

# The Annual Meeting Issue



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### TLA Beckons On April 6-8

At the Tennessee Library Association (TLA) 2016 annual conference in Kingsport on April 6-8, Friends can enjoy a special luncheon at which the 2015 Friend of the Year award will be announced and the ALA United for Libraries president-elect will speak.

The Friend of the Year award, jointly sponsored by TLA and FOTL, will be announced at the Friends and Trustees Luncheon on Friday, April 8. Luncheon speaker will be Susan Schmidt, president-elect of the ALA United for Libraries. She brings to the audience extensive experience as a leader of Friends.

By taking advantage of Early Bird Registration, Friends attending only the luncheon and Susan Schmidt's presentation immediately afterward will benefit from TLA's special fee package. They will be asked to pay only for their meal (\$25) and a \$15 exhibit fee.

Setting for the event is the MeadowView Marriott Conference Resort and Convention Center. To register, go to <https://tnla.site-ym.com/events/register>. Early Bird registration ends March 31.



### Clarksville-Montgomery County Library Hosts FOTL's Annual Meeting April 23



Riley Darnell, current member of the Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Trustees and former secretary of state, will be featured speaker.

Friends of the Clarksville-Montgomery County Public Library invite you to the Friends of Tennessee Libraries' annual meeting on Friday and Saturday, April 22-23.

Festivities get underway on Friday, April 22, with a meet-and-greet welcome at Emerald Hill Mansion, according to Gerald Beavers, FOTL director who represents the area on the FOTL board.

Saturday's program will feature what Friends and libraries are doing across the state. Former Tennessee Secretary of State Riley Darnell, now a library trustee in Montgomery County, will be keynote speaker.

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# The FOTL Outlook

By Donald B. Reynolds, *President*



April is the busiest month on the FOTL calendar: it brings the two big FOTL membership events to celebrate our work, renew our spirits, and provide helpful new information to be of service to our libraries. This year is no exception. As you will also read details elsewhere in this newsletter, our two big days are

## FRIDAY, APRIL 8

The Annual Tennessee Library Association/FOTL Trustees/Friends Lunch at the TLA Annual Conference is being held at the MeadowView Conference Center in Kingsport. Along with announcing this year's Friend of the Library, we are especially pleased to welcome Susan Schmidt, President-elect of the American Library Association United for Libraries as our speaker. Susan will also lead a session on fundraising ideas immediately following lunch. See page 1 for registration details.

### TLA SPECIAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION RATE FOR FRIENDS

\$15 for exhibits + \$25 for lunch and afternoon session

## SATURDAY, APRIL 23

The Friends of Tennessee Libraries Annual Meeting will be held at the Clarksville-Montgomery County Public Library in Clarksville. We're planning a "Friends Fair" to highlight activities of local Friends groups. See page 5 for details. We also have several special events scheduled, including thoughts from Riley Darnell, tied for second longest-serving Tennessee Secretary of State, 1993-2009, now serving as a member of the Clarksville-Montgomery County Public Library.

Depending on where you live, Kingsport and Clarksville may seem like a long drive, but the programs and the fellowship will be well worth the trip! We invite all Friends to join us for both of these informative and inspirational events.

Check out our 2016 Honor Roll of Tennessee Friends of the Library Groups on page 11. Here are the names of the 55 Friends groups in our state who believe in the value and strength of our groups working together to bring public attention to community library services.

After our Annual Meeting, William Sundquist of Chattanooga will assume the FOTL President's Chair.

Since this will be my last column as President, I want to thank our FOTL Board of Directors and FOTL members throughout the state for all their volunteer work and their many kindnesses and support during these past two years. FOTL has done much to fulfill our vision to help and support local Friends groups integrate their library thoroughly into the life and work of their community. FOTL exists only to be of service to our members.

And FOTL Board members have proved the African proverb:

If you want to go fast, go alone.

If you want to go far, go together.

Check out our latest Annual Report on our web site at <http://tinyurl.com/FOTL2014-15AnnualReport>

And don't forget to read regularly and "Like" our fabulous Facebook Page at <http://tinyurl.com/FOTLFacebook>

We appreciate the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library for their logo (at left) which we have used on the Facebook page.

We all look forward to seeing you in Kingsport and/or Clarksville. If you can't attend either of the events, please do let me know how FOTL could be of better service to your local group. Please contact me at Don. Reynolds2030@gmail.com.

And thank you, dear reader, for being a FOTL member and a library Friend.



# Rural Libraries: The Lifeblood of Small Towns

By Phil Hardwick

Recently I had the opportunity to visit eight libraries in rural towns during the course of one week. These libraries ranged from a two-room facility smaller than some master bedrooms to a full-service, modern library that offered a full range of activities for the community. Below are 10 things that I learned about rural libraries during that week.

**1. Each small town library is unique.** Whether it is architecture, hours of operation, types of patrons or personality of the staff, no two libraries are the same. Sometimes this uniqueness is driven by its diversity of patrons. For example, more libraries in rural areas are seeing an increase in the number of limited English-speaking patrons. This is primarily a result of an imported labor force of workers, especially agricultural workers. These new patrons are interested in learning to speak English, and view the library as the best place to do that. In other libraries patrons were more interested in arts and cultural events held at the library. It all depended on the community.

**2. Patrons are flocking to their local libraries to use the Internet.** Whether for homework or genealogy

research, social media or even job hunting, the use of library computers has exploded. People who have not visited a library in a while will be surprised to see numerous computers in use by patrons. Some libraries even have rooms dedicated solely to computer use. Many of the patrons of small town libraries lack computer skills and rely on the librarian to assist them in their searches for jobs, social services or research.

**3. Job seekers are using the library to find employment, build resumes and even learn job skills.** In areas of high unemployment some libraries are even bringing in outside programs to their community rooms. Many state library associations have formed partnerships with their state workforce development agencies to assist job hunters.

**4. There are after-school issues and opportunities. In some libraries, after-school time is inspiring.** Students come in ready to do homework and research. Libraries have programs available geared specially at those students when they arrive. These programs include lectures, games, educational activities, etc. But in some communities libraries are used as day care centers. Parents are known to drop off children of almost all ages at the local library, and may or may not pick them up by closing time. The librarian is forced to become a social worker in such cases.

**5. Libraries are becoming more involved in their communities.** This involvement goes beyond merely providing a community room. Library volunteers are going out to nursing homes, day care centers and even jails to offer all types of reading and learning programs.

**6. Community rooms are being used by the community.** In rural communities the two “community” places are churches and libraries. Churches and libraries offer their fellowship and parish halls for civic club meetings and other gatherings of a community nature. The library community room, in particular, gets a lot of use. One library community room in a small town is even the scene for local wedding receptions.

**7. The personality of the librarian is important.** For example, the Friends of the Library group in one library that I visited increased its membership from less than 10 to over 60. When I inquired as to why, I was told that it was all about the personality of the librarian.

**Please see Rural Libraries, page 10.**

## MISSISSIPPI BUSINESS JOURNAL

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*This article is adapted from its original publication in the Mississippi Business Journal.*

*<http://msbusiness.com/2011/08/rural-libraries-the-lifeblood-of-small-towns-in-mississippi>*

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Photo from Phil's blog: <https://philhardwickblog.wordpress.com/about/>

# FOTL April 22 - 23, 2016 Annual Meeting

## Clarksville, TN, Hotel/Motel Options

The Friends of the Clarksville/Montgomery County Public Library will host the annual meeting of the Friends of Tennessee Libraries on Saturday, April 23, 2016, at the Clarksville, TN Public Library, located at 350 Pageant Ln Ste 501, Clarksville, TN 37040.

On Friday, April 22, meeting attendees are invited to attend a 7:30-8:30 p.m. Dessert Reception co-sponsored by Friends of Clarksville-Montgomery County Public Library and the Felix Woodward Library of Austin Peay State University. The Dessert Reception is being held at historic Emerald Hill Mansion, 751 N. 2nd St., listed on National Register of Historic Sites, now home to Pace Alumni Center of APSU.

### Hotel/Motel Options

#### Downtown

1. (Recommended) Riverview Inn: 50 College Street, phone 877-487-4837. Standard rates \$109. AAA and AARP discount: \$98. Government employee (city, county, state, federal) \$89  
Restaurants within walking distance:
2. Westgate Inn and Suites: 803 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, phone 931-645-9084. Standard rates \$69, no discounts. I-24 at Exit 4.
3. Country Inn and Suites: 3075 Wilma Rudolph Blvd., phone 931-645-1400. Standard rates for three sizes of rooms: \$100,

- \$110, and \$120. With AAA discount, \$90, \$99, and \$108.
4. Baymont Inn: 190 Holiday Drive, phone 931-552-2255. Standard rate \$55 if you advise them you are with FOTL.
5. Hilton Garden Inn: 290 Alfred Thun Road, phone 931-647-1096. Standard rates \$109, AAA discount at \$107.
6. Ramada Inn: 3100 Wilma Rudolph Blvd., phone 931-552-0098. Standard rates \$59 if you advise them you are with FOTL.

### FOTL Board Election Cycle

West-3	Middle-5	East-4	Metros-1 each
<b>Odd Year 2015</b>			<b>Even Year 2016</b>
Secretary			President
Dwight Shepherd			William Sundquist
Treasurer Connie Albrecht (Interim)			President-Elect Open
Chattanooga			Memphis Jacque Jenkins
William Sundquist			West Seat B
Knox Martha Gill			Barbara Dickerson
Nashville Larry Price			Middle Seat D Open
West Seat A Open			Middle Seat E
West Seat C Janis Perry			Gerald Beavers
Middle Seat A			East Seat A
Wanda Graham			Theresa Venable
Middle Seat B Open			East Set B Dorothy Childs
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East Seat D Open			

**Register for FOTL's April 23 Meeting online at <[www.friendstnlibraries.org](http://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 April 19.

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

**Martha Gill, 4109 Forest Glen Drive, Knoxville, TN 38919- 5214.**

Questions? Check out our website at <[www.friendstnlibraries.org](http://www.friendstnlibraries.org)>.

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

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

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

# Friends of Tennessee Libraries

## 2016 Annual Meeting - Clarksville-Montgomery County Public Library

Friday, April 22, 2016

Riverview Inn, 50 College St., 877.487.4837 (See page 4 for full list of motels/hotels.)

7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Dessert Reception co-sponsored by Friends of CMC Public Library and the Felix Woodward Library of Austin Peay State University. Meet-and-Greet members of the Clarksville Friends and Library Foundation, the library director, and other Friends from around the state at Emerald Hill Mansion, 751 North 2nd Street.

Saturday, April 23, 2016

8:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast. Catered by Gingham Cafe.

9:15 Welcome - **Anne Black**, FOL President; **Martha Hendricks**, Library Director; **Jim Durrett**, Montgomery County Mayor; and **Joe Pitts**, TN General Assembly

9:45 FOTL Business Meeting  
Minutes / Annual Report / Budget / Election of Board Members  
**Friend of the Year** Introduction

10 **Diane Johnson, King Family Library Friends, Sevierville**  
Historic Calendar / Lifelong Learning program  
**Andrea Batson, Putnam County Library Friends**  
Kroger Plus card fundraising / outreach to underserved / city-county proclamation  
**Sharon Wilson, Houston County Friends of the Library**  
Youth Creative Hands and Minds contest and Adult Creative Writing Contest  
**Debbie Eads, Friends of the Williamson County Public Library**  
Book publishing project

10:45 Break

11:15 **Friends of the Knox County Public Library**  
County Commission dessert / Shoebox Libraries / Rothrock Book Shop  
**Jacque Jenkins, Friends of the Memphis Public Library**  
Used book store / Internet book sales  
**Tess McNeely, Lewis County**  
Christmas tree art sculpture from donated books  
**Ava Ploeckelman, Clarksville-Montgomery County Public Library**  
Purchased furniture for Clarksville as Girl Scout project / Youth Advisory Council

12:00 PM Buffet Lunch. Catered by Gingham Cafe.

1:00 **Martha Gill, Friends of Tennessee Libraries** Tips for a Facebook Page and website  
**Erin Loree**, Tennessee Electronic Library  
**Ruth Hemphill**, Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped  
**Marion Bryant**, R.E.A.D.S.

1:45 **Riley Darnell**, Clarksville-Montgomery County Public Library Board of Trustees  
Member; Former Tennessee Secretary of State (1993-2009)

2:30 Announcement of Grant and Certificate of Recognition Recipients  
3 p.m. Adjournment

## Tennessee Legislative Day 2016

# Taking the Library Message to Legislators

By Susie Webb Ries  
FOTL Past President

On February 3, a group of library advocates from the Friends of Tennessee Libraries and the Tennessee Library Association met with State Librarian and Archivist Chuck Sherrill at the Tennessee Library and State Archives building in Nashville to prepare to visit the offices of about 130 state legislators. Our task was to deliver a goodie bag of thanks for the legislators' public service and for supporting libraries. Because no appointments were made, the volunteers sometimes spoke directly to the legislators, but often talked to their staffers who promised to pass on the messages. The volunteers also asked for more support this year in the form of a budget amendment to build a new State Library and Archives building.

A lot of positive feedback about libraries came from the

people on Capitol Hill. Many of the legislators are lawyers by training. During law school they spent a great deal of time in and developed a great affinity for libraries. One staffer told us that when she was required to write a research paper as part of the application for her current job, she went to the library for peace and serenity as well as the other needed resources.

An annual Library Legislative Day in Nashville has been co-sponsored for many years by the FOTL and the TLA. Originally, FOTL members baked pies and served slices of them in the capitol, asking the legislators to "Give our libraries a piece of the (fiscal) pie." Other Library Legislative Days consisted of a morning of speakers, by the Secretary of State or an expert speaking on how to talk to your legislator and panel discussions about the value of libraries. This was followed by lunch with the legislators and a visit to their

offices. Because this day has always been scheduled near the beginning of the legislative session, weather is always a factor in the turnout of participants.

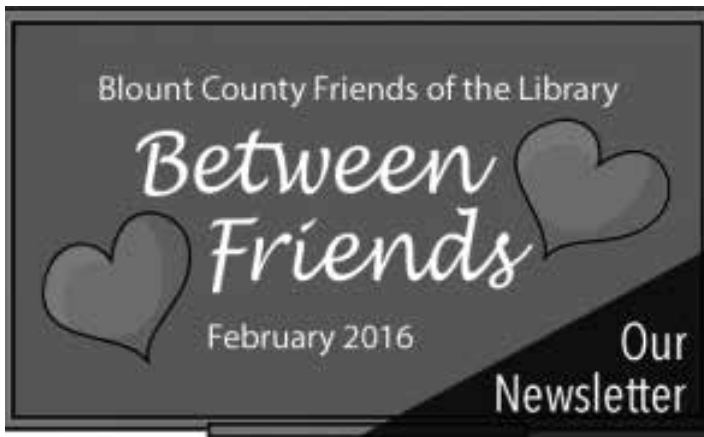
Whether people meet their legislator at the capitol or in their home town, one of the most important steps in preparing to advocate for libraries is to *foster a personal relationship with their own state senator or representative before asking them for funding*. One of the simplest ways to do that is by personally inviting your legislator to visit your library when you can give them a tour, introduce them to other constituents and show them what is special about your library.

I encourage you to look at upcoming events at your library, decide when might be a good time to invite your legislator and then, *DO IT!*



Advocates for libraries on Tennessee Legislative Day were, from left, Gail Barton, Susie Ries, Susan Jennings, Jeffie Nicholson, Elizabeth Heffington, and Jenifer Grady.





Between Friends: <https://www.bcfol.org/newsletter/2016-02-newsletter.html>

# Blount County Friends Shift to Email

By Jane Bennett

**Blount County Friends Public Relations Chair**

The news is not just print anymore for Blount County Friends of the Library in Maryville, TN

Our newsletter has taken an entirely different format this year. Thanks to the amazingly techy BCFriend Lynn McK-



ean, we are now sending out to our *willing-emailable* members, which can total over 500 in any given month, a monthly Eletter. She uses MailChimp which is totally free if one does not send a tremendous number and we fit under that number.



Lynn McKean is the guru behind the Friends' electronic newsletter.

We feature entertaining, graphically enhanced articles and videos, when appropriate, of the opera, Shakespearean plays, or other amazing aural/visual presentations the Friends sponsor throughout the year, time-sensitive library-sponsored and Friend-sponsored events, and of course, our quarterly book sale promotional flyer in the month of each sale.

Each quarter, early in the month of our book sales, Lynn McKean devises a printable version which does not include the eletter library events that are over. We print that edition in color at the library and mail it to those Friends who cannot get email (we do live in a mountainous region with email not available all over the place) or who prefer a printed three-month excursion into the multitudinous activities sponsored by the Friends and the library.

We also post our eletters on our website: [www.bcfol.org](http://www.bcfol.org)

If you have questions, please feel free to email me at [classeecar@charter.net](mailto:classeecar@charter.net) with subject : BCFOL Q.



## BC Friends of the Library Outreach Report: What do the Jailbirds Do?

By Dolores Philpot

For inquiring minds who want to know, "Friends of the Library Jailbirds" maintain the library at the Blount County Correction Center as a community outreach service. Once a month, on a pre-arranged week, two volunteers work for one to two hours. They arrange books on *male* and *female* designated carts for once weekly officer distribution to jail living areas. Inmates do not visit the jail library . .

. . . —*Between Friends*, February 2016



On behalf of the Friends of King Family Library, President Cathy Dronen (left) presents Rhonda Tippitt (right), director of Sevier County Public Library System, with a pledge of \$1,100 to help install WiFi to the pergola the Friends helped build last year. The pergola is located near the community garden at King Family Library. The Friends also set aside \$4,250 to contribute to 2016 children's and Summer Reading programs and to purchase books for the library.

Continuing the program of Lifelong Learning sponsored by the Friends of the King Family Library in Sevierville, Dr. Jama Spicer-Sutton, dean of the Sevier County campus of Walters State Community College, offered a workshop on the use of the iPad on January 30.



Jama Spicer-Sutton

## Take the Library Message To Washington May 2-3

National Library Legislative Day is slated for May 2-3 this year. Tennessee's delegation has a strong record of taking library advocates' message to Washington, and you would be proud to be in its company.

Vivian Wynn is Tennessee's coordinator for National Library Legislative Day, and she is the person you want to contact: Vivian Wynn

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## Lawrence County Library To Celebrate 75 Years

Celebrations will mark the 75th birthday of the Lawrence County Public Library in April. Among the special programs planned each week will be a Civil War Walking Tour on the Square (April 12) and a poetry reading (April 21). Details about a quilt show and a Grandparents Day will soon be unveiled. Patrons of the library are asked to share photos and memories of the library with [calley@lawcotn.org](mailto:calley@lawcotn.org).



Here's a unique feature: the library is offering a cash reward for the most overdue library book turned in during National Library Week April 13-19, 2016.

**"I have no more to say except this: We must live with our own conscience."**

– Ernest J. Gaines  
*A Lesson Before Dying*



February 5–March 13, 2016  
Knox County



Knox County's Big Read, a program of the National Endowment of the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest, began in Knoxville on February 5 to read, study, and discuss Ernest Gaines's novel *A Lesson before Dying*. Claire Serrell, current president of Friends of the Knox County Public Library, and Elnora Williams, former president, attended the kick-off luncheon. Program hosts include the Knox County Public Library, Friends of the Library, Clarence Brown Theatre, and the Knox County Public Defender's Community Law Office. Knox Friends' website features a dedicated page to the six-week event: [www.Knoxfriends.com](http://www.Knoxfriends.com).



# Tennessee Friends Keep On Helping Out

Young people coming to the **Chattanooga Public Library** now have the opportunity to design and print their visions using one of the 3D printers that the **Chattanooga Friends** have purchased for the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor 0-18 Area. According to William Sundquist, chair of the Friends, "Without knowing it, users of the 3D printers are developing future life skills that will likely result in positive outcomes for them. Without access to these life-developing skills, what voids would be in their futures? The Friends' efforts and hard work are truly making a difference in the Chattanooga community."

Members of the **Friends of the Library-McMinn County** elected officers for 2016 at the annual meeting on January 19: President Joe Guy, Co-Vice Presidents Carole Haynes and Debbie Hamilton, Recording Secretary Amy Goodin, Corresponding Secretary Whitney Kimball-Coe, and Treasurer Joyce Baker. The following Board members have agreed to extend their terms for another three years: Whitney Kimball-Coe, Everette Gillespie, Jim Greek, Joe Guy, Corey Hicks, and Lynn Perkinson.

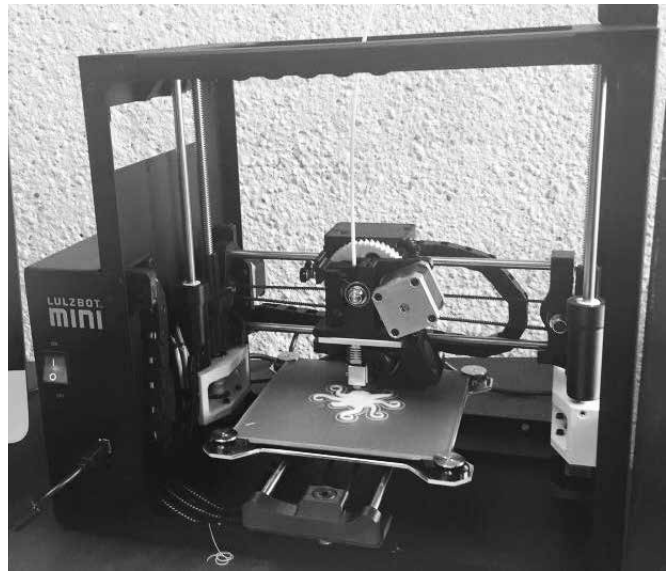
**Friends of the Houston County Public Library** are sponsoring a Pot of Gold writing contest for creators of fiction and poetry who are 18 years and older. Winners will be feted at a June reception. Friends also report a successful bake sale the day before Thanksgiving; pies sold out within two hours.

In November **Friends of the Kodak Branch Library** recognized the following volunteers who provided exceptional service to the library during the past year with an honorary membership and a book donated to the library in recognition of their service: Donna Drelich, Gigi and Daniel DeMortgante, Sandra Knarr, Carl Parsons, Sylvia Roy, Cherlyn Wright, and Randy, Donna, and Reagan Yessler. Charlie Johnson and Bob-by Shepherd were recognized for their service to the Friends.

In other news, Kodak Friends has teamed up with Amazon Smile to benefit its building fund. Details are available at [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com).

Kodak Friends and co-sponsor Northview Optimist Club are already planning Kodak Heritage Day, set for June 4. This year the event will commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of America's entry into World War II.

**Friends of the Stokes Brown Public Library** in Springfield cleared more than \$3,000 in the used book store from June 2015-January 2016. They have also received \$1,163.96 from Kroger Community Rewards. These funds will be used to support the library by purchasing unbudgeted equipment.



Chattanooga Library patrons have access to 3D printers like this one provided by the Friends.



What started as a memorial to a beloved father and grandfather in White County has become a countywide project of 13 Little Free Libraries, each with their own steward. Here the Bon De Croft Elementary School Principal Sarah Cope, Reading Specialist Jackie Howard, and several students helped place the first books. Sponsors John and Doris Dawson funded the library at the Bon De Croft School.

## Friendly Used Book Sales Continue

**Knox County, June 25-28, Jacob Building,  
Chilhowie Park**

**Lawrence County, February 20-March 5**

**Putnam County, Twice Told Tales, First Saturday of  
every month**

**White County Public Library, March 31-April 2**

# Will Today's News Affect Future Libraries?

Mattel's new ThingMaker is a \$300 3D printer marketed to kids. So what, you might ask.

If you ask, you may want to subscribe to "Read for Later," a weekly wrap-up of news and articles designed to help library professionals and stakeholders think about the future of their collections, spaces, services, partners, and roles in the community. It is published by the American Library Association's Center for the Future of Libraries and edited by Miguel A. Figueroa, shown here at last year's Tennessee Library Association's annual conference in Memphis with FOTL's Advisory Committee Member Julie Webb. He was also a keynote speaker at FOTL's 2015 annual meeting.

In the February 22 issue of "Read for Later," Figueroa writes, "About six weeks ago, Keith Fiels, ALA's executive director, suggested that the



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FUTURE**  
CENTER FOR THE FUTURE OF LIBRARIES

Center [for the Future of Libraries] should share more of its trend scanning work in a more timely manner. So I started a weekly blog post that morphed into this newsletter. The idea is to look outside of the library profession at some of the news stories that point to trends and changes in our society. These stories might help us think more broadly about our current and future work and initiate new conversations with our patrons and partners (administrators, funders, community groups, faculty and students, etc.)."

Among the topics explored in the February 22 issue of "Read for Later" were the tense struggle between the Justice Department and Apple, the rise of myopia in America and Asia, and a

method of data storage from the University of Southampton that may last billions of years. You can sign up for a free subscription here: <http://www.ala.org/transforminglibraries/future>

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## Rural Libraries by Phil Hardiwck, continued from page 3

I found this to be true in most libraries that I visited. Some librarians were children-centered, others seemed to like providing community data, and others were involved in adult-oriented activities. The library reflected these interests.

**8. Elected officials and other funders do not have library cards.** Libraries rely on funding from many sources, not the least of which is often the small town or county in which they are located. I inquired about how many elected officials had library cards and learned that there were not many. Librarians will need to learn to better engage their funders in the local library. In towns where the mayor was involved in the local library, the mayors were really involved. One mayor told me that if the local library in his small town went away that he would also have to go away.

**9. Technology will have dramatic change on libraries.** In 1996, only 28 percent of libraries offered Internet access. Today almost every library offers this

service. Indeed, every single library I visited offered Internet access. Some had only just a few computers available, but every librarian told me that at some periods during the day there is a waiting line to use computers. The technology issue for small town libraries is huge. Consider the implications of e-books, e-readers and online services in general.

**10. Libraries are safe places.** By that I mean that libraries are places where nobody asks why a patron checks out a certain book or needs a certain service. Many patrons told me that there was a feeling of acceptance and comfort that they did not find in other places.

Gone are the days when a person went to the local library to do nothing more than check out a book and return it or renew it later. Small town libraries have become a provider of numerous services to their communities. Their future will be one of expanding those services even more. The communities that support those services will be more vibrant, educated and engaged.

# 2016 Honor Roll of Tennessee Friends of the Library Groups

1	<b>Blount</b> County Friends of the Library	28	Friends of the <b>King Family</b> Library (Sevier County)
2	<b>Bluff City</b> Friends of Thomas Memorial Library	29	Friends of the <b>Knox</b> County Public Library
3	Friends of <b>Clarksville-Montgomery-</b> County Library	30	Friends of the <b>Lafollette</b> Public Library
4	Friends of <b>Collegedale</b> Library	31	Friends of the <b>Lauderdale</b> County Library
5	Friends of <b>Collierville Burch</b> Library	32	Friends of the <b>Lawrence</b> County Public Library
6	Friends of <b>Elizabethton Carter</b> County Library	33	Friends of the <b>Lewis</b> County Public Library
7	Friends of <b>Greenback</b> Public Library	34	Friends of the Library of <b>Johnson</b> County
8	Friends of the <b>Jefferson City</b> Library	35	Friends of the Library <b>McMinn</b> County
9	Friends of <b>Kodak</b> Library (Sevier County)	36	Friends of the Library of <b>Perry</b> County
10	Friends of <b>Linebaugh</b> Public Library	37	Friends of the <b>Memphis</b> Public Library
11	Friends of <b>Nashville</b> Public Library	38	Friends of the <b>Monterey</b> Branch Library (Putnam)
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