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NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2020

Library COVID-19 update:

The Bartlett Public Library is now in Phase 2 of the reopening guidelines.

Please make note of the following:

Hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 10:00-6:00 (closed Saturday and Sunday)

A maximum of 40 people are allowed inside the building at one time.

For a detailed list of current guidelines visit our [website](#).

FRIENDS OF THE BARTLETT PUBLIC LIBRARY
Presents

Claire Fullerton

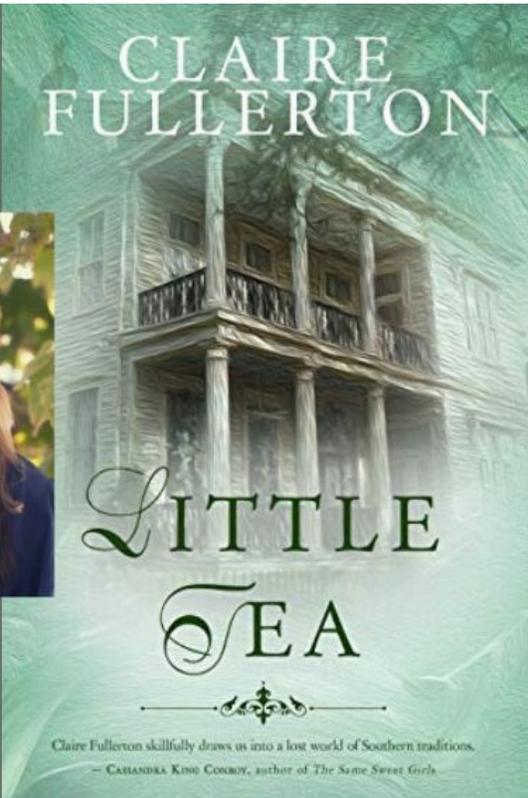
Author
Native Memphian

MONDAY
JUNE 8
6:30 PM

ZOOM
PRESENTATION

Author's new book, *Little Tea*, was released in May 2020.

Virtual event | Open to the public



CLAIRE FULLERTON

LITTLE
TEA

Claire Fullerton skillfully draws us into a lost world of Southern traditions.
— CASSANDRA KING CONROY, author of *The Same Sweet Girls*

While we are saddened that we will not be able to meet face-to-face with our friends, it is exciting to be able to hold our quarterly program on a virtual platform.

On June 8, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., Friends will host a Zoom presentation with author and native Memphian, Claire Fullerton. Claire's fourth and most recent novel, *Little Tea* was released in May and includes settings in Como, Mississippi, and Heber Springs, Arkansas. It is the story of three childhood friends who reunite and examine life, love, healing the past, and the bonds of friendship. For more information about the author and her other works, visit her [website](#).

Please join us and be prepared with questions for the author. There will be a chat feature available to submit your comments or questions.

We can't wait until we can all be together again, but we look forward to seeing you during our Zoom presentation on June 8.

Zoom Meeting information:

Date: June 8

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Link: [Claire Fullerton Presentation](#)

Meeting ID: 952 7863 4529

Please help us to plan for this program by answering the following question.

Will you be participating in the Zoom program? [Yes](#) [Maybe](#) [No](#)



Zoom Tutorial

Zoom is a free service that allows multiple individuals to connect using video/audio for meetings, training, programs, and more.

Sign up for your free Zoom account [HERE](#).

Download the app for your mobile device.

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To access our Zoom event, launch and login to Zoom on your device. Then click on the link listed in the article above and you will be directed to the meeting. Another option is to select "Join" on your Zoom homepage and enter the Meeting ID# listed above.

Participants will remain on "mute" during the presentation, but may use the "chat" feature to submit questions for the author.

For more information on how to get started with Zoom, click [HERE](#).

FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING/REPORT/ & ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

The Friends of the Bartlett Library Annual Public Meeting will be postponed until September or until safety guidelines permit.

The Annual Report (normally included in the June Newsletter) will be published in a future newsletter to coincide with the Annual Meeting.

Voting for nominated Friends of the Bartlett Library Officers and Board Members will also be postponed until the Annual Meeting.

We have 3 Board Members whose term is expiring.

Tammy Phillips and Barbara Spalding have agreed to return for a second term. Barbara will assume the position of Secretary currently occupied by Pat Sexton. Barbara has been temporarily appointed to that position pending the official membership vote.

The Board would like to thank outgoing member, Pat Sexton, for her years of service since 2014. She has tirelessly served as At Large Director, Secretary, and Program and Events Chair. The Board will miss her dedication and enthusiasm.

All other elected Board Members will continue their terms.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Since Friends activities within the library are currently prohibited, no renewal notices are being sent out. If anyone would like to renew their membership or join Friends, membership forms are available in the Library or by clicking [HERE](#). Forms may be turned in at the library or mailed. Acknowledgement letters will be sent when normal activities resume.

BOOK SALES



UPDATE: With great regret, Friends has cancelled the **Annual Book Sale** that had been rescheduled for September. The next annual book sale is planned for **April 14-17, 2021**.

Friends book sales in the library remain limited while our community progresses through the various phases of reopening due to COVID-19. Books already on the daily sale shelves and feature sale tables are available for purchase although no new selections are being added.

We are so grateful for all the book donations our generous community normally provides. However, we cannot accept any new donations at this time. Please do not place donations in the book drop. These are intended only for return of library materials.

Updates to book sales and donation acceptance policies are being announced on our [Facebook](#) page and on [Instagram](#).



What are YOU Reading?

Judy's Picks

by Judy Teague

My TBR list is long. Sometimes these books sneak up on me or show up in my holds list. Maybe it is a whim that I check out a new author. Maybe I have waited months to get a treasure. I think I am choosing the books, but now I am not sure if the books are choosing me.

The best seller book, *The Giver of Stars* by JoJo Moyes, follows 5 depression era women who deliver books on horseback to remote mountain families in Kentucky. It was a library ebook I put on hold before we were "safe at home." It came in as we settled into a new routine. The story inspired me to make my own journey to deliver books and library news in my community. We have all become porch librarians, book experts in families and neighborhoods, and a spokesperson for library resources. As we zoom in Book Clubs and family time, sharing hobbies (old and new), everyone seeks to ease the strain of so much time in isolation. Bonding through books is even more important now.

Next I read *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah for book club, chosen more than 6 months ago. The story follows a family as they move to homestead in Alaska with months of long, dark night in 1974. In this wilderness they face their problems in a fight for survival. While I thought it would be an escape read, I found strength in the characters and community spirit that wove throughout their trying times. The theme reinforced that challenges do not always make us who we are, but bring out the best in who we are. My first zoom meeting was to discuss this book. As each familiar face popped on the screen, I breathed a new sense of normal life. We were all there together in our Great Alone.

Another story that spoke to me was *The Book Charmer* by Karen Hawkins and the first in the Dove Pond series. I listened to the audio book as I walked the neighborhood and worked in the yard. It was a light in a dark time. In this story, the librarian in her quaint Southern town of Dove Pond has a gift that helps place every book in the hands of the perfect reader, whether they realize they need it or not. That was my "ah ha!" moment. Each book I read, listen to, discuss, has moved me forward in these pandemic days.

How are books inspiring you? Is there a message in every book for every reader at every time in your life? If I read the same book last year, would I still come away with the same life lessons? Am I a better person through the words I read now? I don't have an answer, but I do know that my books are an oasis in this strange time and a lifeline to those I love. Let your books choose you, too.

Read On!



The library is not conducting in-person programming at this time. All upcoming program opportunities are being offered online. Visit the library [events](#) page for a full list of online programs for adults, teens and children.

Staff Spotlight

Susan Quisenberry

I was reassigned to the Shelby County Health Dept. at the beginning of April. I was very nervous about this reassignment. I would be calling people who had tested positive for the coronavirus. I've never considered myself as one who conversed over the phone with any real eloquence, and the subject matter did not put me at ease.

My training was brief. We were handed a form with multiple questions about symptoms, travels and contacts. This form was 9 pages long. We were told that some phone calls would last up to an hour. This did nothing to relieve my already nervous state, but our manager, Lloyd Kimble, was calm, cool and collected. He told us our first day would be bad, but we would live through it, and the next day would be much easier. This was true. My first calls had me flipping from page to page of the form. My desk was a mess. My voice was shaky. I had to recall at least 2 people to cover material that I had accidentally skipped. But....I lived. The second day, I made the calls with much more ease.

One of the things that made me fearful was the way I thought people would react to my call. I expected people to be unwilling to give me the information I needed. I've always been a little pessimistic, but I was pleasantly surprised. People were more than generous with their time. They studied their calendars, and racked their memories to come up with names and phone numbers of their contacts, and they would patiently wait if I hit a snag in my interview. I have tremendous gratitude for those who were so helpful. Lloyd Kimble and others at the Shelby County Health Dept. helped to put me at ease with my reassignment, and the people who spoke with me over the phone have my utmost admiration. Even those who were going through the worst that COVID-19 had to offer took the time to be helpful in our attempts to stop the spread of this horrible virus. We are "all in this together".



READ FOR YOUR SCHOOL **Beginning May 30th!**

The Bartlett Library is excited to be able to continue the tradition of the Read For Your School Contest. While the contest will look differently this year (no jars full of beads), students will still be able to log their reading to support their school. Reading may be tracked online or on a paper log that can be picked up inside the Bartlett branch.

To register online, click [HERE](#).

Friends of the Bartlett Library proudly sponsors this

event which provides support to school libraries and encourages children to read.

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EXPLORE Memphis

IMAGINE YOUR STORY

BOOK OF ADVENTURES
READ, LEARN, AND EXPLORE!

MAY 30 - AUG. 1

The Memphis Public Libraries summer reading program for children, teens and adults begins on Sat. May 30 and ends on Sat. August 1.

NEW THIS YEAR:

- READERS CAN REGISTER AND TRACK READING ONLINE!
- VIRTUAL PROGRAMS!

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This event may be recorded or photographed for use by Memphis Public Libraries or the City of Memphis for media, social media, broadcast, and/or print purposes.

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