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### Children's Book Sale

Again, just in time for summer vacation, Boone County area kids came out in droves on June 2<sup>nd</sup> for the annual children's book sale. Conducted by Friends of the Library volunteers with books that have been gently read and then donated, it has been the kick-off to summer for a generation of young Boone County Library patrons. Prices are always set very low so as to leave some left in the piggy banks and get as many good quality books in the hands of as many kids as possible. 2012 mission accomplished! We hope this sale added summer excitement, entertainment, inspiration, education and enjoyment to our young bookworms out there.

We wish to thank all those who donated books throughout the year as well as the world-class volunteers, listed below, that put in the hard work that made it all possible.

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**Ethan Lockridge, Winner of Basket**

***Buffalo National River Partners  
Presents:***

*Archeological Studies at Buffalo  
National River*

*Program Speaker: Melissa Baier,  
Archeologist for Buffalo National River*

***Tuesday, August 28, 2012***

***5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.***

***Boone County Library***

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Dear Friends,

Let us discuss college education.

There are now in the United States approximately 100 Colleges and Universities costing over \$50,000 per year. All are led by Sarah Lawrence College with a tag of \$58,716, which includes room and board.

Washington responds by sending more tax money, or is it borrowed money, maybe to be paid by the tax money from future generations. I believe this exacerbates the rise in college costs, which have been higher than general inflation for considerable years. The transfer payments from government to student to educational entity has no restraint. If payments are doubled, the educational entity is willing and able to increase tuition to accommodate the doubled payments.

Meanwhile, the middle and lower wage earners have frozen or decreasing income at the same time college expenses are escalating. We have all heard of students graduating with debt loads they will have to work a lifetime to repay. They may have to forget about house payments, car payments, and the "good life" payments.

The usual verbiage used to justify these government transfer payments is "aid to the needy". Fact is that the student body from the lowest quintile of wage earners is at a lower percentage than in 1970, when federal aid started escalating.

Now, due to the great recession, colleges are decreasing grants and scholarships. This means additional borrowing.

The numbers, averaged - Sally Mae reports individual grants and scholarships for 2011-2012 year at \$6,077, down from \$7124 the year earlier. The amount borrowed per student in 2011-2012 was \$5,551, up from year before. This figure obtained by dividing total number of students by the sum borrowed by borrowing students only. Students needing federal loans increased to 34 percent of student body.

The cost pie: Grants and scholarships 29%; Student and parental borrowing 27%; Relatives, Parent and Student income and savings 44% (of this 44%, 28% was from parents).

It is not a joyous picture except perhaps for those profs who don't want to teach classes.

It seems the unintended consequences of fed policy have changed parents' attitudes a bit. One in five parents today think children should attend college for the experience, as opposed to one in three the 2009-2010 academic year.

The bright side, if a college graduate lands a job, he or she is less likely to become unemployed than the non-college graduate during this economic downturn.

This has grown from a problem to an issue or vice-versa.

George Cline

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What's more indulgent in 100 degree temperatures than lazing around reading a good book? When finished, please bring it to the library to donate it for our next book sale.

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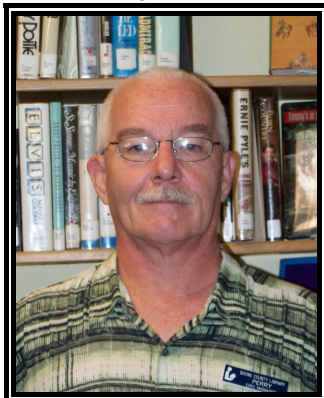
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## BOONE COUNTY LIBRARY STAFF - HONOR BOOKS

Friends of the Library honors the hard work and dedication of our 2012 library staff by having each of them select a book of their choice for the library collection. Following are this year's staff picks.

**Perry Gaither**



***Walt Kelly: The Life and Art of the Creator of Pogo***

by Thomas Andrae and Carsten Laqua

An early happy memory was following the exploits of the swamp denizens in the comic strip *Pogo*. I admired the artwork and design of the gators, porcupines, owls, skunks and the possum, himself; Pogo. Only later, when a bulldog resembled J. Edgar Hoover and a long-horn steer was a ringer for LBJ, did I realize the true genius of Walt Kelly. This book is a long overdue survey of a talented cartoonist who deserves to be remembered.

**Carol Moran**

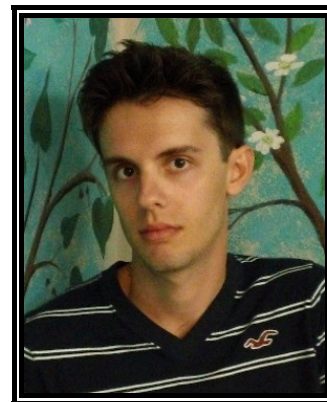


***The Simple Joys of Grandparenting***

by Abigail Gehring

My choice for honor book this year is a collection of advice, games and activities that also includes recipes, classic stories and poems. It may help those who have the role of "day parent" by providing entertainment without the aid of a computer or television, and allowing that one-on-one time that children will treasure and grandparents should enjoy.

**Jason Davis**



***Runway Runaway***

by Lorelei Shellist

I read this book expecting nothing more than a story about the life and trials of one of my heroes, Steve Clark of Def Leppard. However, I found it to be a truly remarkable story of a model's journey from being a teenage runaway to finding a glamorous life in the fashion business and of the pains she faced with her alcoholic husband. This book inspired me and I hope it will do the same for someone else.

**Sandy Williams**



***The Steampunk Bible: An Illustrated Guide to the World of Imaginary Airships, Corsets and Goggles, Mad Scientists, and Strange Literature***

by Jeff VanderMeer and S. J. Chambers

A quirky, beautiful blend of the Victorian era, science fiction, clockwork devices, robots and the industrial revolution, the Steampunk movement got its start with the writings of Jules Verne and H. G. Wells. *The Steampunk Bible* is a wonderfully illustrated compendium of all things Steampunk, how it came to be and its continued influences on literature (*Changeless, Leviathan and Infernal Devices*) and movies: *Sherlock Holmes, The Golden Compass* and *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* to name a few. Now people are making jewelry and beautiful handcrafted Steampunk items for themselves. They even have conventions where people dress in Steampunk fashions... I love the Steampunk movement, and this book is a treasure trove of information in it.

Sherri Smith

**Operations: Military Resources**

by Kimberly Suchek, Alane Pearce  
(Editor),  
Alane Pearce (Designed by)

In honor of all military families.

Eileen Clark

**Vintage Hairstyling:  
Retro Styles**

by Lauren Rennells

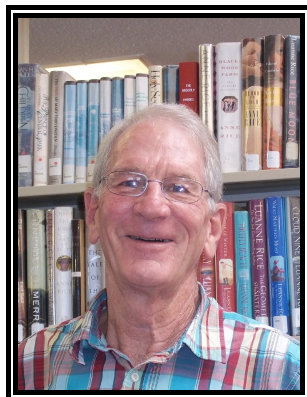
It is said that history repeats itself;  
so I picked this book in honor of  
my friend and hair stylist,  
Sonya Moss.

Christa Wilson

**Dancing With the Stars**

I love the show Dancing with the  
Stars. I'm not much of a dancer,  
but this book appears to have fun  
and easy dances that help you stay  
fit and energized! It is a great  
workout for friends to do.

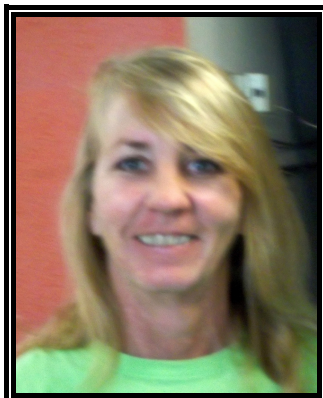
Richard Evans

**Gilgamesh Among Us**

by Theodore Ziolkowski

I've become obsessed with the first  
story ever written about 3000 B.C.

Darla Jones

**Blown Covers: New Yorker  
Covers You Were Never Meant  
to See**

by Françoise Mouly

I picked this book in honor of my  
son, Isaac.

Kelly Hardy

**Fire Trucks and Rescue  
Vehicles**

by Jean Coppendale

I chose this book in honor of my  
youngest grandson,  
Trisden Sexton.

We are tied down, all our days for the greater part of our days, to the commonplace. That is where with great thinkers, great literature helps. In their company we are still in the ordinary world, but it is the ordinary world transfigured and seen through the eyes of wisdom and genius. And some of their vision becomes our own."

- Sir Richard Livingstone

**Ginger Schoenenberger**



***Webster's Getting Started in Signing***

by Elaine Costello (Actor) DVD Format

I have loved the language of Signing since I was little, and as an adult I love it even more.

**Tina Farmer**



***The Colette Sewing Handbook***

by Sarai Mitnick

I have chosen this book in honor of my daughter, Cami. May this book inspire others to know the joy of sewing.

**Karen Obertik**



***Gothic Charm School***

by Jillian Venters

My eldest daughter comes home from school and tells me she needs a black cape to wear. She asks me every day if she can dye her hair blue. When we go shopping in Branson, she comes home with 3 new black t-shirts. While I embrace her creativity and eccentricity, I am constantly challenged and perplexed by her tastes and choices. Hopefully, this book will help me, and other parents, to understand and embrace the world of our wonderful gothic children.

**Chris Rose**



***Agatha Christie: Murder in the Making: More Stories and Secrets from Her Notebooks***

by John Curran

Agatha Christie is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's best selling novelist of all time. Some say her works are outsold only by Shakespeare and the Bible. She's long been a favorite author of mine, and this book offers a fascinating glimpse into her life and writing career, offering not only inspiration for her stories, but the twists and turns some plot lines took to get to the final published form.

“One’s mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions.”

---- Oliver Wendell Holmes

Amy Artman



***Kneadlessly Simple:  
Fabulous, Fuss-Free, No-Knead Breads***

by Nancy Baggett

I decided a few years ago that if I was going to eat bread, then I had to bake it first, thinking this rule would keep me from over-indulging in my favorite food. Unfortunately, this cookbook makes bread-making and bread-baking so simple, it really didn't solve my problem at all...! It is a lovely book, with helpful photographs of the gorgeous loaves and easy recipes that use the "kneadlessly simple" method of no-knead bread. Gluten-free recipes are included as well. If bread is the staff of your life, this book will help you have a fresh, crisp loaf ready to go with a minimum of effort and maximum taste and enjoyment.

Shirley Feldman



***The Principles of Knitting: Methods and  
Techniques of Hand Knitting***

by June Hemmons Hiatt

I selected the book *The Principles of Knitting* with the hope that it will help anyone who wants to get started knitting. This book would have been a great help to me when I started. I started knitting sweaters and scarves years ago whenever I had time. I also knitted Christmas stockings to hang on the mantle for all our children and grandchildren. Three years ago, I started knitting booties for the newborn babies at the hospital and I am still doing it today. I find knitting very relaxing and an excellent way to use my spare time.



Sean Horn



***Love Goes to Buildings on Fire: Five Years in New York  
That Changed Music Forever***

by Will Hermes

This book explores the beginnings of punk rock, hip hop and disco. It shows the reinvention of modern music as we know it. Covering the pivotal years of 1973 - 1978, it explains the majorly important years of the evolution of American Popular Culture.

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### **That's What Friends Are For**

At long last, the safecracking crew of Mike Murphy, Chuck Speice, Nathan Cline, Matt Heft, and George Cline has removed the old bank vault door from the library. Notice on the left as you enter the library. The door is sold, and in addition to that FOLBC revenue, the knowledge gained may prove lucrative for the crew.