


**Upcoming Events**

FEB 24 at 4:00 PM -  
 **AYANA MATHIS**  
CENTRE/HUMANA  
GUEST LECTURER

MAR 4 at 2:00 pm - **BEAUTIFUL GARDENS, BEAUTIFUL MUSIC** with Dr. Barbara Hall

APR 16 at 4:30 PM - :  
**EDINBURGH ENERGY**, Experiencing the Great Scottish Vote with Gayle Waddell

Spring **'BIOPICS'** Film Series  
opens March 19th at 7:00 pm

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## 'BIOPICS' FEATURED IN SPRING FILM SERIES

Some of Hollywood's best and most beloved films fall into the category of "bio-pics". This film genre is broadly defined as the story of someone's life told with more or less accuracy. Many biopics relate only a brief period in the life of a famous person, but the films chosen for this series, for the most part, present the person's life from childhood on. Also, biopics overlap with other genres. Depending on whose life is being shown, a biopic may also be a musical a war movie, or a drama. A sizeable number of biopics, including all but one of the films in our series, have been nominated or have won Oscars. The biopic is still very much alive. Four of this year's nominees are biopics.

As we view and discuss these films we will be concerned with the historical accuracy of the work and with the choice of the person whose life is being presented. The films will be shown on Thursday nights in the Community Room at the Boyle County Public Library.

Admission is free and so is the popcorn. Each film will be preceded by brief introductory remarks by Charles Vahlkamp and followed by discussion.

**The schedule is as follows:**

**March 19** – This biopic takes us back to the 19th and early 20th centuries and to one of the epic struggles for freedom of expression as seen in the infamous Dreyfuss case.

**April 2** – Often touted as the greatest film of all time, this film is based on the life of one of the nation's great newspaper publishers. Or is it?

**April 16** – A 1942 production.

**April 23** – This World War II story was quite controversial when it first appeared.

**April 30** – This biopic covers the political career of one of the South's most ruthless demagogues.

**May 7** – This biopic tells the story of Kentucky mountain girl who made it big.

**FRIENDS' EMAIL NEWS & UPDATES!**

A separate email address especially for FRIENDS offers improved communication to members.

Current members are asked to send their email address to [friends@boylepublib.org](mailto:friends@boylepublib.org) in order to receive timely updates and library info.

Not yet a member? Complete the Friends of the Library form on page 5 and return it with your check for annual dues. Your email will be added so that you'll receive timely information and updates, too.

**NEW FOL MEMBERSHIP CARDS**

Renewing and new members now receive a Friends of the Library membership card when dues are paid. Extra cards for other family members are available for \$1 each.

The card entitles Friends to a 10% discount on purchases of library notecards, logo mugs and totebags, and Friends tea -- all available near the entrance -- as well as for used books purchases at semi-annual sales. Membership card must be shown at time of checkout. FOL members receive advance notice of Friends and other library programs and events and special preview of semi-annual book sales.

Friends of Kentucky Libraries state organization awarded Friends of the Boyle County Public Library the Outstanding Friends Chapter Award for outstanding service for a public library at its 2015 state conference in January. The local Friends chapter was nominated for "going above and beyond to provide, support and promote Library programs and services" in the Danville and Boyle County community. On hand to receive the award were local Friends' chapter officers Chris Malito (2014 President), J.P. Brantley (2015 President), Gayle Waddell (2013 President) and Jim Moore (Treasurer). Kentucky's Poet Laureate, Frank X Walker, was the keynote speaker at the conference luncheon.

In her letter nominating FOTL Mary Flachbart, former Adult Programming Coordinator, noted that Friends have successfully aided the Library in fulfilling its mission by enabling the library and its staff to engage the community in learning opportunities by hosting workshops and programs, connecting people to information through resources and technology, and contributing to local culture. Furthermore, FOTL aim to assist the Library in achieving its long-range plan in the areas of expanding outreach services and community partnerships.



J.P. Brantley, Chris Malito, Gayle Waddell and Jim Moore, Friends officers, attended Friends of Kentucky Libraries state conference and received the award.

Since last October FOTL have sponsored over 40 programs that have brought in over 2,000 patrons, and countless others who are affected through outreach. The FOTL have financially supported the Library with more than \$17,000 raised through sales and memberships during 2014. Popular in-house FOTL programs include the semi-yearly film series planned and led by Charles Vahlkamp, presentations from locals who have traveled to foreign countries, and Appalachian, Southern and other author visits. These FOTL programs reach Library patrons in unexpected ways and often attract and engage new Library users.

The FOTL Chapter seeks to partner with local businesses/organizations when possible. They hosted the Danville High School National Champions Forensics Team to perform their speeches for the community, partnered with Centre College under the Created Equal Grant to theme the Fall Film Series on Civil Rights, and annually collaborates with the Humana/Centre College Library Speaker Series. This year FOTL collabor-

ated with Elmwood Inn Fine Teas to produce and offer for sale a special tea blend dedicated to the Library. Friends' community involvement is taken to a new level this year by providing board books and materials to be turned into gifts bags for all newborn babies at the Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center. Most recently, FOTL purchased a book cart to provide children's books in the waiting room of the Boyle County's Family Court System. Through their networking and business partnerships, FOTL programs and services reach various demographics of the community, and promote literacy and being an engaged citizen. In addition to sponsoring programs and outreach

efforts, FOTL sell tea, book bags, note cards with Library custom artwork, mugs and also implement and conduct two book sales each year. The proceeds go directly to purchasing items on the Library's Wish List. Within the last year the money earned from these sales have

purchased: a complete Audio System for the Community Room including speakers, sound mixing board, microphone, projector and screen, a microwave for the Children's Library, a Smart InterActive Board for teaching educational programs, and a digital photo scanner to digitize and preserve pictures and documents during the past year. These technology items have enhanced Library programs and increased the services that the library has been able to offer to the community, such as computer classes. The Audio System is of significant importance to our community because Danville is home to the Kentucky School for the Deaf and has a large population of residents with hearing and vision impairments. With the Smart Board Library staff can now ensure that all participants can easily hear, see, and be actively involved in the workshops offered. With the digital scanner Library staff have made a new partnership with the local newspaper to preserve local history and develop the Library's genealogical database. FOTL contributions allow the Library to update its technology in efforts to "keep up" with new innovations. In doing this the Library has naturally become a hub for information and a staple in the community.

Moreover, FOTL enjoy supporting existing Library

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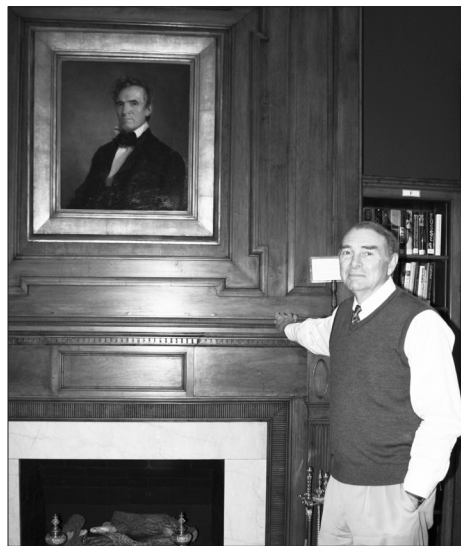
# MORE THAN JUST A LEGAL CONNECTION

By Betsy Wilt

After serving as the library's pro bono attorney for nearly three decades, Merle Clark has ended his "legal" connection to the library. He began retiring from his law practice in early 2013 and has phased out his legal services for the library.

Merle's interest in libraries began before he offered to be the library's attorney: his wife, Emily Clark, and his mother-in-law, Mildred Dawn, were both librarians. Emily served as this area's regional librarian from 1966-1979, was a member of the Danville Library Board, and played a major role in planning the 1989 addition. Because of her involvement in the formation of the Boyle County Library taxing district in 1971, Merle became familiar with the Kentucky law allowing library districts to collect tax money. Boyle County, unlike many Kentucky counties, had a private library which was strong enough to merit blending with a public library to be created by the taxing district. The blend was a challenge made possible by a contract between the private and public boards of the library.

With the Dr. Louis Beto property acquired in the mid-1980s, Merle helped create a Property Corporation, an entity necessary because the taxing district could not legally borrow or spend more money



Merle Clark is retiring from service.

in a particular year than the anticipated income; thus, the Property Corporation served as a holding company. It was dissolved in 1995, after which additional acquisitions were financed differently.

In addition to the legal work involved with buying property, Merle prepared the defense for an appeal when the library was threatened with losing a state construction grant for the latest renovation and addition to the building.

When asked about his willingness to do the legal work without receiving a fee, Merle replied that he observed so many Board members, Friends, and patrons working for the success of the library that he took pleasure in making a contribution to the effort. He noted that many good people helped to build our present library on the strong foundation of the Young-Rodes Library.

While the library Director and Board members have called Merle numerous times for miscellaneous legal opinions since the 1980s, he thinks that perhaps his best advice came in a 1988 letter where he advised that "both Boards be involved in the selections of the brick to be used on the new addition." The letter continues by saying that a consensus on the question of appropriate brick, mortar, and how the brick is laid will avoid having one person assume the primary responsibility. Merle asks, "What does a lawyer know about brick and architecture? Not much, but we didn't want anybody to complain about 'joining' two buildings, unless there was a joint consensus. So, two good Boards then, and later, made it all work." Much gratitude to Merle for this advice as well as all the legal opinions.

## BRANTLEY ANNOUNCES 2015 SPRING PROGRAMS

Mark your calendar for the Friends of the Library 2015 Spring Programs! President J.P. Brantley announced these have been planned for Spring 2015:

**February 24 - 4:00 PM READINGS BY AYANA MATHIS**, Author of *The Twelve Tribes of Hattie*. Mathis' novel won The New York Times Notable Book of the Year. She had published stories and articles previously in *The New Yorker*, *Esquire*, *Glamour* and *The Atlantic*.



**March 4 - 2:00 PM BEAUTIFUL GARDENS, BEAUTIFUL MUSIC with Dr. Barbara Hall** Joint meeting with the Garden Club of Danville will be held at Boyle Co. Extension Services, 99 Corporate Drive.

**April 16 - 4:30 PM EDINBURGH ENERGY: EXPERIENCING THE GREAT SCOTTISH VOTE with a wee bit of Scottish music from Philip Jones and friends with Gayle Waddell.** Dramatic events happen often in Edinburgh, Scotland.



This Capitol City is home to the world famous Edinburgh Festival of Arts and Culture. As the world's first UNESCO designated City of Literature, Edinburgh is the birthplace of dramatic stories from *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* to *Harry Potter*, but the Great Scottish YES/NO Vote on Independence from the United Kingdom was a drama 300 years in the making. Experience the Debate, Vote and Reconciliation week through the camera lens and stories of Gayle Waddell (2013 Friends of the Library President).



**MAY 14 - 4:30 PM DANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL FORENSICS TEAM: NATIONALS SPOTLIGHT** Students who competed at National Forensics Competition will present pieces they performed during the 2015 forensics' regional, state and national competitions.

**JUNE 4 - 8:00-10:00 PM SWING DANCE IN THE PARK** features the band *The Brasstown Five Plus Two*, Dick Domek, director - swing dancing with the band preceded by brief dance lessons/practice, refreshments provided. Presented in partnership with Great American Brass Band Festival and Community Arts Center.

## BECOME A FRIEND of the Boyle County Public Library!



To join, or to continue your current membership, please fill out this form, make checks payable to Friends of the Library, and turn in at the library front circulation desk, or mail to:

Friends of the Library, c/o Boyle County Public Library, 307 West Broadway, Danville, KY 40422

**I want to be a Friend of the Library at the level indicated below. All dues are for one year from date of dues payment.**

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Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

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## ELLIS FEATURED AT ANNUAL TEA, ANNUAL MEETING: NEW OFFICERS, BYLAWS REVISED, PRESENTATION OF 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

Normandi Ellis, featured presenter for the 2015 Annual Tea entertained with her "My Mother Was

A Character: Aren't Most Mothers?". presentation. Ellis is a Kentucky Humanities Council artist.

Humana Lecture Series to host author Ron Rash at the library, matching grant for Library Director de Araujo's travel costs to Carrickfergus - Ireland, Family Court System Children's Book Cart, newborn gift packs in partnership with Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center, books and prizes for Fueling the Mind Summer Outreach Program serving 1,600 children, Saxton's Cornet Band Children's Program and Concert in conjunction with Great American Brass Band Festival, a collection of books by Boyle County authors donated to the Kentucky Governor's Mansion Library.

### FRIENDS SEMI-ANNUAL BOOK SALE RAISES \$1,016

With help from numerous volunteers, the December 4-6 book sale raised \$1,016 in additional funds to be used for the library to meet specific needs beyond the library's regular budget. Shoppers at this sale included regular book sale customers, one or two used book store owners, and first time customers.

Volunteers make the semi-annual book sales possible, providing labor for set-up, unpacking books and arranging displays. Volunteers serve at the cash register, assist customers, and tidy and rearrange displays during the sale. At the conclusion of the event, volunteers pack all remaining books, CD's, DVD's and other material, and move all of it back into storage.

The next book sale will be held in May. Contact Jim Moore if you would like to become a book sale volunteer.

Outgoing President Chris Malito gave the welcome and later opened the meeting. Nominating Committee members Neil Eklund, Chris Malito, and Gayle Waddell opened the floor for nominations and later put forth the slate of officers. J.P. Brantley was elected President. Margaret Gardiner, who previously served two terms as Friends Secretary, is the new President-Elect. Gardiner along with the program committee is primarily responsible for planning programs for the upcoming year. J.P. Brantley presented the Annual Report to members which recapped Friends activities during the past year. Amendment to bylaws was presented and acted on during the annual meeting.

Jim Moore, re-elected to Treasurer, presented the annual Treasurer's report. Membership dues, other gifts, and sale of library logo products, custom designed notecards created with photographs of sculptures in the library's car park and *Time Zippy* glass sculpture, and Friends Cup of Serenity Tea blended by Elmwood Inn Fine Teas raised \$14,794 for Friends.

In 2014 Friends invested \$16,604 in library equipment and library programs. This included three film series, partnering with Centre College/

#### Friends of the Library Officers

President	J.P. Brantley
President-Elect	Margaret Gardiner
Secretary	Alexis Angolia
Treasurer	Jim Moore

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.

# Beyond Our Dreams . . .

By Betsy Wilt

Planning for the expanded Boyle County Public library, which celebrated its fifth anniversary in January 2015, had its beginnings in 1998 with the purchase of two properties adjacent to the 1938 building at the corner of Third and Broadway Sts. One of those properties was converted into the parking area on Third Street. The other property became known as the Mahan House, which was rented for several years and then incorporated into the 2010 addition. In 2003 architects presented those of us involved in the planning seven preliminary drawings to consider. No one was excited about any of the drawings. Perhaps we were dreaming of the present facility, but just did not then realize our dreams. Time passed.

When the First Baptist Church campus was offered For Sale, the planning committee gradually became convinced that whatever goals it had for an enlarged facility involved using that land. Nothing was easy, however, and we did not buy the property for nearly two more years. In 2005, the architectural firm of Pearson & Peters presented drawing which were received enthusiastically. We evidently still did not



To celebrate the fifth anniversary of the new building and expanded Library, jazz group FIVE performed on January 11th.

As we approached the celebration of five years of the new Boyle County Public Library, we could look at it proudly and acknowledge that our facility and its operation have far exceeded any hopes we had during the eleven years of planning. Going from 275 patrons per day in 2009 to 468 per day in 2014 was not in our vision. Increasing our staff from 21 in 2009 to 29 in 2014 was not a part of our long-range expectations.

We had no idea that we would routinely hold 30-40 programs per

but did we know how great that usage would be? No. Did we know that we would have additional, and effective, staff to focus on publicity, programming, teaching computer skills, preserving our history, and exploring the latest technology? No. We tried to predict our needs, but we would have felt too optimistic to dream that we would find such an outstanding staff to serve all these areas.

Our dreams did not envision the expansion of community partnerships or a grant to provide a mobile lab to use in remote locations throughout the county. We did not foresee exactly how we would use the Mahan House, but hoped for some occasional art exhibits in some rooms. If our dreams showed us the abundant art activity in this space, we failed to see them. The upstairs rooms have been far more useful as office space than we envisioned. It was beyond our dreams that we would more than double the parking area available in 2010 and then often see most of the Karl Benson Library Park filled with cars.

Yes, the reception and use of the library have been beyond the dreams of those who worked to plan it. Not only has the local Community admired and enthusiastically used the facility, numerous visitors from outside the area have reacted with amazement at such a stunning, vibrant library in a small Kentucky town. What a blessing that the building, the staff, and the patron usage have been so beyond our dreams.



Audience enjoying concert by FIVE jazz band.

acknowledge our dreams because what we planned nearly doubled in area from the beginning to the completion. Some might have said we had crazy dreams, as the money we thought we would need more than tripled during the planning process. Fortunately, the generosity of patrons, corporations, foundations, and various facets of local, state, and federal government enabled us to finance the project without going beyond the limits of debt we could incur.

month in our community room. We would have felt unrealistic to hold these dreams. Even though this library has historically been alive with children's activities, those activities have seen enormous increases. We did not foresee that by 2014, over 18,000 people of all ages each year would attend book clubs, story times, musical events, film series, training sessions, and programs of all kinds.

Our vision did include increased computer availability for patrons,

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### FRIENDS HOST MEET AND GREET FOR CURRENT ELECTED OFFICIALS

Friends' hosted an event for patrons and citizens to meet newly elected and continuing elected officials held on December 5th from 3-5 PM. Patrons seemed to enjoy the treats and were happy to hear about the Friends. Boyle County Judge Executive Harold McKinney and Rick Serres, new Danville City Commissioner, eagerly engaged with Friends hosting the event and expressed their appreciation of Library services.



ABOVE - 2015 Friends' officers elected at Annual Meeting: Jim Moore, Treasurer; Alexis Angolia, Secretary; Margaret Gardiner, President-Elect and J.P. Brantley, President. Moore and Angolia were re-elected to their respective positions.



LEFT - Normandi Ellis receives thank-you gift from Chris Malito at Friends' Annual Tea. Ellis was the featured program at this year's Tea in January. Her presentation was made possible through the Kentucky Humanities Council. Malito served as President of Friends during 2014.

## FRIENDS AWARDED

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programs. In June, in conjunction with the Great American Brass Band Festival, the FOTL sponsored Saxton's Cornet Band to lead a children's educational program on Civil War Era music and instruments and then perform a full concert in the Library park. FOTL also sponsored Spring Break Stay-Cation, an assortment of Library programs held during the public schools' Spring Break to provide educational, positive and fun entertainment for children and families. This summer FOTL provided a book for every child enrolled in the Summer Outreach Program as part of the Fueling the Mind Grant. FOTL covered the cost of the Smithsonian Libraries Traveling Exhibit entitled "Picturing Words: The Power of Book Illustration". FOTL members always offer door prizes, refreshments for their programs and Library events, or volunteer. Their dedication to serve and strive for excellence in their work creates a positive team environment with Library staff.

"The Boyle County Public Library staff are extremely grateful for the love, care, and support of our FOTL Chapter. The success of many of the Library programs rests upon, in some way or another, the efforts of the FOTL. Whether it is having a microphone to project sound, a newsletter for PR, a computer presentation, or reading a book, the FOTL have impacted almost everything that we do as a Library to serve the Danville-Boyle County community. "We look forward to working with our FOTL and we trust that they will always be there to inspire us to actively carry out and meet our mission and goals," wrote Flachbart to explain why our FOTL deserves this award.