system and the image of a locomotive, a reminder that the library is housed in what used to be the Clinchfield Train Depot, also the home of the Clinchfield Federal Credit Union in the early days of the company.

Source: The Erwin Record
In Etowah, Friends Raise Funds for 100th Birthday

By Marilyn Joiner
Friends of Etowah Carnegie Library

Etowah enjoys a Carnegie library that will be 100 years old in September 2015. It is a beloved building, heavily used, but Mr. Carnegie felt one should ‘ascend to knowledge,’ and thus we have 20 concrete steps into our facility—14 outside, a landing, front door, six more steps inside, to arrive finally in the library.

An elevator is our greatest need (and more space, more staff, more time, etc.).

The Friends of Etowah Carnegie Library formed in 2010 with accessibility as its ultimate goal. We have been successful with a book sale each spring and a yard sale each autumn, but that won’t buy and install an elevator.

This September we are having our first major fundraiser. Almost a year in the planning stage, the Brew & Chew Gala began as beer and bbq in overalls but has evolved into a catered dinner, with a musician, a band, and dancing in a picturesque old barn. The location looks pure country but is within a mile of Etowah and easy to find.

We sought sponsors to help with expenses but will be using funds from our treasury also. Any group doing a fundraiser knows about all the meetings, discussions, uncertainties, sub-committees, hours of effort required from everybody involved. Surely the first time is the most difficult!

The Friends want the Gala to bring in a big crowd having a big time so that it will become a local annual event.

There is much to be learned from this first effort.

Colonial Heights Group Goes Beyond Books To Raise Funds

The small but active Friends of Colonial Heights Library in Kingsport, looking for small projects that sell quickly and don’t take up much space in the library, hit upon making and selling attractive tablecloths. Cut from washable, stain-resistant upholstery material, the cloths were fringed or hemmed. Jo McDavid says the group is now thinking of making tablecloths for Christmas.

Internet Garden Opens Sept. 2 In Humboldt

September 2 was a historic day in Humboldt, where the opening of the library’s Internet Garden was marked by a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

On hand for the festivities were representatives from the Friends and the Foundation as well as other donors and supporters. Friends President Pat Barnett outlined the next phase of the project and will help FOTL tell the story of how this garden grew in Humboldt in the next issue of the FOTL Newsletter.

Trimbale Rock-A-Thon Set for September 13

Supporters of the Friends and the library in Trimble worked together to make the September 13 Rock-A-Thon a success.

All proceeds went to the Friends, and the Modern Woodmen stepped up to match funds up to $2,500. The Trimble area Women’s Club prepared a white bean lunch for the event, and live music entertained the crowd.

In addition the event offered health benefits to the community. Walgreens administered flu shots, and the Trimble Lions Club offered eye screenings.

Simpler Application For Non-Profits Offered by IRS

The first step in the organization of a local Friends’ group is usually establishing the group’s status as a 501(c)(3) organization. That process has been fairly difficult in the past. Recently, however, the Internal Revenue Service announced the availability of a simpler application form.

Form 1023-EZ can be found at the IRS website: IRS.gov/charities.
Authors Light Up Autumn

Many Friends groups will usher in the season by bringing readers and authors together.

**Putnam County Friends’** annual dinner with an author featured Vince Vawter, author of *Paperboy*, on September 19 at St. Aquinas Church in Cookeville. Set in Memphis in 1959, the novel, which won a Newbery Honor Award this year, is narrated by an 11-year-old boy who struggles to speak without stuttering. Tickets to the catered dinner were $35, but sponsors who contributed from $250 to $1,500 had additional opportunities ranging from tickets to the dinner, autographed copies of the novel, and membership in the Putnam County Friends.

The setting for Vawter’s talk was decorated with sculptures made from the pages of discarded books. The proceeds from the auctioned sculptures went to the Friends, who support all of Putnam County Library branches with materials and funded programs.

Vawter was also scheduled to speak at the Avery Trace and Prescott middle schools in Cookeville. On Saturday, September 20, Vawter met middle schoolers at a free library event dubbed Donuts with the Author.

**Knox County Friends** have lined up three writers for the season. On September 23, Robert Reich, author, professor, consultant, and media commentator, will deliver the fifth annual Anne Mayhew Lecture sponsored by the University of Tennessee Chancellor’s Honor Program and the Friends. His topic will be “Inequality for All: Bipartisan Solutions for America’s Economic Future.” Anne Mayhew, a former head of the Department of Economics at UT Knoxville, retired in 2006.

Sharyn McCrumb, whose new novel in the Ballad series *Nora Bonesteel’s Christmas Past* will be issued in October, will speak at the East Tennessee History Center on October 9 under the sponsorship of the East Tennessee Historical Society and the Knox County Friends.

Teachers will be honored guests on October 19 when Vince Vawter speaks at the East Tennessee History Center under the banner of the Knox County Friends.

**Friends of the Cleveland/Bradley County Public Library** will bring Karen White, author of *A Long Time Gone* and 17 other books, to the community on September 25.

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**Historical Calendar Recalls Memories Of Sevier County**

A 2015 calendar featuring 24 seldom seen photos of life in Sevier County long ago went on sale on September 15, thanks to the research and hard work of the Friends of the Sevier County Library System.

Sevierville’s first library, a cider mill, a Seymour sports team from the 1920s, and a rural scene from Kodak are among the memories recalled by the calendar’s photographs.

Diane Johnson of the King Family Friends chaired the calendar committee, which also included Sabrina Copas of the Kodak Library Friends; Anna Garber of the Seymour Library Friends; Theresa Williams and Tim Fisher of the Rel and Wilma Maples History Center; County Historian Carroll McMahan; and Director Rhonda Tippitt and Robin Cogdill of the library system.

Diane Johnson was quoted on the system’s Facebook page as saying “These calendars will make perfect gifts for anyone who lives in Sevier County and for those who have moved away. They show a bygone way of life that still fascinates us.”

The project was underwritten by a $200 grant from the Friends of Tennessee Libraries. Proceeds from the sale of the $10 calendars will enable Friends groups from the three libraries within the system to continue their support of library programs and materials.

Information about FOTL’s new round of grants offered in 2015 can be found on pages 5 and 6 of this issue of the newsletter.
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.)

Name__________________________________________ Phone________________

Address_________________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip________________________________________________________________

TN County_____________________________________________ E-Mail________________

___ Check here if you want to receive your newsletter electronically.

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