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Standing Up Together for Libraries

By Martha Gill, FOTL President

Membership in the Friends of Blount County has reached 1,000. The same is true of the Knox County Friends. If you add advocates in Cookeville, Crossville, Memphis, and points in between, you begin to understand the power of collaboration.

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Collaborative Advocacy in Washington

By Vivian Wynn

State Coordinator, National Legislative Day

Seven Tennessee library advocates traveled to Washington, DC, for National Library Legislative Day. Monday, May 11, was a briefing day conducted by the ALA Washington Office staff. The following is the list of issues that were covered:

- E-rate—requesting a permanent exemption from ADA by amending Section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934
- LSTA—requesting $300 million be put in the budget
- Cosponsor H.R. 1692 (legislation to exempt children’s books from CPSIA)
- Improving Literacy Through School Libraries program—requesting $100 million be put in the budget
- PATRIOT Act and reauthorization of Sec. 215—requesting an amendment (to protect readers’ privacy and prevent needless warrantless surveillance) prior to reauthorization
- Copyright—requesting opposition to H. R. 801 which would reverse the National Institute of Health (NIH) Public Access Policy
- No Child Left Behind—requesting inclusion of the SKILLS Act in the reauthorization of NCLB

Tuesday, May 12, was our “day on the hill.”

Our group of seven included our Secretary of State Tre Hargett, who helped introduce our issues as we started each meeting with our elected officials or their staff members.

We were very pleased to have appointments with the offices of all of our elected officials. We attended the Tennessee Tuesday Breakfast hosted by Senators Alexander and Corker and later met with the legislative aides of both of the senators.

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Rethinking Advocacy
As Year-Round Mission

By Martha Gill  
FOTL President

Let’s rethink advocacy.
It doesn’t happen just once a year. It doesn’t mean asking for money. It’s about building relationships and telling stories year-round in support of our libraries.

In the past year two people have reshaped my views about advocacy. One of them is Suzanne Freeman, now president of the Knox County Friends of the Public Library and formerly advocacy chair for FOTL. The other is John Nye, longtime member of FOTL and a trustee of the Art Circle Public Library in Crossville. Suzanne’s program for preparing for Tennessee Legislative Day covers a period of months, and John’s advice about how to speak up for libraries is both wise and practical.

Identify your legislators. If you don’t know who they are, ask your local library for help in finding out.

Weeks before Library Legislative Day, let legislators know, preferably by e-mail, that you are coming to Nashville for the event. Invite them to have lunch with you (your treat), and make an appointment for a private audience with them on that day.

A day or two before the event, send another e-mail telling the lawmakers that you are looking forward to seeing them shortly.

On Library Legislative Day, enjoy a friendly and pleasant lunch. Later meet with lawmakers privately. And at this point John Nye’s wisdom comes into play. Don’t ask for money.

Legislators already know that libraries need and want money. Instead, tell stories that help them understand how funding improves and benefits the community and how powerful your group of advocates is. Tell stories about how your libraries are helping people during the economic downturn—by offering assistance with drafting resumes, for example, or searching for and applying for jobs online. Report your librarian’s statistics on numbers of library card holders and the increase in demand for computers. Talk about the numbers of children and teens who participated in summer reading programs. Tell them how many Friends are active members in your group and how those Friends are helping to close the gap between funding and demands for services. Mention how much money your Friends’ group invested in the library in the past year. Thank lawmakers for funding Tennessee Electronic Library.

After Legislative Day, follow up with an e-mail thanking legislators for meeting with you.

Whenever your lawmakers come home to meet constituents, be there. Now you’re becoming known as a Friend of the library.

Consider sending someone from your group to National Library Legislative Day, a great learning experience because Jeanne Sugg, state librarian and archivist, and her staff will prepare for you position papers on specific issues that the delegation will address.

Locally poll candidates for county commission on their views about the library. Publish their responses.

During National Friends of the Library Week or National Library Week, treat your commissioners to lunch, and again, tell stories about library services.

Become inveterate writers of letters to the editor, especially if you can hook the letters to something timely. For example, call the public’s attention to a program soon to occur at the library, or recognize the library staff for its help with a recent community activity. A letter every month or two from Friends will make an impression.

Drive home your advocacy by adding a “Support Tennessee Libraries” license-plate frame to your automobile.

Contact your FOTL regional representative (page 2) about buying some.

Pick up ideas from other Friends’ groups and advocates on FOTL’s website and Facebook page and in its newsletters. Designate a local Friend as an FOTL liaison to disseminate ideas and to report successes. Find local partners to co-sponsor events.

With help from your public library’s reference desk, look into the possibilities of applying for grants.

Talk to Kroger and Food City officials about programs for non-profits.

I am advocating a more public, a more active advocacy at home, in the state, and in the nation throughout the year. Our libraries need and deserve it.

A Good Story

By Marilyn Parson
Knox County Friend

As a school librarian, I had many students who would beg to stay after school—to help or just have ‘some place to be’. One student stayed every day. Mom didn’t get off from work when school ended but shortly thereafter. There was no need for this single parent to pay for daycare. I was always there.

This student became a No. 1 assistant and knew the collection as well as I did. She became a voracious reader and critic of new purchases. When I shopped at the semi-annual Scholastic warehouse sale, I always invited her to go along. She knew what the school needed.

Throughout middle and high school this student continued to volunteer often, especially at the end-of-the-year inventory. A true friendship developed.

This student is now a UT student, a very good one. And she is still a reader and a friend.
Put October 18-24 on Your Calendar; Put Friends on Tennessee’s Map

Do you already have plans for October 18-24? That’s National Friends of the Library Week, the perfect time to put your organization in the spotlight and to continue to acquaint your community with your mission.

Friends of Libraries USA (FOLUSA) recognizes some award-winning celebrations on its website: <www.folusa.org>. For example, Friends of the Allen, TX, Public Library held a “Chocolate Friendzy” that featured a competition among 19 entries of chocolate goodies. An official proclamation marked the week in Hudson, FL, and the Friends of the Richard Bland College Library at the College of William and Mary conducted a Fabulous Flea Market Auction.

Here in Tennessee, the mayor of Knox County issued a proclamation in honor of the local organization, and Friends honored staffs in all Knox County’s branches with a celebratory bag lunch.

If you have photos and/or details about a past or a future celebration, please share that information with FOTL by e-mail at <gill333375@bellsouth.net>.

FOLUSA would also like to have news and photos of your celebration at <info@folusa.org>.

FOTL Adds Facebook to Its Toolbox

Inspired by Genny Carter’s presentation on social networking at FOTL’s annual meeting in May, armed with Facebook for Dummies, and assisted by the librarian in the Gill family, Friends of Tennessee Libraries now has a Facebook page.

It features links to events and developments in Tennessee and beyond that are related to libraries and advocates of libraries, items like library lovers who are asking Ben and Jerry to create a new flavor of ice cream with a library theme and the support of public libraries in Ventura County, CA, given by Ray Bradbury; a link to National Public Radio’s recommendations for summer reading; and a link to Garrison Keillor’s Writer’s Almanac.

Like all other Facebook pages, FOTL’s is free.

As of August 3, it had attracted 99 fans. Here’s the profile of those fans:

- Male: 26%
- Female: 73%
- Between the ages of 13-17: 2%
- Between the ages of 18-24: 3%
- Between the ages of 25-34: 24%
- Between the ages of 35-44: 27%
- Between the ages of 45-54: 26%
- 55 or older: 16%
- 23% of fans came from Nashville
- 15% came from Knoxville
- 14% came from Memphis

And here’s how you can become a fan. First, you must have your own Facebook page. Then, you simply type the name Friends of Tennessee Libraries in the Search box on your page and hit Return.

It’s that simple.

Genny Carter, FOTL President Martha Gill, and librarian James Gill are administrators for the Facebook page. If you run across a link or an item that you think will interest FOTL’s fans, please send it along to Martha Gill at <gill333375@bellsouth.net>.

FOTL continues to have its own website as well, another communication tool that focuses specifically on FOTL and its members. For example, at <www.friendstnlibraries.org> you will find an album of photos from the 2009 annual meeting, links to other sites that are relevant to the activities of library advocates, and a calendar of events like book sales and other activities of FOTL members.

Reading with a U.S. Representative

When U.S. Representative Jim Cooper mailed out the photograph of the Tennessee delegation’s visit to his office during National Library Legislative Day, he included his suggested reading list. On the far-ranging and challenging bibliography are books about the arts, defense, the economy, and health care as well as magazines and newspapers, government publications, miscellaneous titles difficult to categorize, and work which he has authored.
**Friendly People in a Lovely Setting:**

**FOTL’s Annual Meeting**

By Martha Gill  
**FOTL President**

Where shall I begin to thank those many kind hearts and gentle people who made the 2009 annual meeting on May 15 at the Children’s Defense Fund-Haley Farm in Clinton such a success? I’ll start by thanking the FOTL Board for endorsing the location from the very beginning. Nothing would have happened beyond that stage, however, if it had not been for Suzanne Freeman and Barbara Zurl, planners plenipotentiary, who are attentive to detail without losing sight of the vision.

At the Haley Farm, Theresa Venable, librarian and FOTL regional representative; Dr. Sheadrick Tillman; the patient and able Ken Libby; and the entire staff made the day flow like silk.

And then there were the participants in a great program. Panelists organized by moderator Barbara Zurl expounded on best practices in their Friends’ groups: Suzanne Freeman, Knoxville; John Thomas, Paris; Maggie Carini, Knoxville; Polly Stratton, Chattanooga; Blanie Scroggins, Townsend; and Cap Purvis, Tellico Village.

I also appreciate others on the program: Susan Simmons, Clinch Powell regional library director; Jinx Watson, lover of language and literature; Catherine Landis, powerful and sensitive interpreter of Southern scenes; and Genny Carter, the genie of social networking.

Diane Vernon marshalled the FOTL awards program, and three recipients helped us to understand what service means to a Friend: Phil Baker of Maryville; Jean Idell of Knoxville; and Marie Jordon of Franklin.

Past presidents Connie Albrecht, Susan Chambers, and Frances Darnell were enormously helpful. Treasurer Ed Jared and Wanda Jared, Upper Cumberland regional representative, sold license-plate frames. Peter McNeal, regional representative from Memphis-Shelby County, traveled across the state to attend. So did Debbie Moore from Dyersburg. New board members Manny Buzzell and Gay Hurst got their first taste of FOTL events and of delicious Haley Farm cooking. Carole Trammell came from Maryville with camera to record moments of the day. Jeanne Sugg, state librarian and archivist, offered her unfailing support. So did Janice Keck from Williamson County Library and Theresa McMahan from Sullivan County Public Library.

Let me not forget the delegation from Crossville, led by John and Betty Nye and including Jean Delfrate, delivered their generous invitation to come to their new library next year for FOTL’s annual meeting.

I have only one regret: that the day was too short for me to sit down and to talk with everyone there. So to everyone whom I have already acknowledged and to many others—Elizabeth Carter and Nancy Thrasher from Clinton; Dianne Cole and Norma Day from Lake City; Margaret Elsea; Patti Halsey from Norris; Peggy Laxton from Powell; Lisa Lloyd from Oneida; Julie Webb, Elnora Williams, Ginna Mashburn, Dotty Stamper, and Bonny Naugher from Knoxville; Janet Miles from Kingsport; Fred and Sara Morrison from Pleasant Hill; Suzanne Peiren from Martin; Cheryl Petras, ZeZe Sullivan, and Sally Potter from Loudon; Bob Ramger from Maryville; Marye Rose from Knoxville; Carrie Schwartz from Oiney Flats; Sue Ann Tippett from Townsend; Eunice Reynolds; Sandra Purcell, and any others who may have escaped my database—thank you for being there.
Three Define Service

Recipients of FOTL’s certificate of appreciation at the 2009 annual meeting give concrete meaning to the concept of volunteer service to libraries. From Maryville, Knoxville, and Franklin, they represent the best among Friends.

Phil Baker, who was elected president of the Friends of Blount County in 2008, has donated over 3,500 hours of volunteer service to the organization over which he presides. That figure averages 33.65 hours per week. His efforts include book sales, program logistics, computer know-how, and even directing traffic.

Because of his shining example, many more Friends have become actively involved with Blount County Friends. Phil has supported Blount County’s Ex Libris Library Extension Program by providing volunteer readers with resource materials taken from book sale offerings to prepare programs for members of the community no longer able to read for themselves or physically get to the library. Phil was nominated by Barbara Zurl.

Jean Idell has been a major player on the Friends’ team in Knoxville for many years. She tirelessly organizes and recruits volunteers to staff all of that group’s activities. She handles the major responsibility of scheduling and staffing the weeklong annual used book sale. She also schedules the two daily shifts at the Friends@Rothrock bookshop, over 100 people a month. Year-round Jean manages the sort team that organizes, sorts, and boxes all donated books, this year 80,000 volumes. Jean is reliable, unbelievably organized, skillful, and constantly upbeat. Volunteers of Jean’s caliber are few and far between. Without a doubt she is one of the reasons that the Friends’ group in Knoxville is able to operate. Suzanne Freeman nominated Jean.

Marie Jordon has been a volunteer for the Williamson County Public Library since she was a 12-year-old Girl Scout. She epitomizes what a volunteer does. As a Friend and a volunteer she has raised money, shelved books, organized functions for the library, prepared meals for events her Friends’ group held, advocated for the library, and served as an officer for Friends. Marie was recognized by the Tennessee House of Representatives as well as the State Senate for her continuing contributions to her library. Marie and her Friends served breakfast for FOTL’s annual meeting when it was held at the Williamson County Library. Marie is a book lover, a gracious lady, and a true friend to her library in many ways. Frances Darnell nominated Marie.

Each recipient received $100 from FOTL.
Tennessee Libraries Have Lost a Friend: 
Bob Gibson (1923-2009)

Bob Gibson was a rare treasure. From the moment that he moved to Tennessee, he gave wholeheartedly to enhance libraries on every level—from Tellico Village to Loudon County to the Friends of Tennessee Libraries. At the same time he and his lovely wife Jeanne became magnificent volunteers for the Knoxville Opera Guild. And beyond all that he was fun, wry wit and all. Jeanne and Bob have made Tennessee a far better place in which to live. —Julie D. Webb, former FOTL president and current member of FOTL’s advisory committee

Bob Gibson’s family describes him as a lifelong advocate for libraries, literacy, and the arts. After retiring as head librarian at General Motors’ Tech Center and moving to Tennessee, he became active in FOTL and served as its president from 1997-99. For many years thereafter, he and Jeanne managed FOTL’s membership rolls, put labels on its newsletters, and made sure that those newsletters were safely in the mail. —Julie D. Webb, former FOTL president and current member of FOTL’s advisory committee

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Excerpts from the Reverend Dr. Howard J. Hess’ Homily
Episcopal Church of the Ascension, June 15, 2009

. . . Bob did not want others to “make a fuss about him.” So, Bob, I must apologize for this morning. If we say more about you and compliment you more than you would have wished, we do apologize. Please forgive us. But know that we believe that you had an extraordinary life and wish for it to be lifted up and honored this morning.

I would describe Bob as a Renaissance Man, one who saw, supported and took part in creating beauty. Bob absolutely loved music and sang in the baritone section of Ascension choir for several years. . . . In fact, . . . Bob and Jeanne initially selected Ascension as their parish because of the beauty of the music here. . . .

Bob and Jeanne had a partnership around music. He rode shotgun for Jeanne in her role of Anglican Guild of Organists Hospitality chair; she would plan dinner meetings throughout Knoxville and Bob would carry the lock-box filled with change for the evening. Bob and Jeanne were partners in so many ways. Bob was president of the Knoxville Opera Guild in 2003-2004 and subsequently was a board member and together with Jeanne he co-chaired the 2008 Knoxville Opera Ball. In fact, his passion for music was so profound that he is known to have once set his music on fire during a Christmas Eve candlelight service.

Bob also enjoyed a rich professional life as a special librarian. He authored several books including Japanese Scientific and Technical Literature: A Subject Guide (1981). He was also a member of the Special Librarians Association (SLA) and president between 1969-1970. He completed his career as head librarian at the General Motors Tech Center and was active in the literacy and library movements in both Michigan and Tennessee. He was a member of the Friends of Tennessee Libraries and chair of the Loudon County Library Board where he oversaw the building of a new library in Lenoir City.

Bob also deeply loved his church. He has been one of our Daily Office readers, rising early on many mornings to officiate at our 7 a.m. Morning Prayer service. He was a deeply loyal Episcopalian. He helped lead and chair the Board of Directors of the Whitaker School of Theology in the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan. During his time there, he studied to be an Episcopal Deacon. . . . [Here is] a tribute given to Bob at the time of his retirement from Whitaker:

When we were treading water,  
You led us to the boat.  
And when the sea grew rugged,  
You kept us all afloat. . . .

Bob was a gifted man. But I would be remiss if I did not say that, in my opinion, Bob’s greatest gift was his passion about who and what he loved. He deeply loved his family—especially you, Jeanne, who stood next to Bob as his wife for 60 years, and your three daughters, Lisa, Mary, and Nancy and their families. There is an old proverb which says that you know a man best when you meet his family. I have been blessed to know Bob through you and to glimpse through your eyes the passion that he felt and lived. Thank you. . . .
There’s No Summer Vacation for Friends

Across the state, Friends have joined libraries to promote summer reading that encouraged youngsters to Be Creative@Your Library. And there’s more news about those Friends.

The Friends of the Art Circle Public Library have invited members of the Friends of Tennessee Libraries to hold their 2010 annual meeting on May 14 in the new library in Crossville. John Nye, a trustee of the Art Circle Public Library, delivered the invitation at the 2009 annual meeting at the Children’s Defense Fund-Haley Farm in Clinton on May 15. The children’s area of the new library, which is nearing completion, has been designated the Friends of the Library Children’s Library in honor of the many contributions made through the years by the Friends of the Art Circle Public Library. Susan Gilmore, Nashville native and author of the novel Looking for Salvation at the Dairy Queen, was the Friends’ guest speaker at their June meeting at the Cumberland Mountain State Park Restaurant.

The Art Circle Public Library has a new director. Sue Randleman comes to Cumberland County from the Kiurth Memorial Library in Lifkin, TX. The Friends’ August meeting introduced Mrs. Randleman to the membership.

Blount County Friends invited FOTL President Martha Gill to speak at its annual meeting on June 23. On July 23 a demonstration of the Friends’ Ex Libris program, an interactive outreach that takes books to people who cannot come to the library, occurred at the Art Circle Public Library. The five-year-old program has served over 1,800 residents of assisted-living or transitional-care centers in the area. Coordinator Barbara Zurl at <badger630@aol.com> has details.

The Chattanooga-Hamilton County Bicentennial Library has begun to survey senior patrons as the first step in an initiative to better serve older adults in the area. Possibilities for new senior programming at library branches, senior-residence facilities, and community centers include such activities as Tai Chi classes and informational programs. Volunteers work to prepare for the Friends’ two book sales as well as to staff the Downtown Bookstore, which has added shelves for its increased inventory.

The Friends of the new Cleveland Bradley County Library raised over $9,700 at their 2008 book sale, and they have taken their Legacy Brick campaign to the schools to enable students to help raise funds for the purchase of furniture for the children’s area. Patrons began to use the entrance to the new building in May, and the Teddy Bear picnic will be part of the grand re-opening of the library in the fall. The new building offers 40,000 square feet of space and a parking lot for 75 cars.

Friends of Kodak Library gathered for the annual family picnic at Northview Optimist Park on July 28. Following the success of Kodak Heritage Day 2009, plans are already underway for Heritage Day 2010, tentatively scheduled for June 5.

When Inman Majors, author of the novel The Millionaires, met local fans and friends in Knoxville on June 23, the Friends of Knox County Public Library sponsored the event. Members of the Friends also celebrated their many volunteers at their annual meeting on Tuesday, July 21.

In April and May the Sevier County Library System offered six-hour classes to help the unemployed increase their job skills and become more competitive in the job market.

The Friends of the Lawrence County Public Library in Lawrenceburg are recipients of a $500 grant from Nordstrom and the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations (ALTAFF) in support of the local Books for Babies program, a national literacy program that acquaints parents of newborns with the important role they play in the development of their children. Books for Babies has been sponsored by the Lawrence County Friends for several years. Parents of newborns receive a package containing a board book for baby, baby’s first library card, a variety of brochures with reading tips and early literacy information from nationally recognized educational organizations, and an application to enroll the infant in the Imagination Library.

Answering the call for volunteers at the Memphis Public Library, 91-year-old Angela Estelle Astor has

Knox County Friends’ President Suzanne Freeman, Past President Bonny Naugher, and President-Elect Elnora Williams welcome Inman Majors to a reception sponsored by the Friends.
greeted clients of the Central Library since its opening in 2001. According to Update, the news publication of the library, Ms. Astor has said, “Many good organizations need help they can’t pay for. Some just need a helping hand and I have two.” Volunteers donated more than 26,000 hours in support of the library in 2008, hours worth more than half a million dollars to the system. Respondents to the 2008 Memphis Poll ranked libraries as one of the top five services of the City of Memphis. Increasingly patrons rely on the library for entertainment, continuing education, and career transition. Recent computer usage has soared by 7 percent as individuals search for jobs online.

On May 11 the Friends of the Sequatchie County Library kicked off an art exhibit at the library with a reception for its members and the 25 local artists whose work was on display. Over 200 visitors came to the 2009 Art in the Library Exhibition May 12-15.

The Friends of Tellico Village continue to research and revise plans for a new building that will incorporate such environmental considerations as natural lighting, capture of water run-off for landscaping, and placement of the structure for optimal heating and lighting. These ecological features will result in lower maintenance costs and lead to an energy and environmental design certification. Continuing the Friends’ funding campaign, the annual used book sale in April featured several innovations like the acceptance of credit cards and the addition of large-print offerings as well as books with a local flavor.

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The Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations (ALTAFF) has named the Friends of Tennessee Libraries a “Best Friends Award” winner among state Friends’ groups in two categories for 2008: newsletters and membership brochures.

ALTAFF’s Best Friends Awards recognize Friends around the country for print and electronic materials that promote the group and its special programs and projects. Three 2008 issues of FOTL’s newsletter, edited by Martha Gill, and its membership brochure, designed by Connie Albrecht, were entered in competition. Results of ALTAFF’s judging were announced July 1.

ALTAFF is the result of the February 1 merger of Friends of Libraries USA (FOLUSA) and the Association for Library Trustees and Advocates (ALTA).

FOTL will receive a certificate and be recognized in the July 2009 edition of The Voice, ALTAFF’s newsletter. In addition, the group and its materials will be posted on ALTAFF’s website, which is still under construction. When it is up and running, go to<www.ala.org/baltaff>; click on “Friends” and then on “Grants & Awards.”

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Two FOTL Publications Recognized by ALTAFF

Knox County Friends’ summer issue of its newsletter, The Best of Friends, featured a cartoon created for the edition by Charlie Daniel, longtime member of the Friends and celebrated cartoonist.
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• Make checks payable to Friends of Tennessee Libraries • Send to FOTL Membership Chair
  Connie Albrecht, 1560 Country Club Place, Cookeville, TN 38501-2062.

Friends Drive Home
Library Support

Emily McDonald from the Memphis Friends shows off her license-plate frame that reads “Support Tennessee Libraries.” Contact your regional representative (page 2) or Martha Gill at gill33375@bellsouth.net if your Friends’ group wants to buy some for $8 each. You can sell them for $10 and keep the margin.

TEL: Your Library at Home
Go to <http://access.gale.com/tel2/>. Then select your county and proceed.

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