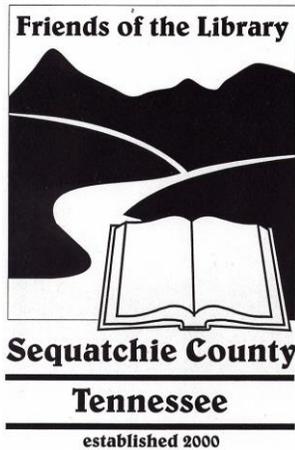

SEQUATCHIE COUNTY LIBRARY LIGHTS

Summer 2015



*A great
community
deserves a great
library.*

**Inspiration is all around
us.**

Just ask one of the forty-nine artists who participated in our 2015 Art & the Library Exhibition.

As one example, Loree Schweinforth, a painter and loyal exhibition participant exhibited a painting she calls *Snow Along the Flow*, a landscape of snow covered banks along a stream at sunset. She loves living in the Sequatchie Valley. "My husband is a fly fisherman and wherever he fishes there are always stunning scenes of beauty for me to paint."

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With forty-nine artists displaying their work, a visitor was sure to find something to admire, and this year's voting for The People's Choice resulted in many works receiving significant recognition. Artist Rosemary Carson received the most votes for her oil painting of a young girl with an umbrella sitting on a porch in the rain.

On Tuesday, April 28, 2015, the exhibition was launched with a reception. The exhibition was open to the public for free Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday and was part of Valley Fest Saturday and Sunday. In all the exhibition drew over 400 visitors. Jane Indyk, a member of the Friends committee mounting the exhibition, observed, "I worked during Valley Fest, and I was very pleased to see how much visitors enjoyed going through the exhibition and how thoroughly interested they were in the works displayed. The ones I saw took voting for a particular work very seriously and took a lot of time deciding upon their vote."

The works and the artists' biographies presented visitors with great variety. Tom Navin displayed a cherry bowl turned from a cherry tree that had blown over and was about to be hauled away from a friend's yard. He made it as a Valentine gift for his wife, Ava. Tom has plans to retire from the Centers for Disease Control, where he works in tuberculosis. For the last five years he has been dividing his time between Atlanta and Dunlap, where he spends long weekends. Carolyn Green displayed a landscape she calls *Summer Snowballs*. Carolyn is a lifelong resident of the Sequatchie Valley and a lifelong homemaker, the mother of one daughter and the grandmother of two boys. She has been painting landscapes in oils for over forty years. Like Loree Schweinforth, Carolyn says she is inspired to paint by the beauty of the Sequatchie Valley. Martha Summa-Chadwick displayed an 18 inch miniature whole cloth quilt where the design (including both large and small stitching) is made entirely with quilting stitches all on one solid piece of fabric. Martha is a professional musician and also loves working with all aspects of fiber art. She teaches at the Cadek Conservatory on the campus of UTC and is the Executive Director of the non-profit organization Music Therapy Gateway In Communication which uses biomedical music techniques to help children with special needs.



Rosemary Carson at the Art & the Library reception explaining to guests how both challenging and satisfying it is to work on skin tones. To her far right is Lynne Mayer's *Red Shouldered Hawk* and behind Rosemary is Linda Johnson's abstract painting. Her painting is to her left.



Friends board member Linda Howard. Her painting *Tres Amigos* is to her right, and Marsha Pickett's painting of an old kitchen is to her left.



Attending the exhibition reception provides an opportunity for visitors to speak to the artists directly about their work. The artists wear badges with photographs of their works to make it easier to identify who did what.

Mounting an exhibition like this requires a lot of support from the Friends, Friends volunteers, and other community members. Not only must the art committee coordinate the exhibition, communicate with the artists, and actually hang the exhibition, someone must be present to protect the exhibits and to greet guests at all time the exhibition is open. This year's exhibition would not have been possible without the help of these individuals: Jamie Barrett; Reba Childress; Bill Colvin; Soni Connelly; Bert Esslinger; Lota Greer; Linda Howard; Nina Hunt; Jane Indyk; Rick Jacobs; Linda Johnson; Dee Nash; Ava Navin; Cindy Price; Heath Price; Pam Scott; Pat Treadwell; and Illagene Tribble.

Next Book Sale Starts August 26! Need Your Donations – For the Silent Auction, Too

The Dunlap City Training Center, which we are so fortunate to be able to use for our sales and events, has become *tres* popular. So popular, in fact, we really can't have a fall sale this year. It's completely booked this fall. We plan to have a great sale in August instead. The book sale committee can use your help right now. Drop by to sign up to set up, work, and take down the sale or to spend an hour or two sorting books. Also, please bring in your books, DVDs, magazines, other donated materials and any contribution to the silent auction as soon as you can. Remember without successful sales the Friends can't make purchases to benefit the library and improve its services.



**2015 Summer Reading Kickoff -
May 27, 2015
Summer Reading runs from
May 27 to July 10**

The summer reading program is completely free of charge. May 27, registration day, was way more than just sign up time. Wildlife on Wheels was there so children and their parents or caregivers could tour it to see animal mounts and many other interesting and educational materials, permitting them to experience wildlife up close. Several other activities for children took place, too. One more reason to register on May 27 was the free book each child received from the Upper Cumberland Reading Foundation.

Tennessee belongs to the Collaborative Summer Library Program, one of the consortium of states which work together to provide high-quality summer reading program materials for children at the lowest cost possible for public libraries. This year's theme is "Every Hero Has A Story." During the program special sessions will be available, all of them requiring sign up, and all beginning at 1pm: June 2, "Decorate a Hero Cupcake;" June 9, "Make a Hero Scrapbook;" June 16, "Make a Hero Mask or Bracelet;" and June 23, "Story Time" with Pamela Ryle, a very engaging local story teller. This summer's goal for each child is to read 10 books a week for 5 weeks or 50 books. As Library Director Betty Worley says, "Everyone who takes the time to read and learn something new is a hero. Plus reading is fun."

Summer reading is both fun and good for kids. According to the American Library Association, "the benefits to readers in a summer reading program include: encouragement that reading become a lifelong habit; reluctant readers can be drawn in by the activities; reading over the summer helps children keep their skills up; the program can generate interest in the library and books. And it being summer, the program can just be good fun and provide an opportunity for family time."

Betty reminds us that "we are very lucky in this county to have funding and support from local banks and businesses, particularly from the Cooperative Response Center (CRC). Not only does CRC provide major funding for summer reading, many of the volunteers, particularly for registration, come from CRC. The Sequatchie County Friends of the Library are also major supporters of this and many other library projects and services.



We are also very lucky to have Betty, Donna, and Karen here shown getting ready for summer reading.

We are lucky talented Friends volunteers, like story teller, Pamela Ryle, love to help with summer reading.

June Friends Excursion to the Mennonite Community near Fall Creek Falls

Each June the Sequatchie County Friends of the Library skip the regular monthly business meeting for a fun day with family, neighbors and friends. Anyone, Friends member or not, is welcome to join the expedition, the day trip, as it were. This year the Friends outing started at the Sequatchie County Public Library, where twenty-two adults and children carpooled in an excursion to the Mennonite stores in Bledsoe County and then on to lunch at the Fall Creek Falls Inn.

Mennonite families often make and sell products, giving a glimpse of their unique way of life as well as providing excellent quality goods and produce. Many garden vegetables are available in season from them. Those joining the expedition found much to admire and buy. A short drive brought them to the first store, selling pre-packaged groceries for really good prices, as well as bulk foods re-packaged by the Mennonites for convenience. The other five stores sold home-baked pastries and breads, as well as plants and produce, and many other items. Lovely handmade quilts were available at one store which sold fabrics, sewing notions, and handmade clothing and bonnets. As one would expect, there was plenty of home-made jams and jellies, delectable sorghum and honey. The Mennonites were very gracious and appeared to be pleased with all the attention they were receiving from their visitors.

Not only did everyone enjoy the visits to the stores, they enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Inn at Fall Creek Falls and went on to explore the many beauties of the park. If you weren't there, you missed a great trip, good company, and the beauty of the Fall Creek Falls Park.



The adults in the group stopped browsing long enough for a photograph taken at an outdoor produce/plant stand.



Trying on bonnets are: (L to R facing) Eileen Gerbasi; Velma Allen; Jamie Barrett; and Jamie's daughter, Linda Erickson, who was visiting Jamie from Arizona.



Beach Town by Mary Kay Andrews

Greer Hennessy needs palm trees. As a movie location scout, picture-perfect is the name of the game. But her last project literally went up in flames, and her career is on the verge of flaming out. Greer has been given one more chance, if she can find the perfect undiscovered beach hideaway for a big-budget movie. She zeroes in on a sleepy Florida panhandle town called Cypress Key. There's one motel, a marina, a long stretch of pristine beach and an old fishing pier with a community casino-which will be perfect for the film's explosive climax. There's just one problem. Eben Thibadeaux, the town mayor, completely objects to Greer's plan. A lifelong resident of Cypress Key, Eben wants the town to be revitalized, not commercialized. After a toxic paper plant closed, the bay has only recently been reborn, and Eb has no intention of letting anybody screw with his town again. But Greer has a way of making things happen, regardless of obstacles. And Greer and Eb are way too attracted to each other for either of them to see reason. Greer is forced to make some hard choices: about the people and the town she's come to care about, and about her own life.

The Long High Noon by Loren Estelman

Locked in a deadly feud, cowboys Randy Locke and Frank Farmer have spent decades attempting to annihilate each other any time they are within shooting distance. So far, the men are even. One of Frank's bullets has given Randy a permanent limp. Vain Frank wears a prosthetic ear, his own lost to Randy's assault. If either of them remembers the original reason for the feud, it seems moot now. Their quest for revenge has led them on a merry chase through the Old West. Even their marriages have fallen victim to the feud. The story of their long-term hatred well known throughout the country, Frank and Randy are approached (separately, of course) by Abraham Cripplehorn with a proposition. With the popular Buffalo Bill's Wild West show a raging success, why not publicize their next duel and sell tickets to the event? Winner take all, in more ways than one. Frank and Randy make a date for death...but will they be able to wait for the show? And could it be that their decades-long thirst for revenge is the only thing they are living for?

All the Single Ladies by Dorothea Benton Frank

Lisa St. Clair knows a thing or two about weathering storms. A dedicated nurse with a healthy sense of humor, she single-handedly raised her truculent daughter, Marianne, after her ex walked out on them twenty-four years ago, sending them a lottery ticket once a year as support. One day he reappeared and lured their daughter into a dubious but lucrative venture in Colorado. Now mother and daughter aren't speaking. So when Kathy Harper, Lisa's favorite patient, loses her battle with cancer, Lisa finds herself drawing closer to Carrie and Suzanne, the devoted friends who were always by Kathy's side. As these three women's lives inevitably connect, they share their concerns about men, getting older and the horrors of maintaining financial stability. Suzanne's ninety-nine-year-old

grandmother, a former chanteuse, offers unexpected perspectives on the mores of the day. Carrie's greedy ex-stepchildren are a chorus of cackling crows. And Lisa's mother just can't help herself as she henpecks her to distraction. Somehow their conversations always return to the enigma of Kathy. Who was she? What did her short life mean? Lisa, Carrie, and Suzanne power walk the beaches of the Isle of Palms with Pickle, Lisa's adorable Westie. Gradually they uncover the truth of Kathy's life and unfurl plans to secure their own futures, as fate steps in to help them discover that being single doesn't have to mean being alone.

Ming Tea Murders by Laura Childs

Normally Theodosia wouldn't attend a black tie affair for all the tea in China. But she can hardly say no to her hunky, handsome boyfriend Max, who directs public relations for the Gibbes Museum in Charleston. Max has organized an amazing gala opening for an exhibit of a genuine 18th century Chinese teahouse, and the crème de la crème of Charleston society is invited. In the exotic garden staged in the museum's rotunda, a Chinese dragon dances to the beat of drums as it weaves through the crowd. The guests are serenaded by a Chinese violin as they sample an assortment of tempting bites. And to give them a memento of the occasion, there's even a photo booth. But Theodosia makes a grim discovery behind the booth's curtains: the body of museum donor Edgar Webster. Max becomes a suspect, so she must now examine the life of the fallen philanthropist and find out who really wanted him to pay up.

Finders Keepers by Stephen King

This worthy sequel of *Mr. Mercedes* arrives just in time for summer 2015. Of course you can read *Finders Keepers* on its own if you're so-inclined—King takes time to introduce new characters and new crimes in the first half of the book before carting out some familiar faces from the past. The story begins with a murder (of an author) and a robbery (of the author's notebooks, including at least one unpublished manuscript). The crimes will linger in your mind, but what might linger most is when King explores his obsessions with, well, obsessions: obsession with reading, obsession with writers, even the need to get revenge. The book is well-plotted, but there remains an organic feel to this series, like the characters are writing themselves to some extent. As a character in *Finders Keepers* puts it, “a good novelist does not create events, he watches them happen then writes down what he sees. A good novelist realizes he is a secretary, not God.” Amazon review by Chris Schlupe.

Never Die Alone by Lisa Jackson

Detectives Rick Bentz and Reuben Montoya match wits against a ruthless serial killer targeting twins in this new suspense-filled thriller. Detective Bentz had doubts about the “21” conviction when he worked the case in Los Angeles and an innocent man may be imprisoned. Now the real murderer may be loose in Bentz's New Orleans backyard. Twin sisters from All Saints College have vanished on the eve of their twenty-first birthday. And as Bentz and his partner Montoya, desperately follow the trail, a killer prepares to unite his next victims in death forever...

Tail Gait: A Mrs. Murphy Mystery by Rita Mae Brown

Spring has sprung in Crozet, Virginia—a time for old friends to gather and bid farewell to the doldrums of winter. Harry and her husband, Fair, are enjoying a cozy dinner with some of the town's leading citizens, including beloved University of Virginia history professor Greg “Ginger” McConnell and several members of UVA's celebrated 1959 football team. But beneath the cloak of conviviality lurks a sinister specter from the distant past that threatens to put all their lives in jeopardy. Professor McConnell is found murdered on the golf course the next day—gunned down in broad daylight by an unseen killer. Just as Harry and her furry cohorts begin nosing into the case, however, a homeless UVA alum confesses to the crime. Trouble is, no one believes that the besotted former All-American could have done the foul deed—especially after Mrs. Murphy, Pewter, and Tucker make another gruesome discovery.

Betty Worley,
Library Director
Donna Moore,
Assistant Director

LIBRARY HOURS AND INFORMATION

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CLOSED THURSDAY

Friday, 8am-4:30pm

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