Friends of Tennessee Libraries (FOTL) 
Quarterly Report, June 2018

Submitted by Donald B. Reynolds, 2018-19 FOTL President
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Publications

FOTL continues to build a library of resources on our website http://www.friendstnlibraries.org to help and support local Friends groups with their activities.

Tool Kit for Building a Library Friends Group
Ag Literacy Programs in the Library by Joan VanSickle Sloan (Blount)
Ideas Kit for Developing and Revitalizing a Friends of the Library Group
A Brief Guide to Government Forms Friends Groups Need to Know by Dwight Shepherd (Sevier)
Friends Fundraising Ideas [In preparation]

TLA Trustees and Friends Luncheon (April 6, 2018) in Memphis

FOTL President William Sundquist presented the TLA/FOTL Friends of the Year book clock to

Connie Heard Albrecht, Cookeville (Putnam County Library Friends) and
Martha Moore Gill, Knoxville (Friends of the Knox County Public Library)

“In appreciation for outstanding accomplishments, dedication, and commitment to excellence in the advancement of library services and education in Tennessee.”
The FOY Award Presentation was followed by a talk by

**Joy Bailey Bryant**, the managing director from Lord Cultural Resources, a firm whose mission is to collaborate with people and organizations to plan and manage cultural places, programs, and resources that deliver excellence in the service of society.

Joy is a cultural planning specialist who works with city officials, institutional leaders, and developers around the globe to plan cities creatively and to bring people to public institutions. She has led teams for institutional and cultural planning on such projects as the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, DC, the National September 11 Memorial and Museum at the World Trade Center, the master plan for the Tennessee State Museum, and the communications plan for the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis.

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**William Sundquist Resigns as FOTL President**

Due to increased work responsibilities, 2017-19 FOTL President **William Sundquist** has resigned his position. FOTL much appreciates and thanks William for his conscientious and dedicated service. He continues to serve on the Chattanooga Public Library Board of Directors.

**Don Reynolds** has been elected to serve the second year of Sundquist’s presidential term, 2018-19.
FOTL Annual Meeting (May 4-5, 2018) in Franklin

FOTL – Annual Meeting 2018 Agenda

At the Friday night reception, husband and wife team Jo-el & LeAnne Ulmer “2Country4Nashville”! (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NirfWrlgY7U / http://www.2country4nashville.com/index.html) reminded those of us attending the FOTL Annual Meeting of “What a Wonderful World!” it is.

Saturday morning brought a continental breakfast spread where we feasted not only on homemade cinnamon breakfast cakes but on gastronomically delightful (and very evil) tiny little donut taste treats https://tinylittedonuts.com / https://www.facebook.com/tinylittedonuts/.

Welcoming FOTL to the Williamson County Library, Franklin, and Williamson County, Friends President Debbie Eads and the merry band of Friends of the Williamson County Public Library, library staff, and intrepid library director Dolores Greenwald greeted Friends from all across the state with more than just hospitality, but a graciousness, helpfulness, and kindness, all evidence of pure joy accompanied by yummy nibbles and drinks. Williamson County Commissioner Paul Webb and Franklin City Mayor Ken Moore made us all feel right at home among friends.
TLA/FOTL Friends of the Year were introduced and celebrated for their years of service to FOTL and their local Friends groups:

Connie Heard Albrecht, Cookeville  (Putnam County Library Friends)
Martha Moore Gill, Knoxville  (Friends of the Knox County Public Library)
Along with the book clock, they were each presented with a framed print of the Marge Piercy poem “To Be of Use” (see p.7 below).

$300 Grants were awarded to the following Friends groups:

Advocacy Grant  -  Friends of the Tellico Village Library (Loudon County)
Fundraising Grant  -  Friends of the Thomas Memorial Branch Library, Bluff City (Sullivan County)
Membership Grant  -  Friends of the Jefferson City Library (Jefferson County)

$100 Recognition Certificates were presented to:

Rogers Anderson / Williamson County Commission for their declaration of February 2018 as “Libraries of Williamson County Month” https://www.wcs.edu/infocus/2018/02/02/february-declared-libraries-of-williamson-county-month/
Dick Burgess  -  Blount County Friends of the Library to recognize his years of volunteer service.
Friends of the Chattanooga Public Library for their Skylib honor bookstore at the airport.
Charlie Daniel, editorial cartoonist for the Knoxville News Sentinel - Friends of the Knox County Public Library for their “Step Up to the Library” membership campaign.
Following his well-received presentation at the TLA Trustee/Friends luncheon in Knoxville last year, David Baker, of the Giving Design Group www.givingdesign.com, traveled from Los Angeles to conduct a **Fundraising Clinic** giving us new awareness about the multiple impacts on fundraising today: millennials, online pay, subscription, monthly payments, etc.

Friends member Lori Scarbrough had drafted husband Chef Tim (of Papa Q Bar-B-Q fame) to prepare an old fashioned Bar-B-Q lunch of pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, cole slaw, an outrageously scrumptious mac-n-cheese (for which he would *not* share his recipe!) and pecan pie.

David continued his Clinic after lunch by introducing the following speakers who spoke about their group’s successful fundraising projects:

- **Connie Albrecht**, Putnam County Friends: *Dinner with an author.*
- **Martha Gill**, Knox County Friends: *Partnerships* that have helped Friends raise or save money.
- **Diane Johnson**, Friends of King Family Library (Sevier): *Historic Calendar*

**Margie Thessin**, author and creator of “Franklin on Foot” tours [https://franklinonfoot.com](https://franklinonfoot.com), closed our day by introducing us to her guided walking tours of historic Franklin, Tennessee, with ghost, crime, food, cemetery, and Civil War tours, as well as children’s activities and tours [http://downtownfranklintn.com/listings/franklin-on-foot/](http://downtownfranklintn.com/listings/franklin-on-foot/) In addition, Margie is the author of *Ghosts of Franklin, Tennessee’s Most Haunted Town,* and *Lizzie’s War.*
In 1937, Tennessee library icon Mary Utopia Rothrock (Knoxville) http://tinyurl.com/MaryUtopiaRothrock wrote that the library should be integrated “thoroughly with the life and work of the community it serves,” a seminal concept that inspires FOTL’s Vision to help and support local library Friends groups work with their library.

~ FOTL Vision Statement ~

To help and support local Friends groups integrate their library thoroughly into the life and work of their community.

A first edition of a privately printed postage stamp honoring Ms Rothrock was presented to the Friend of the Year recipients Connie Heard Albrecht and Martha Moore Gill, and to Julie Webb, FOTL’s Founding Mother.
The people I love the best
jump into work head first
without dallying in the shallows
and swim off with sure strokes almost out of sight.
They seem to become natives of that element,
the black sleek heads of seals
bouncing like half submerged balls.

I love people who harness themselves, an ox to a heavy cart,
who pull like water buffalo, with massive patience,
who strain in the mud and the muck to move things forward,
who do what has to be done, again and again.

I want to be with people who submerge
in the task, who go into the fields to harvest
and work in a row and pass the bags along,
who stand in the line and haul in their places,
who are not parlor generals and field deserters
but move in a common rhythm
when the food must come in or the fire be put out.

The work of the world is common as mud.
Botched, it smears the hands, crumbles to dust.
But the thing worth doing well done
has a shape that satisfies, clean and evident.
Greek amphoras for wine or oil,
Hopi vases that held corn, are put in museums
but you know they were made to be used.
The pitcher cries for water to carry
and a person for work that is real.

Annual Meeting Hosts

Many, many thanks to the local arrangements team from the Friends of the Williamson County Public Library who hosted our meeting with incredible friendly hospitality.

Standing from left:
Phyllis Singleton, David Miller, LaVerne Sweeney, Harry Eads,
Bonnie Lucas, Debbie Eads, Lori Scarbrough, Deb Walsh, April Nelson.

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