

Library Bytes

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From the Director

Happy New Year and new beginnings to each of you.

Williamson County Public Library is offering a new collection. The library has acquired 7,000 non-fiction titles that are available to our patrons online 24/7. The net library collection contains many books on subjects that have been assigned for research papers by local schools or are needed by individuals for travel, informational, and study needs of their own. The format allows the reader/researcher to add and save notes without using paper or index cards. Using a personal account, the user interacts with the material while online; it is always available and does not have to be checked out from the collection.

Join us in February as we explore the Civil Rights movement in Middle Tennessee and in Williamson County. The Opening Event on Feb 3rd includes the library's annual African-American photograph exhibit, music by a capella group, the Old Rock Ensemble, an art exhibit by Richard Leach, and refreshments.

YOUNG ADULT

New Hours: The Main library's Young Adult Department now closed on Mondays, and open all other times the library is open.

TAG - Teen Advisory Group - will hold its first meeting at the end of January. Any teen who likes to read or just has an interest in what the library does should stop by the Young Adult Department and fill out an application.

Knitting Program—The Main Library will have a knitting program - for those who want to learn and those who might want to improve their skills - at the end of January. Bring your own yarn and enthusiasm, WCPL will supply needles, snacks, and instruction.

On Feb. 10th, Dr. Michael Bertrand will talk about the integrating power of music in "Race, Rock, and Elvis."

Dr. Bobby Lovett of TSU will discuss his latest book on "Civil Rights in Middle Tennessee" on Feb. 17th.

On February 24, A panel of local residents will offer their experiences about civil rights and integration in the 60's here in Williamson County. Attendees will have their opportunity to share their own experiences. We look forward to a lively and informative discussion.

Programs begin at 2:00 pm in the Meeting Room of the Main Library. All programs are free and open to the public. Call 595-1250 for more information.

Janice



LIBRARY

CLOSINGS

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day:

Franklin Library will be closed Monday, Jan. 15

Branches will be closed Saturday, Jan. 13



Actual dates for both programs to be announced later. Please call the Young Adult Librarian at 595-1278 for details.

WRITERS NEWS

WCPL Writers Group

On Thursday, Jan. 4, at 6 p.m. Darnell Arnoult, an historic fiction author, will speak to the members of this writers group. Ms. Arnoult's moving debut novel, *Sufficient Grace*, was published in June by Free Press Publishers. This is a Southern



NETLIBRARY:

ONLINE E-BOOKS AVAILABLE TO ALL COUNTY LIBRARY PATRONS

Netlibrary is Williamson County Public Library's new online collection of e-books, or electronic books that is available through <http://www.netlibrary.com>. eBooks are full-text electronic versions of published books that library patrons can search, borrow, read and return over the Internet. eBook titles are available for patrons to checkout at terminals in the library and from their personal computers via the Internet. eBooks are automatically checked back into the library collection when the checkout period ends.



Williamson County Public Library's collection of full-text e-books includes over 7,000 titles covering a wide range of subject matters including

novel which explores themes of faith, family, love, and redemption. It is also about schizophrenia, inspired by the mother of the author. Arnoult also authored *What Travels With Us: Poems*.

"Her writing workshops are quite legendary for their excellence," says Mike Leahy, leader of the WCPL Writers Group. New members are welcome. Please inquire at the Circulation Desk for the location of the meeting.

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AUTHOR TO VISIT THE LIBRARY

Sat. Jan. 13, 2 p.m. Our guest author is **Brenda Rickman Vantrease**, author of *The Illuminator*. She will discuss this book and her writing career, as well as her new book, *The Mercy Seller*, which is being released in February.



Users can obtain dictionary definitions simply by clicking on a word in the eBook, or by entering a word in the dictionary search window. Some word definitions are even accompanied by audio.

"We are excited to offer Netlibrary eBooks as a new resource for encouraging learning for our community," said *Janice Keck*, Director of the Williamson County Public Library. "Since eBooks are accessible anytime of the day or night via the Internet, library patrons who are unable to use normal library hours will be able to access these resources."

Netlibrary's ebooks do not require any software except a web browser such as Internet Explorer. You can view these ebooks on any computer with Internet access. To set up your free account, call the Reference Desk at 595-1243 for instructions or visit the library to get a free guide and have a librarian assist you with accessing the collection.

Rachel, Main Reference

January Events at the Main Library (595-1250)

ADULTS

Thurs. Jan. 4, 6 p.m. The WCPL Writer's Group meets. Darnell Arnoult, an historic fiction author, will speak to the members of this group. New members welcome. Inquire at desk for location in building

Sat., Jan. 13, 10—noon - Special Collections workshop on "Utilizing Census Records and Deciphering the Handwriting." Call 595-1246 for details and to register.

Sat., Jan. 13, 2 p.m. Author Afternoon—Author Brenda Rickman Vantrease speaks about her writings, in the Meeting Room.

Thurs. Jan. 18, 6:30 p.m. Astronomy Club: "How to Set Up and Operate a Telescope"

Thurs. Jan. 25 through Sun. Jan. 28, all day—Middle Tennessee Homeschool Science Fair

Jan. 30 through April 15—Assistance preparing tax returns given by VITA and AARP—call 595-1243 for appointment.

CHILDREN

Tues. Jan. 9, 6 p.m. Spanish-English Story Time with native Chilean Cecilia Melo-Romy

Wed. Jan. 10, 10 a.m.—Annual Teddy Bears' Picnic—bear stories, games and songs—bring your teddy bear

Sat., Jan. 13, 2 p.m. "White Gloves and Party Manners" - registration

limited—sign up in children's dept.

Thurs. Jan. 18, 6:30 p.m. Pajama Story Time with Kathleen Ash—wear your pj's, bring a stuffed pal

Preschool story times are every Wednesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Children's department.

Toddler story times are every Tuesday and Friday at 10 a.m. in the Children's department.



January Events at the Branch Libraries

Bethesda (790-1887)

ADULTS

Thurs. Jan. 4, 6:30 p.m. —Book Group for adults at Bethesda Library. We will discuss *The Widow of the South*, by Robert Hicks. We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Fri. Jan. 19, 10:30 a.m. Introduction to the Internet. Call 790-1887 to reserve a space.

Thurs. Jan. 25, 6 p.m. Local author Denise Hildreth will be here to read from her latest book. Come meet the author and enjoy some refreshments.

CHILDREN

Toddler Times—Tues. at 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Times Wed. at 10:30 a.m.

Wed. Jan. 31, 1:30 p.m. Janet Ivey from the NPT program "Janet's Planet" will present an exciting space program.

Leiper's Fork (794-7019)

CHILDREN

Preschool Story Times Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Toddler Times Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Fairview (799-0235)

ADULTS

Adults will enjoy our new book club, which meets the second Tuesday of each month, at 6 p.m.

CHILDREN

All Story Times are Wednesdays at 10 a.m.



Nolensville (776-5490)

CHILDREN

Story Times are Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Jan. 10 - Happy Birthday, Everyone!**Jan. 17**— Cowboy Day

Jan. 24—Let it Snow

Jan. 31—Warm Toes & a Cold Nose



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Our Mission Statement

The Williamson County Public Library System seeks to meet the recreational, educational, and information needs of the citizens of Williamson County through a county-wide network of libraries located in the Bethesda, College Grove, Fairview, Leiper's Fork, and Nolensville communities. Franklin houses the Main and Local History/Genealogy libraries.

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Book Buzz

March, a novel by Geraldine Brooks—reviewed by Janice

This book was the one assigned for the Christmas meeting of my book club - a strange read, I thought, even with the tie-in to the Christmas return of Father March to his "Little Women" of Louisa May Alcott fame. Although at first the book seemed to be a reach, it soon became apparent that Captain March would be undergoing his own transformation while serving as a Chaplain during the Civil War, mirroring in part the transformation that was taking place at home. March experiences but does not share in his letters home, the hunger, cold, bloodbath of combat, and death. He risks his life by becoming involved with slaves both still in slavery and freed.

As March lies close to death in the hospital, Marmee's view of her marriage is threatened by what she learns.

Brooks' hard written account serves as a sobering counterbalance to Alcott's gently written and joyful novel.

Some Staff Recommendations for your winter readings:

The Point of Fracture, by Frank Turner Hollon (recommended by Leila)

Silent to the Bone, by E.L. Konigsburg, and *You: the Smart Patient—An Insider's Handbook for Getting the Best Treatment*, by Michael F. Roizen MD and Mehmet C. O, MD (both recommended by Karen)

Mockingbird—A Portrait of Harper Lee, by Charles J. Shields (recommended by Peggy)

Water for Elephants, by Sara Gruen, *Wild Fire*, by Nelson Demille, and *Labyrinth*, by Kate Mosse (all recommended by Christy)

The Biograph Girl: a novel of Hollywood Then and Now, by William J. Mann (recommended by Rachel)

The Stolen Child, by Keith Donohue (recommended by Emily)

Myths, Lies and Downright Stupidity, by John Stossels (recommended by Rachel)

The Pleasure of my Company, by Steve Martin (recommended by Laurel)

Home to Big Stone Gap by Adriana Trigiani (recommended by Kathy)

Fragile Things, by Neil Gaiman, and *The Odd Thomas* series by Dean Koontz (recommended by Suzanne)

Manhunt: the twelve day chase for Lincoln's killer, by James L. Swanson, and *The Clouds Above*, by Andrew Greig (both recommended by Lynette)

And some new children's titles recommended by Heather:

The Spider and the Fly, by Mary Botham Howitt

Moon Plane, by Peter McCarty

Pug in a Truck, by Nancy Coffelt

Horns & Wrinkles, by Joseph Helgerson (This is a chapter book.)

Library Hours

Main Library

Monday thru Thursday

9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday & Saturday

9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday

1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Special Collections Dept.

Tuesday—Saturday

9 a.m.—5:30 p.m.

Bethesda Library

Tues. Wed. Fri.

9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sunday & Monday

CLOSED

College Grove Library-

Monday—Friday

8:30 a.m.—3 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday

CLOSED



Fairview Library

Tuesday & Thursday

9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Wednesday & Friday

9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Saturday

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday & Monday

CLOSED

Leiper's Fork Library

Tues. Wed. Fri.

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Thursday

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday & Monday

CLOSED

Nolensville Library

Tues. Wed. Fri.

9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Thursday