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Library**

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CALENDAR!**

Our next scheduled
"Friends of the
Library" meeting
will be **May 14,
2012 at 5 p.m.**

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Four of our Stewart County Friends will attend the annual " Friends of Tennessee Libraries" meeting on May 11Th in Cookville. It seems as though it will be an informative meeting with the main topics being, "Doing Things Right and Avoiding Federal and State Penalties" and "How to Market Your Friends' Group". Speaking of marketing, it was wonderful to see new faces at our March meeting and I hope to see those and more at our May meeting. I think one of the best ways to market our group is to invite a friend to come to our meetings.

Thanks, Mary Ann

READERS CIRCLE

The Readers Circle meets every 3rd Thursday of the month at the Stewart County Library. If you are looking for a good read, this is the group to join. Every month group members share information about a book or books that they are reading. This is a great way to meet new people and find out about books that might otherwise not be considered.

The Readers Circle is always open to anyone who has the love of reading and sharing what they are reading. There are no dues or expectations other than enjoying hearing about good books that are being read or sharing with those present about what you are reading. There is no limit to the types of books that are shared. They include fiction, non-fiction, historical, political, mystery, romance, etc. Come join us on **May 17th at 2 pm!** Recent books (the descriptions below are taken from different sources on the internet) that have been discussed are:

Smokin' Seventeen by Janet Evanovich

Dead bodies are showing up in shallow graves on the empty construction lot of Vincent Plum Bail Bonds. No one is sure who the killer is, or why the victims have been offed, but what is clear is that Stephanie's name is on the killer's list. Short on time to find the murderer, Stephanie is also under pressure from family and friends to choose between her on-again-off-again boyfriend, Trenton cop Joe Morelli, and the bad boy in

Meeting

OFFICERS

President-Mary Ann Jordan

Vice President-Jackie Starcher

Secretary-Kathy Mauldin

Treasurer-Marie Wallace

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her life, security expert Ranger. Stephanie's mom wants her to dump them both for a former high school football star who's just returned to town. Stephanie's sidekick, Lula, suggests a red-hot boudoir "bake-off." And Joe's old-world grandmother gives Stephanie "the eye," which may mean that it's time to get out of town.

With a cold-blooded killer after her, a handful of hot men, and a capture list that includes a dancing bear and a senior citizen vampire, Stephanie's life looks like it's about to go up in smoke.

When the Mississippi Ran Backwards by Jay Feldman

On December 15, 1811, two of Thomas Jefferson's nephews murdered a slave in cold blood and put his body parts into a roaring fire. The evidence would have been destroyed but for a rare act of God -- or, as some believed, of the Indian chief Tecumseh. That same day, the Mississippi River's first steamboat, piloted by Nicholas Roosevelt, powered itself toward New Orleans on its maiden voyage. The sky grew hazy and red, and jolts of electricity flashed in the air. A prophecy by Tecumseh was about to be fulfilled.

He had warned reluctant warrior-tribes that he would stamp his feet and bring down their houses. Sure enough, between December 16, 1811, and late April 1812, a catastrophic series of earthquakes shook the Mississippi River Valley. Of the more than 2,000 tremors that rumbled across the land during this time, three would have measured nearly or greater than 8.0 on the not-yet-devised Richter Scale. Centered in what is now the bootheel region of Missouri, the New Madrid earthquakes were felt as far away as Canada; New York; New Orleans; Washington, D.C.; and the western part of the Missouri River. A million and a half square miles were affected as the earth's surface remained in a state of constant motion for nearly four months. Towns were destroyed, an eighteen-mile-long by five-mile-wide lake was created, and even the Mississippi River temporarily ran backwards.

The quakes uncovered Jefferson's nephews' cruelty and changed the course of the War of 1812 as well as the future of the new republic. In *When the Mississippi Ran Backwards*, Jay Feldman expertly weaves together the story of the slave murder, the steamboat, Tecumseh, and the war, and brings a forgotten period back to vivid life. Tecumseh's widely believed prophecy, seemingly fulfilled, hastened an unprecedented alliance among southern and northern tribes, who joined the British in a disastrous fight against the U.S. government. By the end of the war, the continental United States was secure against Britain, France, and Spain; the Indians had lost many lives and much land; and Jefferson's nephews were exposed as murderers. The steamboat, which survived the

earthquake, was sunk.

When the Mississippi Ran Backwards sheds light on this now-obscure yet pivotal period between the Revolutionary and Civil wars, uncovering the era's dramatic geophysical, political, and military upheavals. Feldman paints a vivid picture of how these powerful earthquakes made an impact on every aspect of frontier life -- and why similar catastrophic quakes are guaranteed to recur.

Escape from Camp 14 by Blaine Harden

North Korea is isolated and hungry, bankrupt and belligerent. It is also armed with nuclear weapons. Between 150,000 and 200,000 people are being held in its political prison camps, which have existed twice as long as Stalin's Soviet gulags and twelve times as long as the Nazi concentration camps. Very few born and raised in these camps have escaped. But Shin Donghyuk did.

In *Escape from Camp 14*, acclaimed journalist Blaine Harden tells the story of Shin Dong-hyuk and through the lens of Shin's life unlocks the secrets of the world's most repressive totalitarian state. Shin knew nothing of civilized existence—he saw his mother as a competitor for food, guards raised him to be a snitch, and he witnessed the execution of his own family. Through Harden's harrowing narrative of Shin's life and remarkable escape, he offers an unequalled inside account of one of the world's darkest nations and a riveting tale of endurance, courage, and survival.

Beaded Hope by Cathy Leggett

Inspired by the real-life charity Beaded Hope, Leggett's novel portrays three Ohio women at pivotal points in their lives who journey to South Africa on a mission trip. Gabby, the child services director for Graceview Church, is reeling from a miscarriage that spells the end of her hopes for having a child. After her rebellious teenage stepdaughter, Katie, is in a minor car accident, Heidi is stunned to learn that Katie is pregnant. Icy newswoman Cassandra sees an opportunity to revive her flagging career when she reads about the mission to South Africa in the Graceview newsletter. Gabby, Heidi, Katie, and Cassandra travel together to Mamelodi, South Africa, to meet with a woman named Jaleela, who has an idea she believes can help her community: making beautiful beaded jewelry that can be sold in America. The American women agree to help, and all of them, even, to her own surprise, Cassandra, are surprised to discover just how much they're inspired by Jaleela, who is battling AIDS while raising two children.

DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY

<http://www.dollysaginationlibrary.com>

GOVERNORS BOOKS FROM BIRTH

FOUNDATION - <http://www.governorsfoundation.org>

Your help is needed in locating all Stewart County children from birth to age 5 to introduce them to the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, **STILL LOOKING FOR ELIGIBLE CHILDREN!! 28% of the children in this age group are still not signed up!**

Once a child is signed up, each month a new, carefully selected book will be mailed in the child's name directly to their home. The registered children can look forward to new and exciting reading adventures from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. There are **currently 524 Stewart County children registered** and receiving books but there are many more yet to locate and register. **666 have graduated** from the program in Stewart County.

Volunteers from the Friends of the Library attend community gatherings such as the Christmas Parade, Halloween Party, school fairs, Eagle Fest and other activities to register children so that all age-eligible children in Stewart County can enjoy the wonderful books that can be made available to them free of charge. What a wonderful way for young children to expand their knowledge as well as opportunities for parents to share in their excitement of receiving their very own books in the mail!

Parents may also register their children on line at <http://www.governorsfoundation.org>. If the child moves, it is vital that parents have the child's address changed in order to continue to receive the books.

Would you like to help this wonderful program? As little as \$12 will pay for books for one child, for an entire year! Donations can be made out to Stewart County Friends of the Public Library, noting "Imagination Library" in the memo line, and mailed or delivered to the Stewart County Public Library, 102 Natcor Drive, Dover TN 37058. Stewart County Friends of the Public Library is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and a partner agency of the United Way of the Greater Clarksville Region. Donations are tax-deductible.

STEWART COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The purpose of the Stewart County Friends of the Public Library is to provide support and assistance to the programs of our local library. This help is both physical and financial as well as helping to promote awareness of services and programs provided by the library.

Annual Events

Easter Egg Hunt for community children

Assist with Summer Reading Program

Salad Luncheon Fundraiser

Funding Preschool Programs

We welcome new members either individual or business. Please join us by completing the registration form below, detach it and drop it off at the library or mail it along with a check to the Stewart County Public Library, 102 Natcor, Dover, TN 37058

Membership Registration Form

I would like to become a part of the Stewart County Friends of the Public Library. Please sign me up for the following membership:

Individual Member - \$5 per year

Business Member - \$10 per year

Name

Address

Phone_Email Address

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the Stewart County Friends of the Public Library

March 12, 2012

I. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. by President Mary Ann Jordan.

II. Introduction of New Members/Guests - as follows: Ann Cheatham, Cathi Whitehead, JoAnn Crandall, Jane Threath, and Ruth Mathis.

III. Minutes of Last Meeting -Mary Ann called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2012 meeting, which were sent in a prior mailing. Full report is attached to these

minutes in the Minute Book. **A motion to accept these minutes was made by Carolyn Gray and seconded by Carole Blish. Motion carried.**

IV. Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Marie Wallace delivered her report. Full report is attached to these minutes in the Minute Book. Marie called for a motion to move the \$350 in donations, that had been received for the Pam Ford Pavilion, to the account at the County Mayor's Office designated for this purpose. **A motion to this effect, as well as to accept this report, was made by Tana Sheets and seconded by Carolyn. Motion carried.**

V. Imagination Library Treasury Report - Mary Lou Easter presented the report, noting the amount received from United Way and stating that, in her opinion, our continuing partnership with UW is worth the effort. She also said that the CD at Bank of Dover was renewed for six months at an interest rate of 0.40%. Full report is attached to these minutes in the Minute Book. After reporting that the CD at F & M Bank matures on April 12, a suggestion was made to allow the Executive Committee to make the decision on renewal of this document. **A motion to allow this decision, as well as to accept this report, was made by Kay Brigham and seconded by Carole. Motion carried.** Mary Lou also noted that a number of undeliverable IL books had been given to an area church for them to include in donations to Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.

As background about the IL program for the newcomers, Kay Brigham told of the initial \$5,000 donation received from a community member, and how this contribution gave us the confidence to proceed with sponsorship. Mary Ann pointed out that it could be important to have enough funds available to support the program until all children currently enrolled reach age five, in the unlikely event that problems with funding should occur.

VI. Old Business -

A. Committees for 2012 - Mary Ann passed a sign-up sheet, since several members were absent at the January meeting.

B. Egg Hunt - Members were reminded of the hunt scheduled for Monday, April 2, at 5 p.m. at the middle school athletic field, with a rain date of April 3. It was agreed to meet at the field for set-up at 3:30 p.m.

C. Salad Luncheon - the date of Friday, September 21, was confirmed.

D. Sunshine Report - Shirley French said she had sent a card to Kay Brigham. Mary Ann reminded members to notify Shirley if they know of someone needing a card.

E. United Way - Mary Lou is working on the application for continued partnership. **A**

motion to submit the application upon completion was made by Marie and seconded

by Carolyn. **Motion carried.** Mary Ann asked members to think about ideas for a small fund raiser to make a direct contribution to United Way, and the subject will be discussed further at a subsequent meeting. Further, a few people will be needed to go with Mary Lou when we are required to appear before a UW panel in support of our application, at a date to be determined. Those interested were asked to notify Mary Lou.

F. Imagination Library - Jane Semler provided information about the Spring Festival at North Stewart Elementary School on Saturday, May 12, 4-8 p.m. and asked for volunteers to sign-up children. Jackie Starcher, Jane, Mary Ann, and perhaps Kathy Mauldin will assist.

Other Old Business - The proposed change to the by-laws, which was presented at the January meeting and published in the March newsletter, was reviewed. **A motion to approve the change was made by Jackie and seconded by Mary Lou. Motion carried.**

VII. New Business

A. Friends of Tennessee Libraries - Information was provided for the meeting to be held on Friday, May 11, in Cookeville. It was noted that, given the distance involved, an overnight stay before the meeting is recommended. **A motion was made by Mary Lou and seconded by Tana to pay for registration, mileage, and lodging (from the Regular Account) for up to four attendees. Motion carried.** Those interested are to turn in registration forms to Marie after the meeting.

B. Chamber of Commerce dinner - It was reported that the dinner will be held on Tuesday, March 20, at 5:30 p.m. Since the Friends pays for an annual membership in the Chamber, it was suggested that up to four members attend. **A motion was made by Kay and seconded by Carolyn to pay, from the Regular Account, for tickets for up to four members. Motion carried.** Carolyn, Marie, Mary Lou and Kay agreed to attend.

C. Library Report - Pam presented the following:

1) She added her welcome to the newcomers.

2) The regional library system is being revamped, including the deletion of local book drops. To compensate, book drops have been established at several locations within the County and will be serviced locally.

3) Computer classes have resumed; Gracie Armstrong has returned and will teach.

4) She and Sandy Brake will attend the TLA meeting in Nashville; Tammy Morgan and Gracie will attend a children's workshop.

5) She showed a sample of new children's books that are computer interactive, and explained how they work.

6) Training for the new circulation system, which will replace the current 11-year-old system, will be held in June. The State purchased the system, and our library's cost is \$900.

7) Ray Sexton, Chairman of the Library Board, has already collected \$11,850 for the pavilion.

8) Plans are underway for the Summer Reading Program, both for younger children and a junior program. After indicating that \$400 from the Friends would be helpful, **a motion was made by Carole and seconded by Kay to provide this amount from the Regular Account. Motion carried.**

Other New Business - Mary Ann told of a situation that has developed in Benton County. The library's budget, along with that of other county agencies, has been threatened with severe cuts, so much so that the library has lost state support. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the pavilion, with the following points covered:

1) The Friends has \$3,000 set aside for the Books-to-Go Program.

2) Pam asked to keep \$500 of this amount in reserve.

3) Pam explained that the main purpose of the pavilion will be for the use of wireless

Internet users, but it can also be used for children's and other programs.

4) Pam explained that there is a Federal government program in place, called SLD,

that reimburses libraries for technology purposes. She has held back some monies from this program and will be able to direct a portion of those funds to the pavilion project.

A motion was made by Mary Lou and seconded by Kathy to donate \$2,500 from these funds for the construction of the pavilion. Motion carried.

Mary Ann thanked everyone who helped with stuffing the eggs for the egg hunt, then

reminded members that dues for 2012 could still be paid today. After reminding members that the VFW Ladies' Auxiliary supports the Friends and IL, Carole said she

had tickets available for a March 25 spaghetti dinner. Pam had new books available; one was chosen as a memorial for Dick Petry, and two were chosen in honor of Katherine Hussey.

VIII. Adjourn

After a reminder that our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 14, a motion to adjourn

was made by Carolyn and seconded by Robbie Jackson. The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Mauldin, Secretary