



Newly renamed park honors long time library director Karl Benson who retired May 31st.

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### NEW FRIENDS OFFICERS ELECTED

New officers who were elected at Friends' annual meeting in January are pictured above. From left, Gayle Waddell-President, Jim Moore-Treasurer, Chris Malito-Vice President, and Alexis Angolia-Secretary.

### Library Staff and 32 Volunteers Make May Book Sale a Success

Jim Moore reported sales of 950 items that brought in a total of \$1,202 at the Friends' May 2013 Book Sale. Friends are grateful to the numerous volunteers who made this book sale possible. Special thanks to those who helped in multiple ways throughout the four day sale.

#### Friends say THANK YOU to:

**Set up** volunteers Sandy Reigelman, Chris Malito, Linda Moschell, Ken Copp, Jean Steinhauer, Greg & Cam Williams, Anneliese Virro, Rae Crowley, and John & Susan Ferguson worked Thursday preparing for the sale. **Sales** volunteers Jerry Lunney, Gigi Biles, Annabel Girard, Sandy

Reigelman, Kathy Moore, Nyla Wright, Joanie Lukins, Karen Thornton, Alexis Angolia, Max & Aloma Hoover, Jackie Kohler, Martha Foster, Susan Shear, Liz & Bob Orndorff, Ruth Shear, Chris Malito, Susan Neale, Rosemary Hamblin and Rae Crowley helped on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

**Clean Up**, which seems like more work than set up, was finished in record time by volunteers Rosemary Hamblin, Susan Neale, Rae Crowley, Chris Malito, Alexis Angolia, and Charles & Sarah Vahlkamp.

A **BIG THANK YOU** goes to all the **Library Staff**, with special thanks to Allen Arth, Isai Rivera, Kathy Phillips and Jamie Helle.

### SUM Summer Fun Family Program - Continued from Page 1

would benefit the most from the program.

Participants in the five week SUM program can be guided to the games that match each child's ability. Parents will also learn games that will be the next steps, or easier versions that may be more suited to younger siblings. The program's goal is to reduce regression of math skills over the summer. Each week families will learn different math games appropriate for each child's math skills and each grade level. All materials used in the games are provided to each family so they can continue to play the math games at home. Participating families are required to register in advance for each week so that enough meals and

game materials are available.

Farmer and Fuqua were awarded a \$1,600 grant from Friends of the Library that pays the cost of all game materials, bus transportation to the library from Junction City Elementary and Hogsett Elementary each week of the summer program, and paper products for meals. Approximately \$9,000 in in-kind services and supplies are being donated by participating teachers for their time to plan and conduct the sessions, local churches for meals that will be provided prior to each session, local school districts, and the library for SUM Summer Fun.

## Photographic Mural Highlights Boyle County History

Speaking to a group of interested observers, Mary Girard and Karl Benson unveiled the library's Boyle County History Mural in May. The mural began as just an idea before the library's recent expansion, and a section of wall was reserved for it. Benson credited Girard for bringing it to reality. Girard worked with Benson, Carolyn Crabtree, Clay Jackson and Marty Rogan to carefully select about 120 images from the library's collection of over 3,000 photos of Boyle County. Selections show people, locations, buildings, and events of historic note.

Pictures used in the mural date from 1885 to 2009. Several other tiles list the county's various cities and towns, a chronology of the county's economic growth, political history, education and other information.

Over the past year Girard has been working on a large paper mock up of

the images, arranging and rearranging them, replacing some images with



others, on a section of wall outside her office. Selected photographs were digitally transferred to ceramic tiles which were then fired. Friends of the Library funded production costs for the mural tiles which finally were installed by Allen Arth, library employee. On your next visit, take time to go past the circulation desk and take a left. You will find the mural on the wall above the water fountains. A careful study shows some pictures spread over several tiles. The library plans to create a brochure about the mural and in the future will link each mural image digitally to information about the date and content of the photo images.

Friends are planning a fall program this September with Girard as the featured speaker to explain more about the project and our county's history. Check the Fall BOOKMARK for program date and time.

### FRIENDS AWARD GRANT

## SUM Summer Fun Family Program Builds Math Skills

Children entering grades K-5 this fall and their families will learn games to help the children retain and improve their math skills over the summer. Different games, all built around math skills and following a developmental continuum, will be taught at each session of SUM Summer Fun from early June through mid-July through a Friends' grant. Data from both Danville Independent Schools and Boyle County Schools show that the percentage of children entering kindergarten who have the foundation needed for kindergarten academics is below the state average of 25%. Only 15.2% of Danville students and 18.3% of Boyle students are kindergarten ready when they enter kindergarten.

Math teachers Suzanne Farmer, Becky Fuqua, Betty Jo Davis and Helen Blevins designed the program and will lead the summer sessions. This group has offered

similar Family Game Nights during the school year to help younger students strengthen their math skills. The teachers promoted the program to faculty of Danville and Boyle school systems this spring so that teachers could personally contact families of students they thought

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### A Note from Friends' President

#### A HISTORIC TIME AT THE LIBRARY

April 24, 2013 was a historic day for Friends of the Library. At 3:30 pm Karl Benson, Library Director, and staffer Mary Girard unveiled the Historic Boyle County Mural. This mural was made possible by the Friends of the Library. *Thank You!*

Earlier in the day, I represented the Friends at the Kentucky Writers' Day induction of Danville native, Frank X Walker, as the 2013-14 Kentucky Poet Laureate. In his Poet Laureate Address, Walker spoke of how important the Boyle County Public Library had been to him as a young boy.

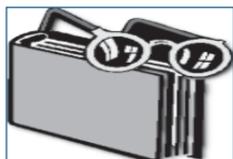
As Friends of the Library members, the thing we hold in common is our appreciation of the important place that libraries hold in our communities. Libraries are places where our collective community memory is held. But more, the library is a place where our imaginations are free to take flight and explore all the different worlds beyond our own community, country, time and space.

In the space between the unveiling of the mural and the Friends sponsored *Audubon in Kentucky* program by Sarah Vahlkamp, I walked into the courtyard. Those of us who love libraries also appreciate the foundational silence of the library. The courtyard is one of the libraries' magic outdoor reading spaces -- spaces where one can walk among the words.

The steady, spring rain had stopped, and the colors of the flowers were bright in their post rain glow. I lingered and read the names and quotes on the brick circle. Midway around I saw: *"I would not be a writer today if the library had not fed my hunger to discover new worlds."* -- Frank X Walker

Of course our library is more than books, programs, and lovely common spaces. We have a great library because of the support of the community, the vision of the Library Board, and all the talented staff who live that vision every day. Your Friends of the Library expressed our appreciation to the Library staff on April 16th during National Library Week when we provided lunch for them.

Gayle Waddell, President



## Library Offers Summer Reading & Activities for All Ages

**GROUNDBREAKING READS**, the 2013 Summer Adult Reading Program, includes two book discussions, several talks and interactive activities. The program wraps up July 27 with an End of Summer Social and potluck from 1 pm - 3 pm. Copies of the first book, **Botany of Desire** by Micael Pollan, can be picked up now to prepare for the book discussion at 6:30 pm on July 1st. The second book, **This Time Together** by Carol Burnett, will have copies available beginning July 1 for the book discussion on July 25th at 6:30 pm.



A family program that introduces the art of famous illustrators and artists. The initial event in May featured David McKee. The next event on June 23rd will feature Jan Brett and the last event highlights Ed Emberley on July 28th. Programs show samples of the artist's illustrations, information about their life, and a chance for the whole family to try replicating the featured illustrator's technique and make their own masterpiece.

**THIRD THURSDAY Book Discussion Group** continues with selections this summer and fall: June 20 **The Tipping Point** - Malcolm Gladwell; July 18 **Doc** - Mary Doria Russell; August 15 **The Age of Innocence**, Edith Wharton; September 19 **Fahrenheit 451** - Ray Bradbury. Discussions are held at 10 am and at 6:30 pm. Books are available at the circulation desk at least three weeks prior to each discussion.

**STORY TIMES FOR CHILDREN** feature different themes each week. Toddlers Tuesdays at 10:30 am, Preschoolers Tuesday at 11:30 am and Wednesdays at 10:30 am., 2nd & 3rd Graders Thursdays at 10:30 am. Spanish Story Hour and Drafts for Kids continues the second and fourth monday of each month at 6:30 pm.

**MAGIC TREE HOUSE** Book Club for children meets at 2:00 pm Tuesdays beginning June 11th continuing through July 9th.

**CHILDREN'S SPECIAL EVENTS** - Limited seating. Please plan to come early to help ensure your kids will have a seat. Ronald McDonald will visit the library June 17th at 10:30 am. *Pint Size Polkas*, a performance of polkas in the Community Room on Monday, June 24th from 4 pm - 5 pm. *Cambo the Clown* appears June 27th at 1:00 pm. *Jack the Juggler* comes on July 10th at 1:00 pm, *LEGO CLUB* meets on July 19th from 10:30 am 12:30 pm. The princess Belle & superhero Spiderman visited the Children's Library to begin the summer reading program. *LUNCH BUNCH* For K-1st grade meets Wednesdays from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm through July 10th.

**TWEEN ACTIVITIES** - Book group meets at 4:00 pm Mondays June 3, June 17, July 8, July 22. Science Lab and other TWEEN activities are scheduled at 2:00 pm on alternate Mondays July 1 (Time Capsules), July 15 (Science Lab) and July 29 (Terrariums).



**FAMILY FILMS** will be offered from 2 - 4 pm on four Fridays - June 7, 12, 19 and July 5, and 19 in the Children's Library. Come and find out what film favorite will be shown! To find out ahead of time contact the Children's library for film title and information.

**CRAFTERS WHO CARE** continue to meet each Monday evening between 6 pm and 8 pm in the Community Room. Kathy Phillips of the library staff and an avid crafter herself coordinates the group. Participants knit and crochet hats that will be distributed this fall and winter. All crafters are welcome!

For more information or other activities of the library, check the the library's website at [www.boylepublic.org](http://www.boylepublic.org). Calendars of general events and a special Children's Library calendar can be found on the website.

## Frank X Walker, New Kentucky Poet Laureate, Visits Library

Danville's own Frank X Walker was inducted as Kentucky's new Poet Laureate on April 24th. Several Friends of the Library members and other local residents attended the occasion. A published poet and playwright, Walker is a University of Kentucky associate professor of English and director of the African American and Africana Studies Program. As state Poet Laureate Walker will promote the collective excellence of Kentucky writers and the contributions they have made to American literature. As Gov. Steve Beshear noted at the induction, Walker is both the youngest ever, and the first African American to serve as Kentucky Poet Laureate.



Walker visits in the bookmobile room.

As a child growing up in Danville, Walker was a regular Boyle County Public Library patron, he recalled, during a recent trip to Danville to visit the library and to meet with a class of students at Danville Montessori School. That day Walker fulfilled a childhood dream and drove the library's bookmobile! To prepare for that experience Walker first met with bookmobile staff and toured the bookmobile room at the library. There he saw bookmobile route lists and route schedules posted for the staff to follow, hundreds of books and other library material on shelves being held to fulfill requests of individual bookmobile patrons. Walker checked bookmobile routes to find the route

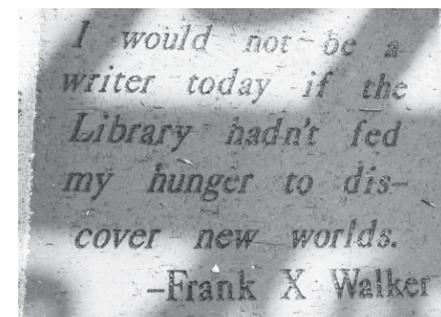
that brought books to him where he lived as a child.

Walker learned that the Boyle County Public Library is one of very few in the state that continues to provide a full service bookmobile for patrons throughout the county. Patrons themselves enter the bookmobile, look through books displayed and select the books they check out, and visit with bookmobile staff with whom they form supportive relationships and true friendships. Patrons also can request particular titles, periodicals or other media from the library's inventory to be delivered to them on the next visit.

Staff explained that the majority of Kentucky libraries, if they still have bookmobiles, have switched

to smaller vehicles with only "drop off" service. This service delivers pre-selected materials to patrons' homes, but no longer offers the same on-board total experience of perusing available books and picking out titles that patrons then check out.

Bookmobile staff are proud of the library's 30-year tradition of full bookmobile service to their patrons. Regular patrons include home schoolers, senior citizens residing in their own homes as well as those who reside in Arnold Towers, many children and families in neighborhoods and smaller Boyle County communities, other group housing sites, and many recovering from surgery, illness or accident who use they bookmobile until they can get to the library on their own again.



Walker's quotation is found in the library courtyard.

### Art Gallery in the Library?

### Arts Partnership Brings Exhibits to Mahan Gallery

A new exhibit opened June 6th in the library's Mahan Gallery. This is the second exhibit arranged through a partnership with the Arts Commission of Danville/Boyle County. This exhibit features work of Marlene Hanna, a local artist who specializes in still life and landscapes. This exhibit continues through the end of June.

The library formed a partnership with the Arts Commission earlier this year to further its commitment to enriching the lives of its patrons. The Mahan Gallery will feature different exhibits through the entire year. The Arts Commission exists to provide opportunities for residents of Danville and Boyle County to experience the arts, and to offer local artists opportunities to exhibit their work in spaces open to the public. The library joins other locations in the county in donating space for art displays. Ann Nichols, director of the Arts Commission, was delighted that the library has made the Mahan Gallery available for public art exhibits.

The first exhibit through the partnership "SpringScene" was held earlier in the spring and featured mixed media works of five local artists. Pieces on display included oil, watercolor, photography, floral arrangement, fiber art, woodworking, sculpture, reflective collage and a computer designed print. Numerous art pieces from the library's own art collection of about 250 items is permanently displayed throughout the library spaces.



Driving the bookmobile was of one Walker's childhood dreams. In May, accompanied by bookmobile staff, he drove the bookmobile to meet with students at Danville Montessori School.

# BENSON, LIBRARY DIRECTOR FOR 35 YEARS, RETIRES



Benson surrounded by current and past Boyle County Public Library employees who worked with him during the past 35 years. Several former employees attended Benson's retirement reception.



Reception guests visit within library's spaces.

Board President Betsy Wilt presided at a retirement reception held at the library on May 30th to honor Karl Benson for his outstanding vision, dedication and leadership as the library's director for the past 35 years. Benson officially retired May 31st.

A large crowd of local patrons, friends, current and former library employees, current and past library board members, and special guests gathered for the event.

Special guests attending were Senator Tom Buford, glass artist Stephen Powell, architect Josh Ives of Pearson & Peters Architects, Kentucky State Library Commissioner Wayne Onkst, Boyle County Judge Executive Harold McKinney, and Danville Mayor Bernie Hunstad. All have worked closely with Benson during his tenure and recognized his many efforts to grow and improve the

Boyle County Public Library facility, its collections, and technology during his tenure, and for his work with other state public librarians.

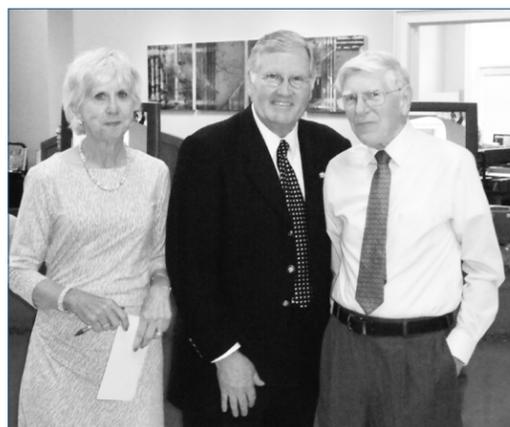
McKinney shared a proclamation of the Boyle Co. Fiscal Court naming Friday May 31st "Karl Benson Day." Powell presented Benson with "the last piece of *Time Zippy*", the glass sculpture in the rotunda -- a red globe like the lowest, central one in the sculpture.

Wilt noted that Benson made certain that the library reflects Danville and Boyle County through work of local artists and touches of local history incorporated in the library building, as well as the broader world with details like the Star Dome in the children's library, the large revolving globe upstairs, and the compass rose mosaic in the entrance's floor.

She stressed that Benson has been a "public servant" in the best sense of the term to the library, its patrons, his staff and boards, and the taxpayers. Library board members renamed the new car park as the Karl Benson Library Park in tribute to him.

Margaret Levi, on behalf of the library board members, presented a retirement gift made possible from individual contributions from board members and other individuals to assist Benson with his love of travel.

Benson expressed his appreciation to all whose help has contributed to the library's success. He said that he plans to remain in the area and hopes to continue to travel, perhaps to New Delhi, India, among other destinations, as that has been a life-long dream.



In photo at left Wilt and Sen. Buford join Benson.

In photo on right past library board members who attended Benson's last library board meeting appear with him (Back row from left) Nelson Rodes, Deedee Kubale, Melissa Caudill, Pat Bright, Adria Mahon, (front row from left) Benson and Sid Wold.



# PLEASE BECOME OUR FRIEND!

The best way you can support your library is to become part of Friends of the Library. Friends' dues and donations help the Boyle County Public Library supplement its programs and services to maintain the library's excellent services to our community.

Friends' volunteers help with used book sales, programs, hospitality, community outreach, Adopt A Shelf project and more. Friends earn a 10% discount on used books, book bag, notecard and mug purchases and receive advance notice of programs and special events.

To join or to continue your membership — just fill out this form and take it with your check to the library front desk or mail to:

## FRIENDS

**Boyle County Public Library**

**307 West Broadway**

**Danville, KY 40422**

Membership dues are for the calendar year: Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2013.

**Yes!** I want to be a Friend of the Library for 2013 as indicated below:

- Individual(s) - \$10 (each)     Family - \$25  
 Donor - \$100     Sponsor - \$500     Benefactor - \$1,000

*I am interested in volunteering at the Library. Please contact me!*

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*Make checks to Friends of the Library. Dues & gifts are tax deductible.*

### NEW FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY OFFICERS

President	Gayle Waddell
President-Elect	Chris Malito
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.



Well wishers gathered at Benson's retirement reception.

