



Between Friends

NOTHING BEATS A GOOD BOOK!

Looking for a great book or two to get you through these cold winter nights? We've got just what you need. The book sale staff has been hard at work sorting and shelving the thousands of donated books we've received during the past three months.

Now's the time to mark your calendars for the January book sale to be held on:

Thursday, January 17, 2008, 12 Noon - 6:00 PM

(Friends members only,
nonmembers may join at the door)

Friday, January 18, 2008, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

(open to general public)

Saturday, January 19, 2008, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

(open to general public)

This sale features more than 40,000 books, all well sorted by category so it's easy for you to find what you're looking for. We have a large fiction section including mysteries, suspense, Sci-Fi, Romance, action and adventure, etc., as well as a great nonfiction collection with bargains in biography, textbooks, history, psychology, politics, art and music, finance and investing, and much more

We have expanded the selection of CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, and Books on Tape, so there is something for everyone.

The children's section has lots of new arrivals of high quality and interesting books, and teachers and homeschoolers alike will love our math, science, reading and writing instructional materials.

This year we continue with a great selection of collectible books. These selections include rare and unique books that are of real value to collectors or anyone searching for that special book. All are researched extensively and offered to you at prices well below their fair market value.

*Special price reductions in all categories
(look for the signs)*

And to make the sale even better, there will be a one day box sale on Saturday when you can select your favorites from specially selected books—Fill a box for one low price



Books for Soldiers 2007

The Books for Soldiers project of the Friends of the Library is part of a national effort to support our military troops all over the world. We help to raise morale by answering requests made by them on a special website, www.booksforsoldiers.com. Between 8 and 10 volunteers of the Friends work on a regular basis to search this website and fill both specific and general requests for books, CDs and DVDs from our donated supplies. We don't know exactly where any given shipment goes, as the Dept. of Defense is sensitive to release of addresses and we mail to an APO or FPO, but we have received thank you letters from Afghanistan, Iraq, Korea, Kosovo, Germany, Japan, and other areas including ships at sea.

In the eleven months from January 1 2007 to November 30, we sent at least 228 boxes, containing 3370 books, 200 magazines, and about 50 CDs or DVDs. A few were for children's books, so a unit could tape a parent reading a book to a child, or a hospital unit could provide for visiting children. Some were special requests, such as one person who asked for biology texts to teach some basic courses. Chaplains request inspirational and self-help materials, and group leaders ask for general science fiction or action/adventure books for unit libraries.

This community should be proud of the generous donors who give books, and the dedicated volunteers who spend hours of time to let our young men and women know what they are doing is appreciated.

The President's Corner

Several people have asked me how, exactly, have the funds raised by the Friends of the Library been used over the past year. Looking at the items in the library that have been funded by the Friends is amazing, and the FOL deserves a pat on the back. As a review, our funds have come basically from three sources: the four used book sales per year; membership dues (roughly 1,000 members); and gifts and memorial donations. The several programs funded by the FOL in 2007 were: a program by Richard Peck, the author of several popular children's books; an International Festival held in the library last fall; providing the prizes for the Edible Book Contest; funded the Sean McCollough program; bought equipment for Anthony Rust to conduct the Veteran's Historical video recording program; funded the Summer Nights musical programs. We also were one of the sponsors for the library's 5 year celebration gala dinner and the "Champion of the Library" award plaque given to the Maryville Kiwanis Club.

Under the library equipment listing, we funded the following: a new laminating machine; library card holders; book letters; Spanish Language tapes; a new dishwasher for the Café; Children's and Young Adults summer reading programs; replacement of

worn out children's books; furniture to update the "Young Adult" area of the library and the purchase of some general library supplies.

The Friends of the Library also funded activities under the heading of library staff morale incentives. These included: Employee of the Month certificates; Library logo T-shirts for the staff; employee monetary incentives and the Library 5 year Birthday Party.

For those of you who have donated money, sustained your annual membership and donated many hours of volunteer work to help supply funding for the above items, I salute you, and encourage you to keep viewing the Friends of the Library activities as a vital link in the excellent programs and new equipment as vital links provided to our community.

We're proud of our shared 2007 accomplishments.

Thank you!

Bob Ramger, President

Donations and Gifts for October-December, 2007

George and Irene Bilbo
Betty P. Neal
John and Betsy Quinn
Charles T. Bell
D. Blaine and Dora Gooden
George and Pat Blackburn
Tom and RaRa Schlitt
Jane Qualls
George Centebar
Ruchelle Post
David and Margaret Campbell
Dennis and Ione McCarthy
Warren and Marilyn Stritter
Kenneth and Michael Newman
Bruce Watt
The Clayton Family Foundation

In memory of Dr. John Craven
James and Jeanne Fulkerson

In memory of Jan Lyndon
James and Martha Cobb
Glenda Turner

Richard and Marolyn Finney
David and Helen Bryant
Kathleen and Kathy Barber
Eric and Erin Jenkins
Ruth Lakey
Lynn and Haroldine Shasteen
Michael and Meredith Goins
Robert and Alice Hirche
Phillip and Alice LaFoy
Bob and Wanda Anderson
Betty Neal
Anna Kay Morgan
Dr. Alber and Marilyn Wiberly
John and Sarah Berry
Frank and Barbara Pettway

In Honor of Ted and Jean Flickinger
Ted Flickinger, Jr. and Julie Howard

Thank you!

RECOGNIZING OUR VOLUNTEERS

For many months, the Friends and the Library staff have worked together to formulate a cohesive volunteer program—one that tracks all volunteer work done in behalf of the Library by all persons, whether or not they are Friends members, regardless of the volunteer project, whether it directly benefits a “Friends” program or a “library” service.

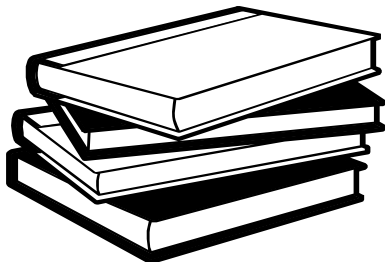
As a final piece to this inclusive program, the Volunteer Coordinator’s Committee has proposed the following to keep track of volunteer hours in order to recognize the tremendous amount of time and effort that is donated to our library each and every year.

Each year, recordkeeping will commence on June 1 and end on the following May 30. Throughout the year, rewards in the form of gift certificates will be given for each 100 hours of volunteer work. Persons reaching the 100 hour mark will be notified by postcard and will be able to exchange that postcard for either a \$ 10 gift certificate to the next Friends book sale, or a \$ 10 gift certificate to the Bookmark Café. Gift certificates will be able to be claimed at the Library’s receptionist desk in the administration wing.

Each year all volunteers will be honored at a reception preceding the annual meeting of the Blount County Friends of the Library. This year the reception is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 24, 2008. Invitations to honorees will be issued and RSVP’s requested. Friends and family are also welcome at the reception. Certificates will be awarded to all volunteers and special recognition will be given to those with exceptional longevity or hours in excess of 500.

We know that some volunteers are hesitant to accept public thanks, but it is our feeling that the services that are provided are so important to us that we would be remiss not to acknowledge them in some meaningful way. You can help by remembering to register your hours worked, and by wearing your volunteer pin so you can be easily identified.

Kathy Pagles, Library Director



RECORDING HISTORY

1945 brought an end to the Second World War. 63 years later the memories of the biggest conflict in modern history is emerging from the minds and dreams of the men and women who fought for freedom and democracy.

The Library of Congress has developed the Veteran’s History Project. This project is centered around personal interviews with veterans of the military conducted by volunteer interviewers.

Here in Blount County Anthony G. Rust (pictured) has been conducting interviews. Blount County has no shortage of military veteran men and women. Rust says “it has been my privilege and honor to videotape the exploits and stories of these brave people”.

“A project of this scale is not possible without many helping hands” Rust continued, “and one of major assistance has been the funding support of the Blount County Friends of the Library”. “The funds I have received from the FOL has allowed me to continue recording these important historical stories of our veterans”. “It takes a considerable amount of materials to present these stories as they should be presented, and the FOL has enabled me to purchase video discs, copy ink and other needed materials”.

“At present I have dozens of interviews with veterans of WW2, Korea, Vietnam and more recent conflicts”, concluded Rust, “and with the help of the FOL I’ll be continuing with many more interviews for this project”.



— Books for Soldiers — How You Can Help

You can support this program in two important ways. You can send a check to the BCFOL at 508 N. Cusick St, Maryville TN, 37804 with a note “books for soldiers postage donation”, or you can become a volunteer. Volunteers must follow certain procedures, and must be willing to spend 2-3 hours once or twice a month. If you are interested, please contact Vivian Selecman at 379-2568.



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Remember the Book Sale!
January 17, 18 and 19
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Your Opinion Counts!

We would like to have your input about improving *Between Friends*, your FOL newsletter. What type of articles would you like to see? How can we make it better?

You may e-mail us at friendsbcpl@hotmail.com or drop a line to:

Blount County Friends of the Library
508 N. Cusick St.
Maryville, TN 37804

We value your comments and respect your opinions.

Thank you!

WHAT THEY SAID ABOUT BOOKS

“What is the use of a book”, thought Alice,
“without pictures or conversations?”

Lewis Carroll 1832-1898

My early and invincible love of reading, which I
would not exchange for all the treasures of India.
Edward Gibbon 1737-1794

A book may be amusing with numerous errors, or
it may be very dull without a single absurdity

Oliver Goldsmith 1730-1774

WANTED

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together future FOL “Between Friends”
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