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NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2019

FRIENDS OF THE
BARTLETT PUBLIC LIBRARY
Presents

Susan Cushman
Local author

MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 9
6:30 PM

REFRESHMENTS AT 6:00

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
INVITE A FRIEND!

A portrait of Susan Cushman, a woman with blonde hair and bangs, wearing black-rimmed glasses, a necklace, and earrings. She is smiling and looking towards the camera.

We are excited to host Susan Cushman at our quarterly meeting, on September 9th.

Susan is a local author whose new book, *Friends of the Library* (short stories), was released in August 2019. She has several other published works, including *Tangles and Plaques: A Mother and Daughter Facing Alzheimer's* (a memoir), and *Cherry Bomb* (a novel). In addition, she has over a dozen essays published in four anthologies and various journals and magazines. Much of Susan's writing is infused

with elements of her own life, spirituality and Southern roots. Meet the author and pick up her new book if you haven't already. Copies will be available for purchase.

More about the author can be found on her website [here](#).

"Friend"-ly social time begins at 6:00 p.m. and the program at 6:30 p.m. Please invite a friend or family member to attend with you. Friends' programs are always open to the public.

WELCOME, NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

June - August 2019

New members are highly prized by Friends. We hope to meet and personally welcome each one at a quarterly program or another event. Renewing members are gratefully appreciated, too. Every member is essential to our continued ability to support the Bartlett Library.

New Members

Joyce Burti
Greg Deaton
Beverly Hedgepeth
Rosemary Jones
Aislinn McEwan
Diane Snell

Renewing Member

Charlotte Bondurant
Harriet Burton
Lynn Chambers
Marilyn Denington
Paul Foree
Carol Huff
Sue Maynard
Larry and Nancy McCage
Shirley Milzarek
Beverly Radford
Mary Ann Shaw
Jim and Alma Smith



Membership forms are available in the Library, by clicking our logo above, or by clicking [here](#).

FRIENDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Each June members of Friends elect a Board of Directors & Officers to manage the business affairs of our group. Our Board for this year is comprised of Linda Wong, Judy Teague, Tammy Phillips, Pat Sexton, Sharon Shappard, Wendy Linz, Lynn Chambers, Amy Venckus, Rosemary Gaynier, Barbara Spalding, and Chip Holliday (pictured left to right). Two of these Directors will be serving their first term.

Please welcome them.

All our Board members are committed to serving Friends and the Library and are looking forward to another exciting year.

We welcome your input and comments at any time.

UPCOMING EVENTS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



September 27-28, 2019

Be sure to visit the Friends booth near the entrance of Freeman Park. We will have a gift for you along with information about the Bartlett Library and our Friends group.

Or, better yet, join in the fun and volunteer to work the booth alongside other Friends. It's a great opportunity to meet people and serve our Bartlett community.

On Saturday - the Bartlett Library will be there with a pop-up library giving everyone a free book of their choosing. Can't wait to see you there!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed to help with sorting and placement of *magazine donations* for the daily sales.

Please contact Rosemary Gaynier at rjgaynier@aol.com if you are available to help.



NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK

Oct. 20-26, 2019



www.ala.org/united/friendsweek



Help us celebrate our amazing group of Friends volunteers! Stop by the Friends table in the library lobby during Friends Week to find out more about the organization and volunteer opportunities.

All books and magazines in the Friends' sales will be half price during the week as a thank you to our friends and patrons. Keep your Friends membership active to set a positive example of civic commitment that benefits both volunteers and the city of Bartlett.

MONTHLY FEATURE SALES



September - Arts, Entertainment, Architecture, Engineering and Health, Diet, Self-help

October - Sci-Fi, Fantasy, Horror and Regional Interest

November - Cooking, Home Crafts

As always, a wide selection of books & magazines is available on the daily sale shelves.

Donations of gently used books are appreciated. Please bring donations *inside the library* to the check-out desk or ask for assistance in unloading.

SPOTLIGHT ON: VOLUNTEERS

Pat Sexton is a native Memphian who graduated from Memphis State twice! The first was for a history and education degree which she used teaching in Arkansas for two years, and the second was a nursing degree that became her career starting in 1979. She worked at Saint Francis-Memphis for almost 20 years and retired in the insurance field. She has a daughter and two grandchildren in Memphis and a son and two grandchildren in New Orleans. She loves to read, travel with husband Mike, and support Tiger basketball. In addition to serving on the Friends Board of Directors as Secretary and co-Chair of the Program & Event Planning Committee, Pat is also a volunteer at Saint Francis-Bartlett.



SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY



Summer is one of the Bartlett Library's busiest times. Library staff, with financial support from Friends, work hard to provide a fun atmosphere with something for everyone including summer reading incentives, Read For Your School contest, activities and programming for all ages.

The Bartlett Library has always been at the top of the list for summer participation and this year was no exception.

Summer statistics:

Total students who participated in the reading contest: 956

Reading Minutes logged: 389,620

Total Children, Tweens, and Teens programs: 75

Total Children, Tweens, and Teens program attendance: 1,402

Total Adult Programs: 40

Total Adult Programs attendance: 1,070



The **Read For Your School** Contest, sponsored by the Friends, is a summer program specific to the Bartlett Library and benefits Bartlett City Schools.

Children receive beads to place in their school's jar for reading. As a result of their students' reading achievements, Bartlett schools will receive a donation from Friends to enhance their libraries. This program continues to be a huge success, inviting friendly competition among the schools, providing support to school libraries and encouraging children to read. This year, for the first time, homeschool students were also able to take part in the contest. A total of 50 homeschool students registered, read 9,465 minutes and were given an End of Summer party, funded by Friends, to celebrate their achievement!

Below are the final results for each school. Congratulations to all!

Read for Your School

Final Count



Elementary Schools

Oak Elementary	5143
Bon Lin Elementary	3562
Bartlett Elementary	2324
Rivercrest Elementary	1866
Altruria Elementary	1664
Ellendale Elementary	769

Read for Your School

Final Count



Middle Schools & Bartlett Academy

Elmore Park Middle	1661
Appling Middle	931
Bartlett Academy	863
Bon Lin Middle	698

Kudos to the Bartlett Library and staff on the amazing things you accomplished this summer!

The Friends are proud to provide support for these incredible programs and to help our library meet the needs of its patrons and positively impact the Bartlett community.

CHINESE ARTIFACTS ON DISPLAY IN THE LIBRARY



Local businessman Bosco Yu has long been collecting Chinese jade artifacts from his home country. Though he amassed a large collection of artifacts that he stored in his home, he desired that the public have easy access to admire the statues and jewelry that had painstakingly hand carved thousands of years ago. For several

years now Mr. Yu has had an arrangement with the City of Bartlett to display a rotating collection of these artifacts in the lobby and conference room of the Bartlett Performing Arts Center (BPACC). When the BPACC needed more space in its conference room, the Library happily volunteered to take two of the display cases and over the summer Mr. Yu brought a selection of his artifacts to display. There are currently 51 antiques displayed at the Bartlett Library, some as old as 4,500 B.C.E. Many other items are 3-4,000 years old, dating back to 1000-2000 years B.C.E. Items in the collection represent the work of many different cultures from China's history, including Hongshan (3,500-2,500 B.C.E.), Dawenkou (4,500-2,500 B.C.E.), and Liang Zhu (3,000-2000 B.C.E.). **Mr. Yu plans to periodically rotate different items into the display, so be sure to keep an eye on the display cases every time you visit the Library.**



September is **National Library Card Sign-Up Month**, reminding parents and youth that signing up for a library card is the first step towards academic achievement and lifelong learning.

Throughout the school year, public librarians and library staff assist parents and caregivers with saving hundreds of dollars on educational resources and services for students. Friends of the Bartlett Library are proud to help fund some of the educational programs and activities and support our staff in these efforts.

Want to know how much money you can save? Visit ALA's [Library Value Calculator](#) to total your savings.

The value of a library card.....

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

FOR ADULTS

HISET/GED INSTRUCTION
to obtain High School equivalency
Every Monday and Tuesday
10 a.m. - 1 p.m. (ongoing)
registration is through [Hope Works](#)

YARN B

Knitting & Crochet Group
Every other week - 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
September 12 & 26
October 10 & 24
November 7 & 21

BARTLETT CONNECTS

BOOK CLUB

September 7

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

future monthly dates TBD

PLANT-BASED COOKING

Cooking demos and tastings

September 10

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

HEALTHY TIPS FOR FALL

Presenter: Terry Macklin,

Wellness Advocate

September 27

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

BOOK CHAT BOOK CLUB

September 17 & November 19

1:00 p.m.

FOR CHILDREN & TEENS

LAP SIT INFANT STORY TIME
Tuesdays - 10:15 a.m. (ongoing)
ages 6-18 months

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Wednesdays (ongoing)

10:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

ages 2-5

TENNESSEE

STEAM FEST

(official name of program TBD)

October 15 & 17

2:00 p.m.

ages 6-12

KIDS KNIT

Arts and Crafts

Every Thursday

(through October)

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

ages 6-12

PIRATE DAY STORYTIME

September 14

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

ages 0 - 8

BOOKIT4LIFE

Book Club

Off-site: [Memphis Zoo](#)

September 14 - 1:00 p.m.

On-site: Program Room

*the Nov 19th meeting will be
offsight at [Southern Vintage Co](#)*

October 12 - 1:00 p.m.
ages 7-12

VETERAN COMMUNITY
OUTREACH

Mobile Vet Center
October 12
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

HOMESCHOOL BOOK CLUB

September 23
October 28
November 16
December 16
11:00 a.m.
ages 6-12

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Presenter: Methodist Hospital
October 16
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

*Additional dates and programs may
be added so be sure to*

[CLICK HERE](#)

*to keep up-to-date and
to **register** through the on-line event
calendar.*

HEALTHY HABITS FOR STRESS
DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Presenter: Terry Macklin,
Wellness Advocate
October 25
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

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programs when needed.

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