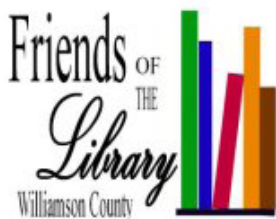




The 2018 FOTL Annual Meeting Line Up in Franklin on May 4-5



The Hosts
Williamson County Friends



The Entertainment
2Country4Nashville



The Consultant
David Baker



The Author
Robert Hicks

Gathering To Focus on How Friends Succeed

Music, sound financial advice, success stories, and time with a bestselling author will be highlights of the annual meeting of the Friends of Tennessee Libraries. Events will occur May 4-5 in Franklin, TN, at the Williamson County main library on Columbia Avenue.

Friends of the Williamson County Library, hosts for the gathering, will roll out the welcome mat with a reception from 5-6:30 on Friday evening, May 4.

Saturday, May 5, begins with registration and continental breakfast at 8:30. After a brief FOTL business meeting, David Baker of Giving Design will conduct a fundraising clinic, addressing one of the most urgent and frequently voiced concerns of Tennessee Friends: How do we raise money to support our mission?

After lunch representatives from Friends groups across the state will share stories of their successes in recruiting members, advocating for their library, and raising funds.

Robert Hicks, bestselling author of *The Widow of the South* (2005), *A Separate Country* (2009), and *The Orphan Mother* (2016), will talk about his work and autograph books available for purchase.

Williamson County's main library, one mile south of historic downtown Franklin, is the center of a system that includes five branches — Bethesda, College Grove, Fairview, Leiper's Fork, and Nolensville. President of the Williamson County Friends Debbie Eads and Library Director Dolores Greenwald are directing arrangements for the FOTL meeting.

You can register for the meeting on page 3 of this newsletter or online at <http://www.friendstnlibraries.org>.

Attend Friends/Trustees Lunch April 6 at TLA Memphis Meeting

Because Friends and Trustees are important to every library, they are important at the annual conference of the Tennessee Library Association. The Friends and Trustees Luncheon brings them together to network, to learn, and to recognize significant contributions to libraries. By March 25, register online for this year's event at the Hilton Memphis on Friday, April 6, from 12-1:30 p.m. at <http://www.friendstnlibraries.org/friends-and-trustees-at-tla-conference>.



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Williamson County's Main Library
On Columbia Avenue in Franklin, TN
Setting for FOTL 2018 Annual Meeting

The FOTL Outlook

New Network Opportunities

By William Sundquist

President, Friends of Tennessee Libraries

I do hope each of you had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. As we move into spring, there are plenty of opportunities to network with your fellow FOTL members and to advocate for libraries.



By the time this newsletter reaches you, it is likely that Tennessee Library Legislative Day, March 14, will have occurred in Nashville. Through our Facebook page and our LISTSERV we will catch you up on that event. National Library Legislative Day is scheduled for May 1 and 2; see page 9.

On April 6 the Friends and Trustees Luncheon, sponsored by FOTL and the Tennessee Library Association, will take place in Memphis. Featured speaker at the luncheon will be Joy Bailey Bryant, cultural planning specialist who works with city officials, institutional leaders, and developers around the globe to plan cities creatively and to bring people to public institutions. Her topic will be "Dr. Martin Luther King's Dream and the Cultural Design of Libraries." You can register for the lunch online: <http://www.friendstnlibraries.org>.

On Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5, FOTL's Annual Meeting will take place in the main Williamson County Public Library in Franklin. You can register for that gathering on page 3 of this newsletter or online at <http://www.friendstnlibraries.org>.

As you can see, it will be a busy few months, and I look forward to seeing you at each event. If you have Facebook, please share these events on our FOTL Facebook page. This is a great way to share in real time your library support for all of us to see.

And most importantly, THANK YOU for all your support of Tennessee Libraries. Because of you, everyone can enjoy a library.

Are you planning to stay overnight in Franklin when you attend the FOTL Annual Meeting?

Here are Hotels With Onsite Restaurant Or Restaurant Within Walking Distance

Courtyard by Marriott Cool Springs 615-778-0060

Town Place Suites by Marriott 615-816-1111

Marriott Franklin/Cool Springs 615-261-6100



FRIENDS OF TENNESSEE LIBRARIES

2018 Annual Meeting at Williamson County Public Library

Friday, May 4, 2018

5-6:30 p.m. Welcome Reception: Williamson County Public Library (light snacks, refreshments)

■ *Hosted by local Friends groups and the Williamson County Public Library System*
<http://lib.williamson-tn.org/>

■ *Entertainment by 2Country4Nashville*
<http://2country4nashville.com/>

■ *Dinner on one's own*
<http://downtownfranklin.tn.com/categories/eat/>

Saturday, May 5, 2018

8:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:15 a.m. Welcome
FOTL Business Meeting

9:50 a.m. Break

10 a.m. David Baker: A Fundraising Clinic with Q and A
<http://givingdesign.com>

11:45 a.m. Break

12 noon Buffet Luncheon

12:50 Break

1 p.m. FOTL Success Stories: Group Discussion

1:50 p.m. Break

2 p.m. Author Robert Hicks: Book Sale, Autographing
<http://www.robert-hicks.com>

3 p.m. Adjournment

Register for FOTL's May 4-5 Meeting

ONLINE: <http://www.friendstnlibraries.org>

OR by check and mail (see below).

Registration is only \$30. It includes breakfast and lunch.

Registration must be received by FOTL by April 25.

Detach this form and mail it with your check, payable to FOTL, to
Marjorie Kaup Haines, P. O. Box 681493, Franklin, TN 37068-1493.

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

E-Mail _____

_____ Check here if you plan to attend the Friday reception at 5:6:30 p.m.

_____ Check here if you want a vegetarian lunch on Saturday.

Deadline Extended Until March 23, 2018

APPLY FOR FOTL GRANTS ONLINE

FOTL Grant Application Guidelines

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.

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.

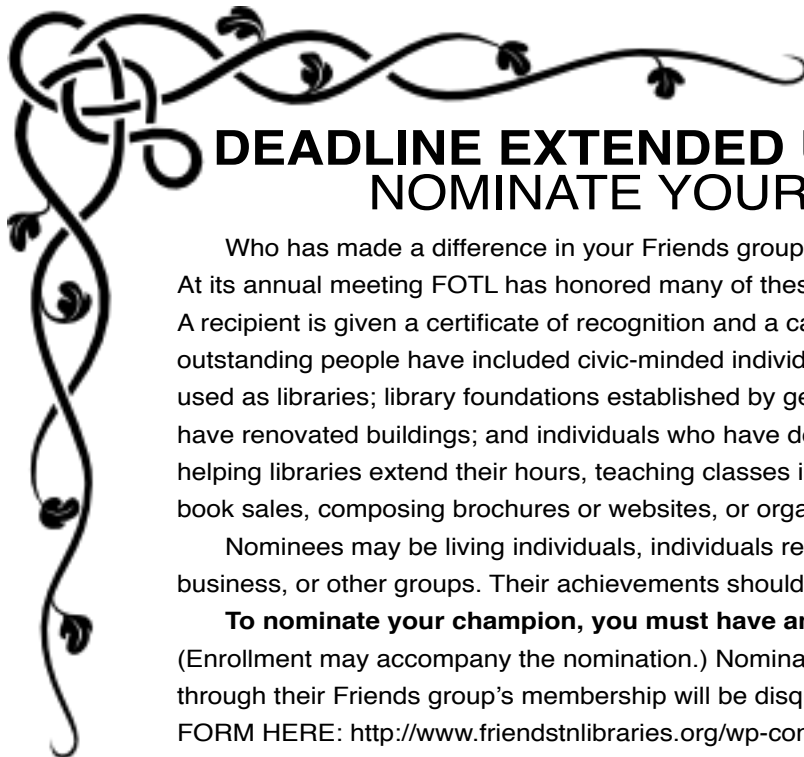
Fundraising: To assist with the expense associated with fundraising for your Friends group. These expenses could include rental expenses, advertising, fees for speakers or entertainers, purchase of items for resale, or for use in producing items for sale, etc.

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 has been extended to March 23, 2018. 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.

Additional guidelines can be found on the FOTL website: <http://www.friendstnlibraries.org/awards-grants/grant-application/>

Submit applications to Dwight D. Shepherd, 10405 Alex Bales Rd., Kodak, TN 37764 or to DeWhiteSheep@hotmail.com.



DEADLINE EXTENDED UNTIL MARCH 23 NOMINATE YOUR Champion

Who has made a difference in your Friends group or your library in the past two years? At its annual meeting FOTL has honored many of these champions with Recognition Awards. A recipient is given a certificate of recognition and a cash award of \$100. In the past, such outstanding people have included civic-minded individuals who have donated buildings to be used as libraries; library foundations established by generous advocates; Friends groups that have renovated buildings; and individuals who have donated many hours to such tasks as helping libraries extend their hours, teaching classes in computer, raising funds, coordinating book sales, composing brochures or websites, or organizing summer-reading programs.

Nominees may be living individuals, individuals recently deceased, a Friends group, a business, or other groups. Their achievements should have occurred in the past two years.

To nominate your champion, you must have an individual membership in FOTL. (Enrollment may accompany the nomination.) Nominations by individuals who belong to FOTL through their Friends group's membership will be disqualified. DOWNLOAD NOMINATION FORM HERE: <http://www.friendstnlibraries.org/wp-content/uploads/Nominate-Revised.pdf>

New State Library & Archives Begins with Groundbreaking

To ensure that Tennessee's strong and rich history will be preserved for future generations and that its citizens will have access to those treasures, on December 11 Governor Bill Haslam, Secretary of State Tre Hargett, and State Librarian and Archivist Chuck Sherrill joined other state leaders to break ground for the new State Library and Archives Building on Nashville's Bicentennial Mall.



Susie Webb Ries and Secretary of State Tre Hargett

Susie Webb Ries, former president of Friends of Tennessee Libraries, attended the ceremony and reported, "The weather for the ground breaking of the State Library and Archives could not have been better than it was! There was a great turnout for the event and it was a happy occasion."

The \$123.8 million project, expected to be completed in the fall of 2019, has been in the works since 2005 because the current 1950s building has outgrown the space needed to house the state's significant documents and vital records, which the State Library and Archives is required by law to store and to make available to the general public.

According to Secretary of State Hargett, roughly half of the cost of the project has been funded. The General Assembly approved substantial funding for the project this year, and Governor Haslam will recommend the remainder of the cost in the 2018 budget.

The 165,000-square-foot facility will include a climate-controlled chamber for safely preserving historical books and manuscripts; a state-of-the-art robotic retrieval system; classrooms where students will be taught and librarians and archivists will be trained; a conservation lab for treating and restoring books, photographs, and documents; dedicated spaces for rotating exhibits and the display of Tennessee's founding documents; a vault for storing photograph negatives; an early-literacy center for children with visual disability; and a lab for recording oral histories and audio books about Tennessee history.

Resource: <https://sos.tn.gov/news/tennessee-state-library-and-archives-breaks-ground-new-building>



State leaders broke ground for the new State Library on December 11, 2017. Photo by Susie Webb Ries

For more about TSLA building plans, see <http://tinyurl.com/TSLANewBuildingProposal>.

Secretary of State's Data Relate to Public Libraries

Tennesseans are using their public libraries.

That's the gist of several infographics in *2017 Facts & Figures*, a publication of the Secretary of State's office. Examples include the following:

- 27,244,863 books and materials [were] borrowed from all Tennessee public libraries.
- 27,969,505 searches [were] conducted through the Tennessee Electronic Library.
- 3,195,035 digital books [were] borrowed through the R.E.A.D.S. Program.
- 350,696 items [were] loaned to the visually impaired.

See the full report here:

<http://bit.ly/2017FactsFigures>



Day by Day, Smyrna Friends Posted Reasons to Join

On social media, Roseanne Peppers, president of the Friends of the Smyrna Library, and her board conducted a recent membership campaign that has power and punch. Here's the back story of their membership drive.

Hoping to increase participation in their annual Souper Friends Saturday in January, the Board began to plan how to increase awareness about their soup project while encouraging membership renewals, new memberships, and volunteer opportunities.

President Peppers knew she would be talking to her friends about joining FOSL, but, she realized, "Just knowing that the library is something everyone wants in their community may not be enough. Many people like to hear the benefits of joining FOSL." And those reasons could translate into Facebook posts and group emails in the weeks leading up to Souper Friends Saturday.

Peppers' list of 7 reasons grew to 14 when she asked her board to add new ideas to the campaign. "The reasons people support their library through Friends are numerous, varied, and personal. We could probably add more reasons from now on!" Peppers said.

Smyrna Friends Board members include Betsy Waldron, Brittany Stevens, Cynthia Harmon, Joel Parks, Rebecca Lucier Cowan, and Robert Myers. Theresa Pickett, past FOSL president, is no longer on the Board, but as the group's media person, she handled social media and group emails.

Reason #1: You will be able to support your library in a variety of ways. Your membership fee helps pay for programming that the library's annual budget can't completely cover. That includes Summer Reading, Winter Reading, children's entertainment, and much, much more!

Reason #2: Friends of Smyrna Library are highly valued volunteers who provide service in a variety of ways. FOSL members help with special events, read shelves (making sure books are in proper order), participate in library work days, and donate books for the used book sales. Sometimes Friends bring cookies and cupcakes for children's events. There is always something to be done and always something for everyone.

Reason #3: Literacy is more important than ever, and it is a priority for Friends of Smyrna Library. The Department of Justice says, "The link between academic failure and delinquency, violence, and crime is welded to reading failure. Over 70% of inmates in America's prisons cannot read above a fourth grade level." Libraries make a difference in the lives of children, and our priority is helping Smyrna Public Library do just that.

Reason #4: Friends of Smyrna Library appreciate the opportunity to "Spruce Up" our library. Through our Spruce Up Campaign, we joined with members of our community to replace flooring, repaint the interior, replace the circulation desk, and update built-ins in the Children's area. We aren't finished yet! Restrooms will soon be repainted. New CD shelving will be added, and damaged ceiling tiles will be replaced. There is even more to be done, and your FOSL membership can make the difference.

Reason #5: FOSL members believe Smyrna Public Library is essential in our vibrant, thriving community. The library is the place to go for internet and computer access, genealogy research, preschool reading readiness programs, help with on-line job applications, volunteer opportunities for Hope Scholarships, book clubs, and so much more!!! All these programs are a great asset for our community. We want to help the library continue to provide these services.

Reason #6: We are members of Friends of Smyrna Library because we believe in our library. "Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve and contribute to improving our quality of life. Libraries change lives for the better." — Sidney Sheldon

Reason # 7: We are a great resource for newcomers! Are you new to our community? No school-age children at home? When you become a member of FOSL, you immediately become a member of a local group
See '14 Reasons To Be a Smyrna Friend' on page 7

14 Reasons To Be a Smyrna Friend

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with similar goals and interests. We all want to give back to our community and support the mission of our library. And when you decide to volunteer at the library, you'll meet new people and make new friends. We're a friendly group of all ages, from all over the country, and you will be welcome!

Reason #8: As a member of FOSL, you can apply to adopt a Little Friends Library. There is no charge for the "blank canvas" you will receive. You decorate it in your own style and add the roofing of your choice. And we'll even donate seed books for you to stock your library! If you've ever considered buying one to place at your home, you know they can be pricey. This is a great benefit for FOSL members!

Reason #9: Members of FOSL are given the opportunity to work during the Library's annual Scholastic Book Fair. In addition to already discounted prices, workers receive an additional 10% off! Sales at the Book Fair benefit the library.

Reason #10: The FOSL Board of Directors are good stewards of the resources we receive. Our meetings are open to guests, and our records are available for review. We welcome comments and suggestions from our membership. Our work is based upon the needs of our library and mindful of the priorities of our members. Each member is valued.

Reason #11: As a member of FOSL, you will have the opportunity to join us as we welcome International Folk Fest groups who perform at the library. Dance and music troupes from all over the world visit our area each year to perform and share their culture. FOSL members help Library Staff, serving a meal to the performers. We've been able to meet a wide variety of very talented people.

Reason #12: Friends of Smyrna Library takes an active part in local activities. Each year we join in the festivities at Depot Days. Our booth gives us an opportunity to introduce our group, our mission, and our library to everyone we meet. We supply candy for the library's booth at Halloween in the Park each year.

Reason #13: Your membership in FOSL provides tangible results! Our efforts are on display throughout the library — the new circulation desk, the new paint and flooring, the Storybook Cottage puppet show area, and the redecorated children's play area. The "Spruce Up The Smyrna Library" project was a true collaboration of public and private groups.

Reason #14: Joining Friends of Smyrna Library indicates that you have joined in the mission to make a positive difference in our community, to improve literacy and to promote, support, and enhance library services. No matter what level of involvement you choose to take as a member, your support is appreciated.



More Friends Use Facebook

Increasingly, large and small groups of Friends of Tennessee Libraries are showing up on Facebook, thereby giving all of us access to what's going on in their neighborhood. Here are a couple of examples.

From Friends of Memphis

Public Library: "Repair or restoration of books has long been one of the services provided by Friends of the Memphis Library.



These books are then sold in Friends' Second Edition Bookstore, at Friends' May and October book sales, or online by Friends at Amazon.com.

"Friends also offers this service to the community at large for a nominal fee. . . ."

Seymour Friends promoted its April 14 Arts & Crafts Show.



Follow FOTL on Facebook, too. Please Like and Share what's good.

What LeGuin Taught a Tennessee Writer

By Clay Gilbert

I remember the first time I saw one of Ursula LeGuin's books. It was *The Tomb of Atuan*, Book Two in Ms. LeGuin's Earthsea series. I was already a reader of Anne McCaffrey, and the cover of that book reminded me of the covers of McCaffrey's Harper Hall series, the young-adult counterpart to her Dragonriders of Pern books. I wasn't about to start a series on Book Two, so I waited until the school library had gotten back their copy of *A Wizard of Earthsea* before I delved into Earthsea, but once I did, my mind was opened to a fascinating world and a singular imagination.

I continued to check out LeGuin's works over the years. For a while, my parents were members of the Book-of-the-Month Club, and in 1985, LeGuin's book *Always Coming Home* was a selection of the month. This novel, an example of what would today be called "urban fantasy," captured my imagination even more than had the Earthsea books.

I was compelled by its subtle mix of the realistic with the not-quite-real, albeit still more fantasy than magical realism. These traits would later inform my own fiction, and I have seen them in the work of Octavia Butler and Margaret Atwood, but I first encountered them in the words of Ursula K. LeGuin.

Always Coming Home was notable for another reason: the paperback came with a cassette filled with music that was meant to be the product of the tribal people called the

Editor's note: Clay Gilbert says he's always liked stories, and from the time he knew there were people who told stories for a living, he wanted to write them. His first science fiction story, "The Computer Conspiracy," was published in Scholastic magazine when he was just 13. Today he works in several genres. His science fiction series Children of Evohe includes the novels Annah and the Children of Evohe, Annah and the Exiles, and Annah and the Gates of Grace. His other works include the science fiction duology The Conversationalist, consisting of the two novels Into the Blue and Mission to Mercy Prime, and the young-adult dystopian novel Eternity, as well as the vampire novel Dark Road to Paradise. Clay's fiction is published by Dark Moon Press. He lives and works in Knoxville. His author blog can be found at <http://portalsandpathways.wordpress.com/>, and the official website for his Children of Evohe novels resides at <https://childrenofevohe.com/>.



Kesh. It was the first time I'd ever seen supplementary media packaged with an original text, and that's an idea that also stuck with me into the formation of my own work.

I admire LeGuin's strong female characters as well. I came to LeGuin's fiction at a formative point in my reading life, when the example of someone writing the kind of fiction I most like to read, and writing the kind of fiction I would later identify as that which I most like to write, was particularly potent.

I didn't encounter my favorite novel of hers, *The Left Hand of Darkness*, until I was in college. Unlike some of my favorite authors, I didn't just run out and read everything LeGuin had available after first encountering the Earthsea books. This is no slight to LeGuin; instead, I would say that the depth and substance of her work needed time to work its particular wizardry on me, and that encountering specific books of hers at different stages of my life gave me a more nuanced appreciation for her fiction than if I had devoured a great chunk of it when I was very young.

It also put me in the enviable position of being able to say 'yes' when, as a graduate student in the MFA Fiction program at the University of South Carolina, someone was needed from the University's Literary Club to take Ms LeGuin to dinner on behalf of the organization and the school. I was more than happy to oblige. It was like many conversations I have with other authors, particularly ones whose works I admire: there was precious little 'shop talk' in it. We did talk about the discipline of writing, and we talked about the importance of imaginative fiction as a vehicle for addressing social concerns. Beyond that, I remember we talked about South Carolina. Ms LeGuin spent nearly all her life on the West Coast and in the Pacific Northwest, so she was interested in what I had to say about the Southeast and about being a genre writer from the area. I do have ideas about that, but this isn't the place for them. Instead, I'd like to say that my impressions of Ursula K. LeGuin, both as a person and as an author, were that she expressed herself with integrity and sincerity, and she thought and felt deeply about humanity and human life.

There are still books of hers I haven't read, and I plan to correct that. I would encourage those who read this to check out at least one of her works, particularly if you think you don't enjoy fantasy and science fiction. You may find that, through the lens of LeGuin's particular skill, your perspective on the matter may be changed. A talent for changing perspectives, and telling entertaining and transformative stories as she did, was one gift Ursula LeGuin left behind her as a legacy to all the generations of readers and writers that will follow.

United for Libraries Spotlights FOTL

The February 2018 issue of *The Voice for America's Libraries*, published by United for Libraries, puts the State Friends Spotlight on the Friends of Tennessee



Libraries. The article traces the history of FOTL and, under the headline 'Friends are more than just a book sale,' highlights what the organization does.

Specifically it describes FOTL as a statewide network committed to

- sharing ideas and asking questions through a members-only LISTSERV,
- promoting awareness of

state and national legislative issues affecting libraries,

- publicizing the resources and services of Tennessee libraries,
- and acting as a unified voice to advocate for the availability of libraries throughout Tennessee.

The article paid particular attention to FOTL's grants, awards, and website resources for Tennessee Friends.

Paperbacks Needed for Prison

Willetta Grady works at a prison with absolutely no budget for books, but recently she happened to be in Germantown, TN, when the Friends' book sale was over and she had a chance to take whatever was left.

She wrote to FOTL, "I am extremely thankful to the Friends at Germantown for that opportunity."

Now Grady wonders if there are places closer to her work in West Tennessee where she might grab the last of Friends' sales, preferably paperbacks. If this might be an opportunity, please let her know: wmgrady901@GMAIL.COM

"We service 2500 inmates who are anxiously waiting for new books to read," Grady said.

NLLD Needs Champions; NLLD Needs You

By Vivian Wynn
*Coordinator of Tennessee Delegation
To National Library Legislative Day*

Every year a few good men (and women, too) gather in Washington, DC, to share the experience of meeting our federal representatives and reminding them how essential libraries are and how legislation impacts libraries in our state. The next National Library Legislation Days (NLLD) are Monday, May 7, and Tuesday, May 8, 2018.

So what really happens? First, you spend a day being briefed on the legislation that affects libraries. At the end of the day, the Tennessee team huddles to create a game plan. We decide who will be responsible for key points. Volunteers sign up for the legislation that has significance to them and will see the representatives they have a connection with or are interested in meeting.

The next day, Tennessee Tuesday, the team starts the day with donuts and coffee with our senators. Then we put our strategy into action to fit in as many of our legislators in the House of Representatives as possible. We travel through the historic halls of the federal buildings with other library advocates while vying for the elected officials' attention. With our carefully prepared plans, we meet each official with targeted information and the strengths of our best advocates: you.

So join our Tennessee Team and be a part of history. Every elected official we reach with our message is a victory in itself. And if you think that the trip is too expensive, ask your institution or your Friends or Foundation for funding. For more information about the National Library Legislation Day, contact Vivian Wynn at vwynn91@bellsouth.net or Susan Earl at susan.earl@brentwoodtn.gov. We can send you the registration information.

NATIONAL LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE DAY
WASHINGTON, DC • MAY 7-8, 2018
REGISTER TODAY!

Blount County Friends Enter the Digital Marketplace

By Robert McClelland
Blount County Newsletter (January 2018)
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It comes as no surprise to those who know them that Ted Taylor, Gary Carpenter, Meg Halter, Claudia Erwin, Laurie Smalley and Phyllis Williams are frequently found working on something interesting in the basement of the Blount County Public Library. They are part of a cadre of eBay booksellers on the Blount County Friends of the Library team.

The use of eBay to reach a broader clientele for more valuable books has come a long way since it began in 2014. Through their diligence, approximately 1,300 books are offered online by the Friends, and that number will certainly increase since, in today's digital world, so many people now shop for books online. Claudia is quick to point out that this project could not have happened without the generous support of Lisa Misosky of Southland Books, who showed the team what to do and how to do it well.

Claudia and Laurie apply their efforts to the task of sorting through the thousands of books donated to the Friends each month. Experience and their "good eyes" enable them to spot material that looks most promising for sale on eBay. After identifying potential items, they play detective — checking on and comparing what these items are being sold for online. Further research to determine each item's true value is then carried out by Gary, Ted, and Laurie. Meg makes any necessary book repairs to prepare damaged books for sale.

Laurie points out that you can never tell what is going to be valuable as the age of an item or the author isn't necessarily a good barometer for appraisal. A book autographed by its author does not always mean its resale value is enhanced while items on offbeat topics often sell well. These volunteers are also on the lookout for material featuring topics of local interest and Appalachian lore.

After a final asking price is set, an item is listed on eBay. Phyllis takes over and interacts with the public, packing sold items, mailing them, and tracking them to their new home, wherever in the world that may be.

There is real need for more hands in the eBay corner of the basement. Developing the ability to price books accurately takes some time for new volunteers. In time, however, they will certainly enjoy being part of the process. As Laurie says, "Volunteering down here is like going on a treasure hunt."



(Counterclockwise from right) Blount County Friends: Laurie Smalley; Ted Taylor; Gary Carpenter and Claudia Erwin; Phyllis Williams (standing); and Meg Halter (seated)



2018 Honor Roll of Tennessee Friends Groups

Revised March 8, 2018

1. Friends of the **Art Circle** Public Library, **Crossville**
2. **Benton** County Friends of the Library, Camden
3. **Blount** County Friends of the Library, Maryville
4. Friends of the **Brentwood** Library (Williamson)
5. Friends of the **C.E. Weldon** Public Library, Martin (Weakley)
6. Friends of the **Chattanooga** Public Library (Hamilton)
7. Friends of the **Cheatham** County Public Libraries
8. Friends of the **Chester** County Library, Henderson
9. **Claiborne** County Library Friends, Tazewell
10. Friends of **Clarksville-Montgomery** County Library
11. Friends of the Library **Cleveland** Public Library (Bradley)
12. Friends of the **Clinton** Public Library (Anderson)
13. Friends of **Collegedale** Public Library (Hamilton)
14. Friends of **Collierville Burch** Library (Shelby)
15. Friends of the **Crockett Memorial** Library, Alamo
16. Friends of the **Dickson** County Public Library, Dickson
17. Friends of the **Fairview** Library (Williamson)
18. **Franklin** County Friends of the Library
19. Friends of the **Gorham-MacBane** Library, Springfield (Robertson)
20. **Governor's Books** from Birth Foundation
21. Friends of **Greenback** Public Library (Loudon)
22. Friends of the **Hamilton Parks Trimble** Library (Dyer)
23. Friends of the **Hardin** County Library
24. **Hendersonville** Library Friends (Sumner County)
25. Friends of the **Humboldt** Public Library (Gibson)
26. Friends of the **Jackson-Madison** County Library
27. Friends of the **Jefferson City** Library (Jefferson)
28. Friends of the Library of **Johnson** County, Mountain City
29. Friends of the **King Family** Library, Sevierville (**Sevier**)
30. Friends of the **Knox** County Public Library
31. Friends of **Kodak** Library (Sevier)
32. Friends of the **LaFollette** Public Library (Campbell)
33. Friends of the **Lauderdale** County Library, Ripley
34. Friends of the **Lawrence** County Public Library
35. Friends of **Linebaugh** Public Library, **Murfreesboro** (Rutherford)
36. Friends of the Library **McMinn** County, Athens
37. Friends of **Memphis** Public Library (Shelby)
38. Friends of the **Monterey** Branch Library (Putnam)
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