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This photo of Mr. Peck and Elissa Atkinson at Blount County Public Library was made by Judy Haun.

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FOTL Launches New Website



To promote its mission, especially to pursue its goal of being a communications network and clearinghouse of information for its members, the Friends of Tennessee Libraries has launched its first interactive website, with the help of Suzanne Freeman (above), President-Elect John Nye (on the right), and a young entrepreneur named John Mardini, a senior at the Webb School of Knoxville. See page 3.



Our Mission

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.

Save This Date in 2008 for Library Legislative Day: February 21

Thursday, February 21, has been designated Library Legislative Day in Tennessee. Advocates for public libraries will convene in Nashville to hear speaker Stephanie Vance and to share lunch with legislators at the Doubletree. Stay tuned for more details on the FOTL website and in the winter issue of this publication.

National Legislative Day will be May 13-14 in Washington, DC.

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Soon to come will be a forum for the discussion of issues of interest and concern to Friends across the state. What topics would you like to see discussed there? Notify Martha Gill at <gill333375@bellsouth.net>. Items to be placed on the calendar and photos to be included in the gallery should also be sent to Martha.

Tennessee Friends Stay Busy

Bledsoe County Friends, proud of their 85 members, continue to support the library by providing items on its "wish list" not included in its official budget. Celebrating Imagination Library Week in September, Friends sponsored a story hour featuring a Dolly Parton look-alike who read to the children and a gala with a magician, a ballerina, and the Cat in the Hat. After the October book sale, members will invite the public to write cards to service men and women and will feature a speaker on the origins of the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC.

Chattanooga-Hamilton County Bicentennial Library, building on its success from last year's club, hoped to accommodate up to 750 guests at its Club Lib Volume II on October 20. For one night only the library became a night club featuring the Sports Bar, the Chill Zone, the Cyber Cafe, the Dance Club, and the Piano Bar.

Dr. Bill Bass and Jon Jefferson, the popular writing team behind *Death's Acre* and *Beyond the Body Farm*, will speak at the annual meeting of the Friends at the Chattanooga Theatre Center Friday, November 9.

Friends of the Art Circle Public Library in Crossville heard Pat Lanza, author of *So You Want to Publish a Book!*, at its luncheon September 18.

Friends in Knoxville celebrated Imagination Library Week with a Strollerthon at Lakeshore Park on September 22. Some 50 strollers, their occupants, moms, and dads participated.

Friends of Kodak Library held their annual Family Picnic in the Park in July.

Friends of Lawrence County Public Library report a very successful fall book sale that garnered \$2945.75. A get-together during the week of October 21 celebrated National Friends of Libraries week. In the summer toddlers from the ages of 6-20 months enjoyed stories, songs, and fingerplays with volunteer Wendy Pennington.

Loretto Branch Library's annual book sale, traditionally part of the city's annual Oktoberfest, took place October 9-13.

Friends in White County sponsored the third annual Cemetery Stroll on October 27. This event followed a successful campaign to promote summer reading among adults and the October 4-6 fall book sale.

Friends in Tellico Village, planning to construct a new public library facility to replace the current rented space, have committed to "Building Green." The new facility will be designed, constructed, and operated with minimal draw on non-renewable resources and give high priority to respecting the physical environment.

Apologies to Judy Gleeson

The summer 2007 issue of the FOTL newsletter identified the state coordinator for the ALA Legislative Day in Washington, DC, as Judy Gleeson. As a matter of fact, **Judy Gleeson** is the person the newsletter should have spotlighted.

Judy is accustomed to the mistake, however. Judy explains, "Because of TV star Jackie Gleason, I have lived with the name problem all of my life. People hear 'Gleason' because of Jackie's popularity, especially in the 1950's and 1960's—my era of growing up. My sister-in-law has always said, 'If I had known your brother's last name was so much trouble, I wouldn't have married him!' Younger folks don't know much about Jackie Gleason, so it has become less of a problem as I have gotten older, but the name still gets messed up sometimes."

Judy also shared with the editor that she will be retiring from her position as director of the Clinch-Powell Regional Library officially on October 31.

Remember, that's **Judy GLEESON**.

Authors Step Out of the Leaves of Their Books

Newbery Winner Richard Peck Appears at Blount County

By Barbara Zurl
Fort Loudoun
Representative

It has been said that there is no limit on what a determined Friends group can achieve. The truth of this statement was borne out recently in East Tennessee when famed author Richard Peck spent two days at the Blount County Public Library, where he signed books, cut ribbons, and participated in press interviews.

The appearance of Richard Peck was the dream of the Young Adult coordinator, Judy Haun, who felt that a writer of this caliber would surely set the tone for the area within the library which would be refurbished and set aside specifically for young adult patrons. Early in 2007 a Teen Advisory Board had been created, and this group, working with library staff, designed the area which would become "Teen Central."

A plan was in place. What was needed next was funding. Who better to approach than the Blount County Friends of the Library? "That's exactly what we're here for" was the consensus, and the wheels were set in motion. Because of the hard work of a dedicated team of volunteers who sort, stack, price, and shelve thousands of books donated to the Friends group, Blount County is able to host four book sales a year. Monies raised are set aside just for special projects like this. Dreams become

realities due to the efforts of Friends. On Sunday, September 16, 2007, Richard Peck stood before a capacity crowd in the Sharon Lawson Meeting Room of the library. The audience, comprised of grandparents, parents, young adults, and small children hung on every word. Peck, who won the 2001 Newbery Award for his novel *A Year Down Under*, has been described as one of America's most talented authors. He also has the distinction of being the first children's book author ever to receive a National Humanities Medal. The National Endowment for the Humanities has praised Richard Peck, calling him "one of America's most respected writers for young adults."

Mr. Peck writes for young people because he genuinely cares about them. In his works he often portrays a relationship between a younger character and a wise older character who serves as mentor. Common themes in his works are the adolescent's progression toward adulthood and the relationship between our growth as individuals and our resistance to unquestioning conformity. Peck's message to his reader is simple: "You will never grow up until you begin to think and act independently of your peers."

Who better to officiate at the Monday, September 17, ribbon cutting than Richard Peck?

Libraries and Friends working together can make dreams come true.



Photos of Mr. Peck's visit by Judy Haun
Richard Peck meets with the current Teen Advisory Board.

Harper Lee's Biographer Speaks in Knoxville

Charles J. Shields, author of the best-selling biography entitled *Mockingbird: A Portrait of Harper Lee* (Holt Paperbacks, 2007), appeared before several audiences in Knoxville in



October as part of that community's participation in "The Big Read," an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA).

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee was the focus of a community-wide book and discussion series designed to encourage reluctant readers to enjoy a literary classic and to open a dialogue about racism. The

YWCA partnered with the Knox County Public Library to develop "The Big Read," supported by an NEA grant, and the Friends of Knox County Library sponsored Charles Shields's appearance on October 2 as a part of that event. Mr. Shields's talk also inaugurated a series of lectures supported by the Friends to honor the memory of Wilma Dykeman, a prominent member of the state's and nation's literary scene who died in 2006.

Southern Writers' Blog Easy To Find

River Jordan, keynote speaker at FOTL's annual meeting in May and author of the novel *The Messenger of Magnolia Street*, calls members' attention to the new Southern authors' blog—"A Good Blog Is Hard to Find"—at <www.southernauthors.blogspot.com>. River Jordan's contributions can be found there, and, she reports, "Many wonderful Southern authors" are featured.

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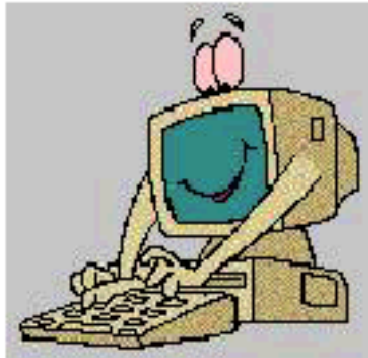
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Among participants at the Tri-Regional Library Trustee Workshop in Crossville on September 12 were (from left) George McCrary, Macon County and Upper Cumberland Trustee; Jeanne Sugg, Tennessee State Librarian; Frances Darnell, Macon County and Upper Cumberland Trustee as well as a past president of FOTL; and Julia Burrow, Macon County Library Director.

Tri-Regional Trustees Meet in Crossville In September

At the Tri-Regional Library Trustee Workshop in Crossville on September 12, Frances Darnell, a past president of FOTL, led the session "Working with Friends Groups." The workshop, held in the Cumberland County Community Complex, was designed for trustees in Upper Cumberland, Caney Fork, and Fort Loudoun regions.

Other participants on the program included Jane Pinkston, Assistant State Librarian for Planning and Development; Julie Duke, Tennessee State Library and Archives; and Jeanne Sugg, Tennessee State Librarian

What's Happening at TSLA

By **Jeanne D. Sugg**
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Tennessee State Library and Archives

Following is a short summary of things happening at TSLA.

Let's talk about TEL. A group of 16 librarians representing every type of library from across the State participated in database selection for the \$1 million received from the legislature. From a list of 80+ suggestions, they narrowed it down to the top 6. We prepared RFPs (request for proposals) which are in the State's contract office for review (a 6-week stopover). We are very hopeful that we will be able to issue those by Oct 2. By the time vendors submit their bid proposals and we evaluate those, it will be nearing year's end. We hope to have contracts in place by January 1—with at least three new products: a testing database, a database that addresses social issues and current events, and a database of the 4 metropolitan newspapers. After evaluating our expenditures, we will

add further databases if possible. Three new products have been added to our current GALE database collection: Twayne and Scribner series and Southern Life and Literature. All were requested by numerous libraries. These are already available online. Thanks for GALE for many good things!

We appeared before the State Building Commission this month to show a conceptual exterior design for TSLA's new building. It was accepted and now we move on to the next phase which is Schematic Design. We are excited about our new building and the opportunities that will come with it for expanded use of our facility and the opportunity to serve in a variety of new ways. If any of you attended the Trustee Workshops that are in progress, you saw the exterior design, and I'm certain you agree that it is spectacular! I am very hopeful that we will have the design posted on our website by early October.

Other statewide activities in progress are the installation of Gates

computers across the state. Since mid-August, our Technology Coordinators and Network Service Coordinators have installed 261 computers, with 770 more to be installed before the end of December. Hard working people!

Summer reading was a great "Rompin' Stompin'" success. Although we don't have all of the final numbers, we are certain that more than 80,000 children participated reading in excess of 1.3 million books during the summer. This program continues to have a huge impact on communities, both large and small, as many businesses participate as well as local governments.

TSLA hosted a workshop last Saturday, "Researching Your Civil War Ancestor." It was a great success with 55 attendees. The next presentation will be "Scrapbooking Your Family Heritage." Watch our website for the date and time.

Thanks for your work as Friends! The work you do is not for the faint of heart—it is for those who love to share their love of libraries; and most importantly, you carry the message of how libraries change lives! You are a real gift to Tennessee libraries.

**Corporate Funds
Help Libraries**

In Chattanooga, **Bi-Lo** is donating 1% of its sales to the library.

Nissan has made grants totaling \$70,000 to Imagination Library in Franklin and Rutherford counties.

Alcoa has made a \$10,000 donation to Knox County's Imagination Library.

Opryland Hotel's ICE! has partnered with libraries by giving a \$2 discount on admission to kids with library cards and returning \$1 of that discount to the children's libraries.

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