

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 17 Third Thursday
Book Discussion Group
In the Garden of the Beasts
10 -11:30 AM & 6:30-8 PM

January 24 4:30 PM
Friends' Annual Tea with
"Mary Settles: Last Shaker
at Pleasant Hill"

February 21 - 7 PM Amer-
ican West Film Series kickoff

February 21 Third Thurs-
day Book Discussion Group
A Picture of Dorian Grey
10 -11:30 AM & 6:30-8 PM

March 21 Third Thursday
Book Discussion Group
***The Night Train* 10 -11:30**
AM & 6:30-8 PM

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Library In Partnership with KAE

Provides GED Test Site, Promotes 'Earn Because You Learn'

The Library has just completed a second year of partnership with Kentucky Adult Education, a state-wide program operated locally by the Bluegrass Community Technical College campus in Danville. The partnership provides for the Library's Community Room to be the GED testing site for Boyle County.

Gail Jackson, the GED testing administrator, is passionate about

the value of the GED program and pleased with the Library/Adult Education partnership: "Getting your GED will change your life. This year 134 people took the 5-part test at the Library. 73% passed on the first attempt. Most return and pass on a second try. The test is offered here on a monthly basis and scholarships are available for those who cannot afford to take the test."

"Half the people taking the test do so because a family or friend recommended they do it. You can change someone's future by telling them about Adult Education available to them in Boyle County."

Beginning in 2014 the GED test will be computerized and the cost will change. Staff expects an increase in the number of students participating in GED testing during 2013. The Library hopes to continue this valuable partnership as Kentucky Adult Education transitions to its new format. For more information on Adult Education in Kentucky, call 859-238-2171.

READ License Plate a Reality



READ license plates are now on sale at the Boyle Co. Courthouse. Proceeds from the sale of each READ license plate support Kentucky's Libraries. FOL President Jim Moore displays one of the new plates on his car.



Visitors to new park enjoy "Story Time II" a statue of children reading by Gary Lee Price. The children are placed in gravel surrounding the fountain. See story on pages 4 & 5.

Friends of the Library Tea & Annual Meeting Opens Programs Series January 24th

Friends, their guests, and the public are all invited to the Friends Tea and Annual Meeting on January 24th.



Refreshments begins at 4:30 PM in the library's Community Room. Program Chair Nyla Wright announced that "Mary Settles - The Last Shaker of Pleasant Hill", featuring Janet Scott, will be presented. Scott, an accomplished nationally recognized actress, currently coaches University of Kentucky Opera Theatre students. Scott's presentation is sponsored by the KY Humanities Council. An interpreter for the deaf is available on request. Contact the library at 236-READ 48 hours in advance to request an interpreter.

Scott will portray Settles who was left at the village, along with her small children, when her husband learned that she would be of no use in producing the large family he needed to farm in Missouri. Settles saw the Civil War from the point of view of her adopted family, the Shakers. By 1910 Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill

had closed its doors as an active religious society. The twelve remaining members deeded their last 1,800 acres to a local merchant with the agreement he would care for them until their deaths. Sister Mary Settles, the last Shaker, died in 1923 and is buried in the Pleasant Hill cemetery.

A short business meeting for Friends of the Library members will follow the program.

Jim Moore, outgoing President, will give a brief overview of Friends activity and accomplishments during the past year. The term of the current officers, who all have served 2 consecutive terms, expires in 2013. Nominating committee members Jackie Kohler, Sandy Reigelman, and Gail Manning have been at work and will present a slate of officers for nomination during the business meeting. See Pg. 6 for more on programs.

It's Time to Renew

2013 FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP GROWING

Since September sixty-seven FRIENDS have paid their dues to update/begin their membership for 2013. At the conclusion of 2012, membership reached a total of 281 FRIENDS of the Boyle County Public Library. FRIENDS 2013 Membership renewals are due in January, 2013. Annual dues are \$10 for individuals and \$25 for families, with additional donations gratefully received.

For those who plan to come to the Annual Meeting on January 24 and have not yet paid their dues, for convenience a table will be set up to accept membership dues. Display and sales of library logo book bags and mugs, and color notecard sets designed by local artist Pat Hays featuring the library rotunda and the oldest portion of the library at Broadway and Third will be available. Sale of these items produces income that Friends uses in supporting the Library.

If unable to attend, dues/donations can be mailed to FRIENDS at the Library or dropped off in an envelope at the Circulation Desk. Please include the membership form printed in this newsletter on page 7 with your dues, especially all new members. For renewing members include the form to indicate any change in phone number, mailing address or e-mail address.

Thank you, FRIENDS, for your commitment and generosity, showing your support for our invaluable community resource – the Library.



3,500 ITEMS SELL AT BIG BOOK SALE

The largest book sale in recent years was held November 1 - 4 in the Community Room where all the used books and tapes could be put out and displayed. A team of many volunteers worked with several library staff members to unpack the entire inventory of used books and tapes that had been stored since being donated and existing

stock left from book sales over the past couple of years.

Books and tapes were priced to sell and nearly 3,500 items sold, clearing excess inventory that had accumulated. A special preview for Friends held Thursday evening from 6 - 8 PM before the sale opened to the public on Friday was well attended.

The many volunteers who unpack and set up items before the sale, as well as those who worked the forty-three 2-hour shifts during the sale to assist customers and check out purchases, make the book sales possible. Faithful volunteers knocked down the book displays and packed remaining items that will be offered at the next book sale in May. Semi-annual book sales continue to be the largest fundraiser for Friends each year.

Customers included Friends looking for a good read, people from the community and general public, librarians from some local schools, and a few private booksellers.

Forgacs recount travels to Tanzania & Zanzibar

Joe and Donna Forgacs shared color photos and a short video taken of animals in the wild that they encountered during their guided, custom tour following the animals' migration route across the savannah. For the trip Donna rented a zoom lens that allowed her to photograph animals from safe distances that appeared right in front of the camera. The video that Joe compiled included footage of a newly born giraffe being prodded by its mother to stand for the first time. They described a sunrise hot air balloon ride, displayed a map of the areas they traveled along with travel souvenirs – whole spices, pottery and handmade native jewelry.



Stuart Sanders described the impact of battle on Perryville and the region

Sanders discussed the immediate and long term impacts of the Battle of Perryville in 1862 on the town and residents of Perryville, as well as on Danville and the surrounding area, even as far away as southern Indiana. His book, *The Aftermath of the Perryville Battle*, and research through historic records, newspaper articles, personal letters and diaries of Civil War veterans that he shared drew attention and interest of a large audience. Sanders said the well preserved battlefield and town, news coverage of the time, including photographs, and written first hand accounts of the Civil War made it the first such well recorded American conflict with extensive material from which to gather facts and reconstruct events of and following the battle.



DHS Students perform interpretive readings

Students from Danville High School's award winning Forensics Team performed humorous and dramatic interpretations of prose, explained the requirements for different categories of competition and how they select material to read. Graham recited a humorous piece "The Shepherd of Shy Town". Nelson interpreted "The H Street Sledding Record" and Marlowe interpreted "Everybody Watching and the Time Passing Like That", both in the black book category.



Jack Graham, Sam Nelson, Sarah Beth Marlowe shown above have participated in competitions through their 4 years of high school.



Writer Silas House, in rear of photo, drew a "full house" audience last October. House read from his latest manuscript to be published next year and one of his Appalachian novels.

Perryville Stories: Through Our Eyes Reader's Theater

To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Perryville, Director Chase Gregory and over a dozen local middle and high school student readers presented this drama that tells the story of twenty actual Perryville residents in 1862 who witnessed troops in their town and, for those who remained in town, the battle itself. Gregory, a recent Centre graduate in theatre, worked with Joan Haigh who adapted the script from 'historical fiction' that students in her 1999 American Literature classes had composed. The project was funded by a grant from Friends of the Library.



Letters to Santa were popular with all ages. Donated used books stacked into trees complete with Christmas lights appeared in the library for the holiday. Children crafted paper ornaments for a special tree in the Children's Library.

Performed at "A Taste of 1862" Dinner and the Library



Chase Gregory, Georgia de Araujo, & Joan Haigh

The first performance on Oct. 4th was given at the Library. After performances at Toliver and Perryville Elementary Schools, the final reading was performed at "A Taste of 1862" Dinner, held on the lawn of the Kerrick-Parks House on Merchant's Row, scene of some of the events described in the performance. During this performance reenactors joined those attending the dinner, which was held as a fundraiser to benefit Merchant's Row. The sound of gunfire in the background and the smell of woodsmoke from reenactors' campfires on Merchant's Row and other areas of town added to the drama.

Cast at "A Taste of 1862" prepares for final performance in Perryville.



PLEASE JOIN & BECOME OUR FRIEND!

The best way you can support your library is to become part of Friends of the Library.

Friends' volunteers help with used book sales, programs, hospitality, community outreach, Adopt A Shelf project and more. Friends earn a 10% discount on notecard, book bag, mug, and used book purchases, & receive advance notice of programs and special events. Friends' dues and donations help the Boyle County Public Library supplement its programs and services to maintain the library's excellent services to our community.

To join or to continue your membership — just fill out this form and take it with your check to the library front desk or mail to:

**Friends
Boyle County Public Library
307 West Broadway
Danville, KY 40422**

Membership dues are for the calendar year: Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2013.

Yes! I want to be a Friend of the Library for 2013 as indicated below:

- Individual(s) - \$10 (each)
- Family - \$25
- Donor - \$100
- Sponsor - \$500
- Benefactor - \$1,000

I am interested in volunteering at the Library. Please contact me!

Name (please print) _____

E-mail, if available, for regular updates / news of programs: _____

Address _____

Phone(s) () _____ () _____

Make checks to Friends of the Library. Dues & gifts are tax deductible.

Boutin Hired as Public Relations Coordinator

Plans To Make Library the Community's "Go To" Place



Originally from New England, Jen Boutin joined the library in late November as part-time Public Relations Coordinator, a new staff position. Originally from Vermont, Jen obtained her B.A. in Rhetoric & Communication at the University of Pittsburgh. After graduation, she spent the next 10 years in New Hampshire, working primarily as a graphic designer.

Jen and her husband, Neal, wanted to escape the long New England winters and relocated to Kentucky in 2003. She stayed home with their daughter, Ania. After the birth of their son, Riley, she volunteered for 3 1/2 years as Publicity Coordinator for the local Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group.

As the Library's new Public Relations Coordinator, Jen will work on increasing the Library's presence in the community through a variety of outlets. One of her goals is to make the Library the "go to" place for the community, providing area information and program offerings designed to meet the needs and interests of our patrons. "We already have so many terrific programs in place, and I know we've got some great ideas on the horizon. The library is such an amazing resource. My hope is for everyone in Danville-Boyle County to come to realize what a wonderful place this is."

When Jen isn't at the Library, she can be found volunteering in her children's schools, teaching her AWANA class at church. She is a die-hard New England Patriots fan. Currently she is reading *Crazy Love* by Francis Chan, as well as flying through the 39 Clues series with her daughter.



Notebooks made from salvaged hard-back book covers were offered at the Gallery Hop.

Increased Work Station Usage Brings 3 Additional Computers to Children's Library

Friends board members approved the purchase of three more touch screen computers with curriculum for ages 6 to 14 for the Children's Library. Last year Friends purchased two touch screen work stations to upgrade computers for the Children's Library. These touch screen computers enjoy a 300% higher use than the regular computers for children and youth.

The additional computers will help meet increased demand for research for school reports, homework assignments and general learning.



Current Friends of the Library Officers

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| President | Jim Moore |
| President-Elect | Nyla Wright |
| Secretary | Margaret Gardiner |
| Treasurer | Terri Blythe |

Friends of the Library is a volunteer auxiliary support group for the Boyle County Public Library. Funds generated by Friends are used exclusively for the library, for such things as support for special programs, purchase of equipment and other items for use in the library. A major service of Friends is to provide volunteers for book sales.

Friends of the Library Winter/Spring 2013 Film Series

AMERICAN WILD WESTERN FILMS

This year, for the first time, the Library's film series will be coordinated with the Community Arts Center's major exhibit. This year's exhibit focuses on life on the American frontier and runs from February 6 to March 30. It will include information and presentations on many facets of life on the Western frontier, a facsimile of a frontier town and a gold mine, along with displays of Native American artifacts and many other interesting items.

Films will show on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM, beginning February 21st. The films for this series have been chosen as examples of many of the frontier themes presented in the CAC exhibit. The film showings will be held in the Community Room of the Boyle County Public Library and will be preceded by brief remarks by Charles Vahlkamp, Emeritus professor from Centre College. The film schedule is as follows:

Thursday, February 21 –

Edwin Porter, **The Great Train Robbery**, 1902 (10 min.)
Joseph Kane, **Springtime in the Rockies**, 1937 (60 min.)
with Gene Autry and Smiley Burnette.



A ranch owner, fresh from animal husbandry school, brings a flock of sheep into cattle country.

The local ranchers don't like it, and ranch foreman Gene must deal with it.

Thursday, February 28 –

John Ford, **Stagecoach**, 1939 (97 min.),
with John Wayne, Thomas Mitchell,
John Carradine, Andy Devine, and
Claire Trevor.



John Ford's first great western tells the story of nine travelers facing great dangers as they try to reach Lordsburg.

Thursday, March 7 –

William Wellman, **The Ox-Bow Incident**, 1943 (75 min.),
with Henry Fonda, Dana Andrews, and Anthony Quinn.

A posse captures three men suspected of killing a local farmer and is strongly divided on whether or not to lynch him.



Thursday March 14 –

Fred Zinnemann, **High Noon**, 1952 (85 min.), with Gary Cooper, Grace Kelly, Thomas Mitchell, and Lloyd Bridges.

Marshal Kane must face the deadly Miller gang alone when the towns people are too frightened to help.

Thursday, March 28 –

George Roy Hill, **Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid**, 1969 (110 min.), with Paul Newman, Robert Redford, and Katherine Ross.



Bank-robbers Butch and the Kid stay one step ahead of the law and finally flee to Bolivia.

Thursday, April 4 –

Sidney Poitier, **Buck and the Preacher**, 1972 (102 min.), with Sidney Poitier, Harry Belafonte, and Ruby Dee.

Sidney Poitier directs and plays a wagon master whose wagon train encounters many difficulties on its way west.

Thursday, April 11 –

Ethan and Joel Coen, **True Grit**, 2010 (110 min.), with Jeff Bridges, Matt Damon, and Hailee Steinfeld.

Jeff Bridges takes the John Wayne role in this remake. He is recruited by a young girl to help find whoever killed her father.

Mahan Gallery Opens WinterWorks Exhibit

On your next library visit take time to browse the Mahan Gallery's exhibit. Mixed media works with winter themes by 21 local artists are on display through January.

The display includes paintings in oils and watercolors, ceramics, photographs, collages, sketches, sculpture, textiles, and natural botanicals.



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FRIENDS ANNOUNCE 2013 SPRING PROGRAM SERIES

Planning for Spring 2013 programs is complete, announced Program Chair Nyla Wright. This spring's series, designed to appeal to many by including travel and gardening, along with some Kentucky humor and history, begins January 24th with Friends' Annual Tea. Programs will be held in the Library's Community Room. All Friends of the Library programs are free and open to the public. Coffee and tea will be provided and an interpreter for the deaf is available on request. Please contact the library at 238-READ 48 hours in advance to request an interpreter.

January 24, 4:30 PM

MARY SETTLES: The Last Shaker at Pleasant Hill
Janet Scott

(See story on Page 1 for details.)

February 20, 4:00 PM

Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland:
THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ARTIST EXCHANGE
Liz Orndorff and Nancy Martindale



Orndorff and Martindale's talk will feature a slide presentation of their trip and artistic activities in Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland during October 2012 and their life in the local community. Their trip was sponsored by the Danville, KY and Carrickfergus, Northern Island Sister Cities Committees. Orndorff (left) and Martindale (far right) are shown above with their counterpart, Irish installation artist Janet Crymbal, who spent time in Danville last fall as part of this artist exchange. This program is offered in partnership with Danville's Community Art Center.

Before turning to playwriting, Orndorff worked in advertising and public relations at universities. Since moving to Danville, she has published a half dozen short stories and won several prizes for her plays. Next July Orndorff's play, **The Search for Tinker Doyle**, will open at Pioneer Playhouse as part of the Irish Heritage Festival.

Martindale is a craftsman with a lifelong interest in textiles. Formerly a juried member of several craft guilds in the areas of weaving, quilting, and felt-making, for the past six years Martindale has worked as Education Coordinator at the Community Arts Center.

March 13, Noon

BUTTERFLY GARDENING -
Bringing Magic to Your Garden
Linda Porter, Master Gardener

Butterflies, the elusive and magical creatures of our gardens, have been disappearing from our landscapes for years, but in recent years that disappearance has accelerated at an alarming rate.

What can we do to help keep butterflies in our gardens for years to come? A partial answer is to customize our gardens to attract butterflies. Porter will share how to plant, what to plant, and what to add to our gardens to bring back the magic of butterflies and provide handouts on the topic.

Porter, a longtime butterfly gardening enthusiast and educator, worked in northern Illinois for 10 years to establish butterfly and bird habitat gardens there. She also taught others about plants to use for attracting wildlife to their gardens. She moved back to Kentucky in 2006, and has been an active member and officer with both The Garden Club of Danville and the Lexington Chapter of Wild Ones, a national non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public about native plant and butterfly gardening. Currently 2nd Vice President of The Garden Club, Porter also is school consultant for the Woodlawn Elementary School Butterfly and Secret Garden in Boyle County. The school's gardens have won Garden Clubs awards at the state, regional, and national levels and Porter received the South Atlantic Region of Garden Clubs Youth Educator award in 2011 for her work with the children at Woodlawn to plan and plant their butterfly garden.



March 26 4:00 PM

"ONLY IN KENTUCKY" - Humorous
Observations of Kentucky
Stephen M. Vest

Vest is Editor & Publisher of *Kentucky Monthly*, founded in 1998 as a general interest magazine about the Commonwealth. *Kentucky Monthly* won the Governor's Award in the Arts in 2005.

Vest is a native Kentuckian and a graduate of both University of Louisville and Murray State University. He and his wife, Kay, have four children and live in Frankfort.

A table display of information about *Kentucky Monthly* will be set up at this program



April 24, 4:00 PM

AUDUBON IN KENTUCKY
Sarah Vahlkamp, Southerner

The program pairs an informative talk about J.J. Audubon, ornithologist, naturalist and painter who lived in Henderson, KY in the early 1800's, with a 20 minute video on birding in Kentucky. Audubon State Park, the site of Audubon's home, has the largest collection of Audubon artifacts and art in the country.

Vahlkamp, a retired educator, resides in Danville. Since retiring she has been an instructor for Road Scholars and developed this program for a 2012 trip.

LIBRARY CELEBRATES OPENING OF NEW PARK AND INCREASED PARKING AREA IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD



Benson addresses crowd while children play amid "Story Time II" figures.



Canines and their owners joined the crowd.



Allen Arth at right. Rough limestone blocks await chipping, boring and placement.



Pavers were laid by hand over an 18" gravel bed.



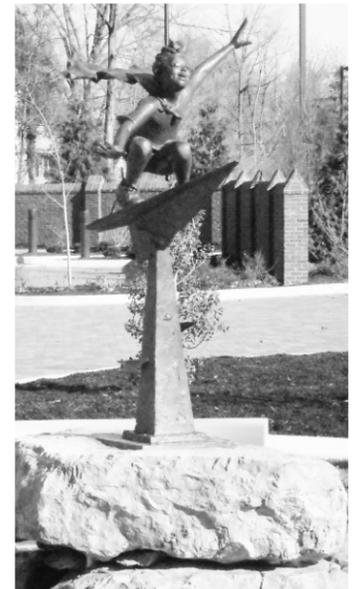
"Nursery Rhymes" is mounted on limestone streaked with amethyst.



Wilt welcomes visitors to Library celebration of park opening.



Santa greets children during his special visit.



"Imagination" atop the fountain.



Base of fountain awaits stones & statues.

Nearly one hundred people celebrated the opening of the new park and parking area on the west side of the Library on December 19th. The gathering included library patrons, Mayor Hundstad, Judge Executive McKinney, residents of the neighborhood, Library staff, board members, and many friends.

Betsy Wilt, on behalf of the Library Board, welcomed those gathered, thanked all who had supported the project, those in attendance and invited them to take time to look around at all the features in this area and to enjoy some hot cocoa and popcorn.

Library Director Karl Benson described the neighborhood surrounding the Library as a mix of residential and commercial properties and emphasized the library's intent to be a good neighbor. That is the reason for creating an aesthetically pleasing park setting in addition to the added parking and traffic access at Broadway and North Fourth Street. Benson recognized each of the participants in the project and Library board members for their role in bringing the project to reality.

The project was planned by Pearson & Peters, Architects of Lexington, who earlier designed the recent library addition. Mul-lins Construction Co. of London, KY was contracted to build the park and parking area that provides additional parking for the average 444 daily visitors and to integrate the parking and traffic area into the neighborhood. Visits to the Library have increased 62% since opening the expanded and renovated facility in 2010.

Construction began this summer and pro-

gressed from site preparation and grading to construction of brick boundary walls that match those of the adjacent Library property, construction of brick and concrete benches, then installation of stone curbing, and the fountain's masonry structure. Plumbing of the fountain was completed by H2O Designs of Nicholasville.

Much of the other work has been done by Allen Arth, staff maintenance person for the Library. Benson gave Arth special recognition for his work throughout the project in locating the boulders, arranging to get them on site, boring them for incorporation into the fountain and to mount statues on them, placing them in the park and central island, and fashioning the stone curbing.

All but one of the boulders used in the park and fountain are native Kentucky limestone from Dix River Quarry that were given by Tommy Owens. The curbing stones are local white limestone highlighted with mica flecks. These stones and the boulder in the central island with "Nursery Rhymes" on it came from Danny Settles.

One of the most important aspects of the project, Benson emphasized, is that a bed of gravel 18 inches deep was spread over the entire parking and traffic areas and then covered with permeable pavers. This design creates a hard surface for vehicle traffic and provides drainage of 90% of rainwater through the gravel, thus preventing any overloading of the nearby storm sewers.

The fountain and statues in the park were funded by a private donation, Benson ex-

plained. A Library Board committee helped decide on the initial design for the fountain and also selected the six statues of children.

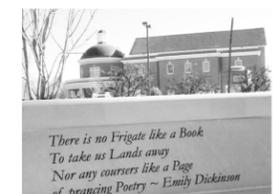
Atop the fountain is "Journeys of the Imagination", a small figure of a boy at the base daydreaming with an open book. In his imagination he is soaring away on a paper airplane. At the base of the fountain, set directly on the gravel, are a boy and a girl engaged with books, a piece called "Story Time II". These three statues are by Gary Lee Price whose production studio is in Utah. Several other Kentucky libraries also have Price statues.

The other three statues in the park area come from the Randolph Rose collection, a family operation with studio in Yonkers, NY. Other libraries also have pieces from this collection. The Rose Collection works include "Maxey and Me", a boy reading on a park bench with his dog in his lap; "Fly Away" in the park corner at Broadway and Fourth, a girl releasing a bird from her hand; and "Nursery Rhymes", a little girl looking at an open book, mounted on a boulder in the central island. This boulder is colored with a big swath of amethyst that runs through the limestone.

The basic landscaping plan for the new park was developed and given by Brenda Webster, who also provided the landscaping plan for the 2008-2010 project. "We very much wanted to integrate the park with the residential neighborhood as much as possible," said Benson. "I think the abundant use of a wide variety of trees and shrubs has accomplished that goal."



Overview of new park from Library 2nd floor.



Literary quotes decorate park benches.



"Fly Away" at the corner of Broadway & N. Fourth.



Children wait to sit in the fire engine.