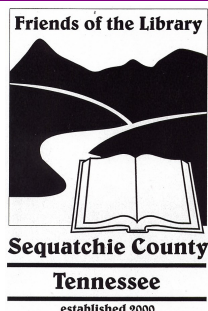


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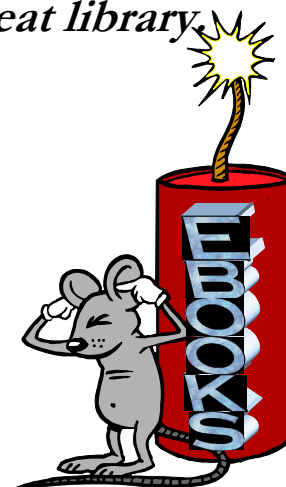
Winter 2012



The March Book Sale will be March 21-24, 2012. Setup will begin March 19, 2012. Call Lucy Szelengiewicz at 423-949-7753, if you will be able to help with setup or during the book sale itself.

*A great community
deserves a great library.*

The Digital
Explosion –
Heading Toward
Us Like a Freight
Train – Or: Do
you know anyone
who got a Kindle
for Christmas?



In January 2012 Jane Indyk and Nina Hunt were invited, as Trustees of the Sequatchie County Library, to attend a “gadget” demonstration by Marion Bryant, who is a Tennessee regional library director and the head of READS, the Regional Electronic and Audiobook System. READS is a wonderful online source for ebooks and audio books. What they learned surprised them both. Love them as you may, printed books may soon be a fond memory, and, although you may have resisted them in the past, you may come to love, or have to endure, ebooks. Ebooks are simply electronic copies of printed books and are normally chaptered and indexed in much the same way.

For any of you unfamiliar with READS, anyone with a library card from a Tennessee regional library and a supported electronic device may “check out” audio books and ebooks electronically, just as though he or she had entered a library to check them out.

- From March to December 2006, READS first year, it’s circulation was 29,500

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- From March to December 2011 READS circulation was 458,000

The 2011 circulation grew 15½ times larger than the 2006 circulation in only 5 years. During the first four years of READS existence circulation was 80% audio books and 20% ebooks. Now ebooks are much more in demand than audio books.

Even if librarians were determined to resist ebooks in favor of printed books, they might have to accept the inevitable. One publishing expert has predicted within 5 years, 80 percent of published fiction will be available by ebook, and others have speculated this period may be 2 to 3 years instead. Some have predicted the dramatic change will happen as soon as cars and trucks come with USB ports. USB ports allow you to connect electronic devices to sources of data. If the predictions about the rapid demise of printed books are correct, librarians may have few places left to purchase them. With fewer print books available, fewer sales outlets will exist. With fewer sales outlets come fewer sales and higher per unit printing costs. With higher print costs come higher print book prices, a rapid downward spiral. And, what if soon a Netflix arrives for ebooks?

Those who worry about the digital divide between the savvy, nerdy young and the old duffers, and between the haves and the have nots, may be comforted somewhat by the READS October 2011 survey of its users.

- 68% of the respondents were over 40.
- 21% were over 60.
- 43% lived in households with average household income of less than \$50,000. (The national average is \$57,000.)
- 14% lived in households with average income of less than \$25,000.

Additionally, a new initiative called “Connect to Compete” aims at increasing broadband accessibility and digital literacy training to the disadvantaged. Increased broadband accessibility means increased ability to access ebooks, as long as they can be provided by libraries at no cost. Scheduled to begin in September 2012, Connect to Compete will be available to households with at least one child eligible for the free National School Lunch Program, who have not subscribed to broadband service for 90 or more days, and who have no outstanding arrears with a service provider.

- Multiple broadband providers will offer 1 Mbps

minimum speed service at \$9.95 per month for two years.

- Refurbished computers from Redemtech will be offered for \$150 and new computers from Microsoft will be offered for \$250.
- Best Buy’s Geek Squad will offer basic digital literacy training in 20 cities around the country and train-the-trainer sessions to community organizations, which will then provide additional trainings.
- Microsoft will develop an online digital literacy training center for residents in cities that do not have in-person digital literacy classes. It will also offer Microsoft Certification trainings in 15 states.

The October 2011 READS survey also revealed:

- 8% of the respondents were new to READS.
- 39% use both libraries and READS.
- 52% use READS regularly, but rarely, if ever, enter a library. (Each had to at least once enter a library, to obtain the library card to use READS.)
- 52% learned about READS from a library or a library web site.

The good news for libraries is, through READS they are reaching patrons they have never, or rarely, reached before. The good news for patrons is you can “go to the library” in your pajamas or from your hospital bed.

If change is not your “thing,” and you still feel a little uncomfortable with ebooks, think about how book publishers must feel as they face the new challenges presented by ebooks. Fiction and other writers may now bypass print publishers altogether and publish their work on Amazon. Nevertheless, an August 9, 2011, Publisher’s Weekly article reported “[t]otal book publishing revenue rose 3.1% in 2010 to \$27.9 billion and posted two-year growth of 5.6%. ... As expected, the gain was due almost entirely to increases in digital products which offset declines in all print formats. Among the major formats, e-book sales across all categories rose 38.9% in 2010, to \$1.62 billion.” While there may be a few bumps on the road for readers, libraries, and publishers, the destination is certain, a future with less print and paper and more ebooks. We can embrace the change or hate it, but it is certain we will not be able to avoid it.

The Secret Service, One of Abraham Lincoln's Legacies



On Tuesday, January 24, 2011, during a mild and lovely winter evening, the Sequatchie County Friends of the Library held its annual meeting at the Dunlap City Training Center. Harold Bibb, retired United States Secret Service agent, shown above, was the guest speaker.

Special Agent Bibb began by sharing a little information about his background. A native son of Tennessee, he grew up in White Bluff, Tennessee, not too far west of Nashville. In 1970 he graduated from Austin Peay with a degree in accounting. The Secret Service was seeking agents with financial skills, and Harold went to work for agency a bare seven months later. His career with the agency spanned thirty-one years, and he traveled widely during it, as well as being posted to many places, including: Jackson, Mississippi; New York City; Shreveport, Louisiana; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Memphis, Tennessee. His last assignment, before he retired to the Sequatchie Valley, was as the Assistant to the Secret Services Special Agent in Charge, in the inevitable federal acronym "ATSAIC," in Atlanta, Georgia. Especially when he was on a protective detail, he was gone more often than he was home. As he described it, he married his high school sweetheart, and then never spent more than two or three nights a week at home for years.

Special Agent Bibb told us, after the Civil War, in 1865, Abraham Lincoln established the Secret Service. The agency addressed a great need, as one of three notes created by banks then was counterfeit. Twelve men were the first agents, although they were called "operatives" at the time, and their mission was then limited to combating counterfeiting. The operatives achieved rapid success in defeating counterfeiting because, unlike desktop publishing today, the printing required massive equipment, easy to locate. He described as ironic Lincoln being without protection from assassination, when he was the very man who launched the Secret Service, later to protect so many presidents. He reminded us the need to protect the nation's financial currency remains critical, as lack of confidence in the currency may bring any nation to ruin and underscored the importance of this task by pointing out of the 4500 or so words in the Constitution, only two refer to crimes, counterfeiting and treason.



Jane Indyk displays one of our sturdy book bags which were "on sale" at the annual meeting, while Karen Fletcher prepares to check members in as they arrive.

While most people immediately associate the Service Secret with the protection of the President and other top officials and dignitaries, it was only after the assassination of President William McKinley in 1901, that Congress directed the Secret Service to protect the President of the United States. In 1908, the Secret Service began protecting the president-elect, and President Teddy Roosevelt transferred Secret Service agents to the Department of Justice to form the nucleus of what is now the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Over the years the protective responsibilities expanded to include the Vice President, former Presidents, and members of the President's family. After Bobby Kennedy's assassination, Congress authorized protection of major presidential and vice presidential candidates and nominees. As for its investigative responsibilities, since 1984, the Secret Service's investigative responsibilities have expanded to include crimes that involve financial institution fraud, computer and telecommunications fraud, false identification documents, access device fraud, advance fee fraud, electronic funds transfers and money laundering.

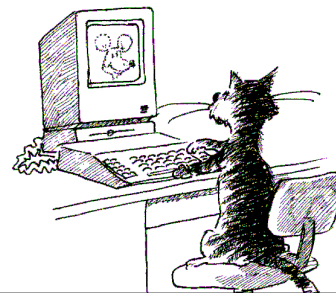
Like that of many other agents, Special Agent Bibb's career was a mix of investigative assignments, protective details, and management. From 1974 to 1977, he was assigned to the protective detail for former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. Kissinger faced a very high threat potential from many quarters, given he was engaged in very delicate negotiations, often including persons not very friendly to the United States.

Kissinger was engaged in shuttle diplomacy attempting to achieve a better relationship between Israel and its Arab neighbors, and détente between the United States and the Soviet Union, and he had many enemies. Harold told us he traveled with six other agents to protect Kissinger. Despite the seriousness of their responsibility to protect Kissinger, the agents could be playful at times. Special Agent Bibb told us about one hair raising incident which ended well and with a joke. He was following an armored car carrying Kissinger through a valley near Jerusalem, which had been the scene of many ambushes and much death. He heard what sounded like an explosion and saw smoke billowing from Kissinger's car. When he and other agents extracted Kissinger from the smoking car and placed him into another, they discovered the car's battery had blown up. As everyone heaved a sigh of relief, Kissinger asked "is this what you will do?," referring to action in response to a real threat. The lead agent, without missing a beat or cracking a smile, replied "we have orders you are not to be taken alive." Kissinger let a minute pass before he responded, "you are kidding. Right?"

Returning to the seriousness of being part of a protective detail, Special Agent Bibb reminded us how closely death approached President Ford and President Reagan. In 1975, Squeaky Fromme attempted to assassinate President Gerald Ford with a 45 Colt. The pistol's magazine was loaded with four rounds, but, being relatively unfamiliar with the 45, Fromme placed none in the firing chamber. Fromme got very close to the President because he had decided to walk to the event he was attending. Upon seeing the gun, Secret Service Agent Larry Buendorf yelled "gun," alerting the other agents who evacuated Ford. Special Agent Buendorf pulled the gun away from Fromme and wrestled her to the ground, in the process slightly injuring his thumb and hand while placing the webbing of his thumb between the gun's cocked hammer and the slide of the pistol. While Agent Buendorf did everything he was trained to do, Special Agent Bibb stressed it was Fromme's incompetence, rather than Agent Buendorf's excellent reaction, which saved the President's life. As for Reagan, he told us, after John Hinckley shot the President with a .22-caliber revolver, the President, as was characteristic, downplayed the severity of his injury. Were it not for quick decision making and excellent training of the lead agent, Special Agent Jerry Parr, the President might not have survived the assassination attempt. Observing President Reagan's condition, his ashen complexion and blood froth at his mouth, Agent Parr decided not to take Reagan back to the ultra-secure White House, but to nearby George Washington Hospital instead, a decision which undoubtedly saved the President's life. At the hospital physicians discovered attempted assassin John Hinkley's bullet was one inch from the President's heart, and Reagan had lost an enormous amount of blood. Those listening were reminded of how

heavy is the responsibility carried by the men and women of the Secret Service.

At the business meeting Robert Lambert, President, opened the meeting and welcomed members and guests. Nina Hunt read the 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes. Reports were made to Friends members by: Pat Treadwell, Treasurer's; Karen Fletcher, Membership; Betty Worley, Librarian's; Pamela Ryle, Friends' Activities; Susan Greer, Board of Trustees'; Karen Fletcher, Genealogy; and Suzanne Spicer, Imagination Library. Jane Indyk presided over the election of board members. Five Friends members were elected to the board or had terms renewed: Reba Childress; Sharon Cordell; Karen Larrimore; Norma Lizotte; and Suzanne Spicer. After the vote on the new board members, the board met to elect 2012 officers: Lucy Szelengiewicz, President; Linda Johnson, 1st VP; Wilda Moss, 2nd VP; Norma Lizotte, Secretary; and Pat Treadwell, Treasurer.



On Wednesday, January 25, 2012, the library held its first computer literacy class.

Through a USDA grant, the library obtained seven laptop computers, a computer projector, and funding for 60 hours of computer training, and, on January 25, 2012, six students took their very first lesson. Rick Meck, a retired teacher, has created the lesson plans and will conduct the classes. The classes will begin with the very basic, like learning to use the mouse, to learning how to email, and finally how to use the Internet. The classes will be held in the public computer room each Wednesday from 9am to noon. The public computer room will be closed to other patrons during the classes. Since most young people already know their way around computers and the Internet or are taught this at school, morning classes were chosen, as some older persons do not like to drive at night.. After patrons have an opportunity to take basic classes, classes designed to teach more complex computer skills are planned. If you are interested in learning or improving computer skills, young or old, please sign up at the library.

**Who was
your
granddaddy
and what
did he do?**



This summer Karen Fletcher spearheaded an effort to create a genealogy group. The group chose the name "Sequatchie Valley Genealogy Association" to include everyone in the Valley. The group plans regular monthly work sessions at 3pm on the first Tuesday of each month and will have quarterly committee meetings. Its members have several ambitious goals: to open the genealogy room at the Sequatchie County library more often; to archive the Tribune obituaries; to create a newsletter called "Relatively Speaking;" and to create a Sequatchie County Picture Book. These goals will likely expand, particularly as residents of other counties in the Valley join the group. The group has already created a wonderful list of web based genealogy resources. At the December 2011 workshop members brought their laptops and went over that list of web based resources. On January 3, 2012 six members of the group visited Connie Green's office. Connie is Register of Sequatchie County Deeds. Group members were able to examine old deeds of property owned by their ancestors in this county. If you wish to join this group or obtain some genealogy information, contact Karen Fletcher at fletcher1013@bellsouth.net or call 423-280-0419.

How Sweet It Was

On November 3, 2011, the Friends hosted a holiday treat decorating demonstration by Karen Marshall, shown above holding a decorated cupcake, of the Sequatchie County Extension Service. Twenty-six people attended including Pam Scott and her daughters. Everyone enjoyed themselves and had the added benefit of a tasty treat to eat.

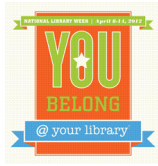
50 Years of Service

In April 2012 we will celebrate an important anniversary, Betty Worley's 50th year as our librarian. She has taken our library from its days of no telephone into the digital revolution of the 21st century. On April 19, 2012, the Friends and the Board of Trustees plan to sponsor a luncheon fundraiser with a distinguished speaker, Susan Gregg Gilmore, to include a tribute to Betty. The luncheon will be a Valley Fest event and will take place at the Mountain Valley Bank's event venue. Ms. Gilmore is the author of two published novels, *Looking for Salvation at the Dairy Queen* and *The Improper Life of Bezellia Grove*. Her next novel, due to be published in fall 2012, is set in Dunlap.

Ms. Gilmore was born in Nashville, Tennessee. She graduated from college with a history degree and later earned a Master of Arts in American Studies. She is married with three daughters. She has written for several newspapers including the *Los Angeles Times*, *The Christian Science Monitor* and the *Chattanooga News-Free Press*. While on staff at the *Free Press*, she wrote a weekly column about parenting in the South. Her first novel, *Looking for Salvation at the Dairy Queen*, is rooted in summer vacations spent with her paternal grandmother and grandfather, a revival-bred preacher, who after church on Sundays, always took his granddaughters to the Dairy Queen. Her second novel, *The Improper Life of Bezellia Grove*, describes a young woman's search for love in unlikely places as she fights the injustice of her time. For more information, visit: www.susangregggilmore.com



February is Library Lovers' Month, a month-long celebration of school, public, and private libraries of all types. Sending a Valentine or giving a hug to Betty Worley and Donna Moore for all they do for us is certainly not necessary, but it sure would be nice if patrons made a point to stop by and thank them.



The American Library Association's National Library Week theme this year is "you belong @ your library." It will be celebrated from April 8th through April 14th.

To learn more about it, visit:

<http://www.ala.org/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks/natlibraryweek>

When it's so cold outside, why not curl up with a good book inside where it's warm?

These books, newly arrived at the library, may be just right for you..

The Jaguar by T. Jefferson Parker

Kidnapped by Benjamin Armenta, the ruthless leader of the powerful Gulf Cartel, Erin McKenna, a beautiful songwriter married to a crooked Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy, is ordered to compose a song about Armenta, which he hopes will turn him into a folk hero. Held captive in a crumbling jungle castle and under threat of death, Erin must compose a ballad to tell Armenta's story while she hopefully awaits rescue by her husband Bradley Jones and fellow officer Charlie Hood. Allowed to wander the dark hallways of the castle retreat with only a guitar and a mysterious old priest to keep her company, Erin must produce the most beautiful song that these men have ever heard.

Home Front by Kristin Hannah

Jolene is a Blackhawk pilot with the National Guard, who has been married to Michael Zarkades for 12 years, with 12-year-old and four-year-old daughters. Both have solid careers, and their marriage is teetering on the edge of divorce. Jolene is deployed to Iraq. A horrific event causes them both to face their darkest fear and to fight for the future of their family.

Believing the Lie by Elizabeth George

Inspector Thomas Lynley is mystified when he's sent undercover to investigate what appears to be the accidental drowning death of Ian Cresswell. Lynley investigates at the request of Cresswell's uncle, the wealthy and influential Bernard Fairclough. But when Lynley enlists the help of his friends Simon and Deborah St. James, the trio's digging soon reveals that the Fairclough clan is awash in secrets, lies, and motives.

Love in a Nutshell by Janet Evanovich and Darian Kelly

Unemployed and divorced, Kate Appleton needs a job. Her plan for the future is to turn her parents' summer house, *The Nutshell*, in Keene's Harbor, Michigan, into a Bed and Breakfast, but first she needs cash. Matt Culhane hires Kate at his brewery, but he wants her to spy on his brewery employees to discover who has been sabotaging his company. She accepts, but finds the task both hard and dangerous.

Catch me by Lisa Gardner

Charlene Rosalind Carter Grant tells Detective D. D. Warren, Boston's top detective, she believes she will be murdered in four days. Charlie tells a chilling story: Each year at 8:00 p.m. on February 21st, a woman has died. The victims were all childhood best friends from a small town in New Hampshire. Now only one of the friends, Charlie, remains alive. As D.D. investigates the murders of Charlie's friends, she is also tracking a vigilante gunman who is killing pedophiles in Boston. And Charlie may be hiding something deadly.

The Rope by Nevada Barr

Nevada Barr reveals the story of Anna Pigeon's past and her first case. In 1995 Anna, 35 years old, is brokenhearted and fresh off the bus from New York City, takes a decidedly unglamorous, a seasonal job as an employee of the Glen Canyon National Recreational Area. On her day off, Anna goes hiking into the park never to return. Her co-workers think she's simply moved on—her cabin is cleaned out and her things gone. But Anna herself wakes up, trapped at the bottom of a dry natural well, naked, without supplies and no clear memory of how she found herself in this situation. Anna must discover who has done this to her, but first she must simply survive.

Death of Kings by Bernard Cornwell

As the ninth century wanes, Alfred the Great is dying, his dream of a unified England in danger and his kingdom on the brink of chaos. While his son, Edward, has been named his successor, there are other Saxon claimants to the throne—as well as ambitious pagan Vikings to the north. Uhtred, the Saxon-born, Viking-raised warrior, is torn between his vows to Alfred and his desire to reclaim his long-lost ancestral lands and castle in the north. As the king's warrior, he is duty-bound, but Alfred's reign is nearing its end, and Uhtred has sworn no oath to the crown prince. Despite his long years of service, Uhtred is still loath to commit to the old king's Saxon cause of a united and Christian England. Now he must make a momentous decision, one that will forever transform his life . . . and the course of history: take up arms—and Alfred's mantle—or lay down his sword and allow the dream of a unified kingdom to fall into oblivion.

Copper Beach by Jayne Ann Krentz

Abby Radwell, a psychic, knows secrets of the paranormal lie within the pages of some very rare, centuries old books. This knowledge has sometimes taken her into dangerous territory. Now rumors swirl that an old alchemical text known as *The Key* has reappeared on the black market. Convinced that she needs an investigator who can also play bodyguard, she hires Sam Coppersmith, a specialist in paranormal crystals and amber-"hot rocks." As it turns out, she is correct. She does need a bodyguard.

Requests to Members

Book Donations Please bring your books, magazines, DVDs, VHSs, puzzles, etc. to the library in the next few weeks. The next book sale begins March 21, 2012.

Email Addresses To save postage and time, please provide us with your email address, if you have one, by sending it to Membership Chair Karen Fletcher at Fletcher1013@bellsouth.net. We won't give it to anyone else, promise.

Membership Chair & Renewal As of January 31, we counted 81 members, down from 204 at the end of 2010, so we know many members have not yet renewed their membership. If you are one of these members, please renew by completing a form and paying your dues at the library or at the March book sale. You know how much the Friends do for the library and the community. Please continue to support us by renewing your membership. Karen Fletcher has agreed to continue to maintain the membership numbers and spreadsheet, but she really would like to resign as Membership Chair. Please offer to take her place.

Thanking our sponsors We have many, many wonderful sponsors, without whom we do much less for the community. Always remember to thank them when we highlight them. In this newsletter we want to recognize Mountain Valley Bank which contributes funds so we can purchase postages to send members and community leaders copies of the Friends newsletter. We also want to recognize the Crisis Response Center, which is donating \$1500 to sponsor the 2012 summer reading program.

LIBRARY HOURS AND INFORMATION

HOURS: Monday, 8am-5:30pm

Tues. & Wed., 8am-5:00pm

CLOSED THURSDAY

Friday, 8am-4:30pm

Saturday, 8am-Noon

Upcoming Events

Winter Book Sale March 21-24

Art and the Library Exhibition

April 17-22

Friends Luncheon April 19

Friends Meetings

Second Tuesday of Every

Month at 4:30pm*

*Ask Librarian to confirm meeting date before attending

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