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Letter From the President:

Dear Friends,

As always, let me begin by thanking you for your support. I take great pride in representing an organization like FOTL. Just the other day I was reading the mission statement for FOTL. It states that our purpose is to "...enhance the services and programs that our library provides..." Enhance: to make greater; make better or more attractive; or to increase. It is a big job, but the Board of Directors for FOTL works tirelessly to see to it that we meet our goals. All of us feel as if a legacy is left behind by investing in the library and FOTL. Books are our past, our present and our future and you can find them at your local library!

Happy Reading!

Shannon Gehl Lannom

I've traveled the world twice over,
Met the famous; saints and sinners,
Poets and artists, kings and queens,
Old stars and hopeful beginners,
I've been where no-one's been before,
Learned secrets from writers and cooks
All with one library ticket
To the wonderful world of books.
~ Anonymous



Preview Party Planned

This year the Patron's Preview Party for the Garden Tour will be hosted by Ann and Tom Martin at their 963 Lakeshore Drive home on Friday, May 9. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served from 6:00 to 8:00. Last year everyone had a wonderful time visiting in spite of the torrential rain that kept them inside and out of the garden. If you plan to attend the Patron's party, please contact Reba Armstrong at 452-7073. Cost is \$30 per person.

Friends of the Library Website

The new website is up and running.
Please visit www.friendsofthegallatinlibrary.com.

Parents Corner
By Christine Collins

Your child will be a better reader if they can identify the basic facts and main ideas in a piece of literature. The following is an example of how you may have fun and help your child to be a good reader.

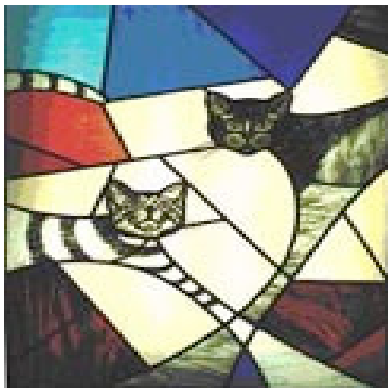
Kindergarten - Read together, Jump, Frog, Jump by Robert Kalan. When each creature comes to the pond and hints at the next hazard for Frog, stop reading and ask your child to make a prediction about what will happen next. After reading the story ask your child to retell the story's beginning, middle, and end.

Poetry helps children to learn the rhythm and sound of our language. Read the good old Mother Goose nursery rhymes and poems by David McCord and John Ciardi. Read excerpts from T.S. Eliot's "Jellicle Cats"

"Jellicle Cats are black and white,
Jellicle Cats are very small;
Jellicle Cats are merry and bright,
And pleasant to hear when they caterwaul.
Jellicle Cats have cheerful faces,
Jellicle Cats have bright black eyes;
They like to practice their airs and graces
And wait for the Jellicle Moon to rise."

Your child will learn language explicitly when they are in school. You can provide your child with implicit language experiences everyday.

Happy Reading!



PET CONTEST

Animal lovers recently enjoyed the library's first ever pet contest. Contestants were asked to bring in pictures of their pets and enter them in various categories. The winner's were as follows:

Best Buddies'	Simon Loy and Sweet Polly
Most Beautiful Cat	Mollee (Owner: Brande Butler)
Best of the Rest	Crystal (Owner: Evyn and Ariana Cook)
Best Dressed	Cheyenne (Owner: McAley Lannom)
Ugliest Pet	Mary (Owner: Becky Duncan)
Most Unusual Pet	Chicken Little (Owner: Evyn and Ariana Cook)
Handsomest Dog	Payton (Owner: Ray Rector)

Congratulations to all of the winners!

Friends of the Library Annual Garden Tour

Spring is here, and plans are underway for the Friends of the Library annual garden tour. This year's tour is a "land and lake tour" with 5 new gardens and a boat ride! The garden of James and Asenath Buttram at 708 Davis Drive is a labor of love, featuring knockout roses, a koi pond, and English-style borders. Martha Smith, a master gardener and local gardener of the year, showcases her expertise and experience at her lovely landscaped lawn and garden at 907 Morris Drive. Peggy and Frank Flynn have created a delightful year round garden retreat at their home, Bloomfield Farm at 1485 Liberty Lane. Big is not necessarily better as illustrated by the miniature garden of Dr. Phillip Smith at his dental office at 617 Hartsville Pike. The home garden of Paulette and Larry Morgan at 513 Ryan Dr. is a beautiful example of Larry's skill as a professional grower of plants and shrubs. As if all these gardens aren't enough to set the most avid garden lover's heart beating fast, this year's tour features a boat ride through Wemyss Cove to view the colorful landscapes of several homes in Fairvue Plantation. Boats will leave continuously from Gallatin Marina on Lock Four Road from 10 am until 3 pm on Saturday, May 10. Tickets and information are available at the Gallatin Library on Hartsville Pike (452-1722)

Summer Reading Program

The Summer Reading Program has been planned well in advance. On Friday, June 6th, we will feature Mr. Jack Norton. He recently moved to Cookeville (from Missouri) and he was highly recommended. He plays several musical instruments, uses puppets, etc.

The final Summer Reading Program performance will be held on Friday, July 25. This show will feature Doug Spangler and Kids Dance. Mr. Spangler will also have two programs, one at 10:30 and the final show at 12:00. Hopefully, this will be the last year that we will be cramped for space.

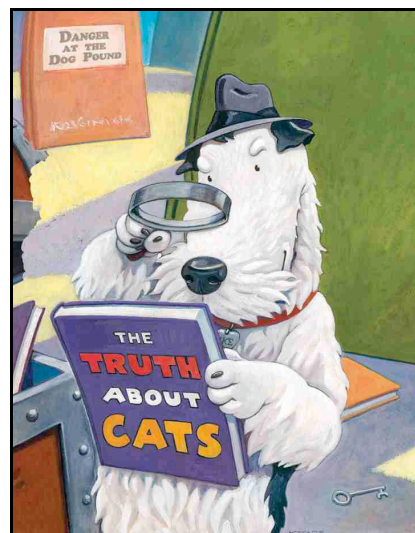
Every Friday in between, I will have craft projects for the children that are centered around the space theme, Starship Adventure. We will make robots, space helmets, alien masks, and flying saucers. The summer promises to be lots of fun.

Balloon "planets", stars of various sizes and colors, posters, crafts supplies, and bookmarks have been ordered and received. All we need now are enthusiastic children ready to read, read, read!!!

This year, I feel much more prepared and can't wait for the busy summer months. Bring it on!!!

Thank you so much to the Friends of the Library for your continued support. Nothing is more important than to have a positive impact on the life of a child.

Sincerely,
Anita Link
Children's Librarian



Notes from the Children's Librarian

I hope you are enjoying this beautiful spring! I love to see the trees in bloom and watch all of the flowers begin to bloom in the yard.

The children and young adults continue to be very busy in the library with The Summer Reading Program just around the corner.

The new baby class, Circle Time, continues to grow and do well. The babies are wonderful to watch as they smile, jump, and begin to do the motions to the little songs.

On April 9th I held the graduation ceremony for The ABC Club. They were so cute with their little diplomas and mortar boards with gold tassels. Many of the children had new dresses or a new shirt and vest as parents and grandparents took pictures or filmed the event. It is so easy to get attached to the children who come to class every week. I'm really going to miss them but I know they will do well in kindergarten and I encouraged them to come back to see me in the library as often as possible.

Many books for all ages continue to be added as we delete old, worn out books that we do not wish to take to "the new library"!

New Children' Books

The Birthday Tree
Guess What Is Growing Inside This Egg
Hey, Mr. Choo-Choo, Where Are You Going?
The Incredible Book Eating Boy
Knuffle Bunny Too: A Case of Mistaken Identity
Little Bitty Mousie
Albert the Fix-It Man
The Apple-Pip Princess
Balloons, Balloons, Balloons
Bat's Big Game
Bear Feels Sick
Boris and the Snoozebox
By the Light of the Moon
Gimme Cracked Corn and I Will Share
I'm Big Enough
Mouse Noses on Toast
Say Daddy!
There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Shell!



In April, Mr. Bryce Embry and Mr. Michael Pickering read to the children during Story Time. National Library Week was observed from April 15th-April 19th with events and activities scheduled every day for the patrons.

Events included: Guess the Number of Books in the Library, a children's pajama story time, a Quiz Sheet to test your knowledge of the library and it's staff, bring a canned good to receive a \$1.00 credit toward fines and late fees, popcorn and a movie for the teenagers, meet the author, Eddy Bolton, during Story Time, and Open House.

Snow Bird will visit us on May 16th and he always does a great job encouraging the children to read. I have contacted VSCC to see if they have anyone in the education program who would be interested in volunteering on Fridays. I continue to send out information to radio stations, newspapers, and child care centers.

This year The Summer Reading Program will begin June 6th and end July 25th. Reading Logs will be available in the foyer beginning Tuesday, May 27th. Encourage all young people to be a part of this wonderful summer activity.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to work with the children of Gallatin and Sumner County.

Sincerely,
Anita Link
Children' Librarian

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TO:

The Downtown Library – Just Around the Corner

By Jennifer Flanagan

The Downtown Library Committee continues with diligent effort toward the November 16th Dedication date. The building is currently enclosed with exterior walls, drywall is going up on the interior and the geothermal system installation is slated to start by June.

“We are excited to report that we have reached 95% of our fundraising goal, with \$2 million raised from the generosity of the private sector,” said Reggie Mudd, Chairman of the Downtown Library Committee. “The city of Gallatin and Sumner County matched these funds dollar for dollar for a total of \$6 million invested. We are confident we will raise the remaining \$100,000.” On November 15th, the evening prior to the dedication, there will be a party held for all donors beginning with the brick level (\$100) and up.

One of the most successful fund raisers has been the Brick Program. For a donation of \$100, you may purchase a brick that will line the walkway in front of the library. You may choose 3 lines of texts. Many purchase the brick in the name of their children or grandchildren. “The outpouring of support has been remarkable for the brick program,” stated Felicia Cox, Chairman of the Brick Program. “The bricks are a visible legacy to the commitment our friends and neighbors have toward family and cultural values.”

To celebrate the progress, a grand pre-opening Family Day event – a Sneak-a-Peak of sorts – will be held on Sunday, August 17th. Chaired by Felicia Cox, the theme of the afternoon will be FUN, FUN, FUN for the family, particularly children of all ages. With music in the background, children will enjoy ice cream and be able to paint any design on the floors they wish. All are encouraged to attend and experience the potential the new library will offer as a destination spot.

Sized at approximately 40,000 square feet, the new building will have 7,000 square feet dedicated to younger children’s services, a technology room with computers for all ages, as well as 2 meeting rooms that combine to hold up to 100 people and a separate board room. Interspersed among the various sections will be reading areas with comfortable chairs where patrons can explore books and periodicals or relax and read the paper.

