

Tombstones That Tell Tales

by Sandra Hillier

The Friends of the Library, Boone County, will present Abby Burnett as speaker on Tuesday, April 13, at 5:30 p.m. at the Boone County Library. She will give a slide presentation of some interesting tombstones she has photographed in her journeys through rural Ozark cemeteries. Burnett mentioned that the epitaph, carving, shape and style of a tombstone can give a biographer, genealogist, or preservationist a great deal of information about the deceased.

She was most recently featured in AETN's "Silent Storytellers," a documentary about Arkansas cemeteries, including Boone County. A former reporter and weekly columnist for *The Morning News of Northwest Arkansas*, she has written numerous articles on Ozark history for county historical quarterlies, the *Ozarks Mountaineer* and the online *Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture*. She is currently working on a book about funeral customs of the Arkansas Ozarks. Her past work includes the book, *When the Presbyterians Came to Kingston*, with Ellen Compton and John D. Little (2000). When not at her home on Bradshaw Mountain near Kingston, AR, she can usually be found exploring, photographing and recording inscriptions in rural cemeteries.

Attendees are encouraged to arrive early as the presentation will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. to allow time for questions from the public after the presentation. The library will close at its regularly scheduled time of 7:00 p.m.

Children's Events at the Library

by Library Children's Department

April 11 - 17 is National Library Week and the theme this year is "Communities thrive @ your library". We will have lots of activities going on in our children's area!

Monday - free face painting, (a flower, butterfly, or peace sign).

Tuesday - balloons at story time and throughout the day while supplies last.

Wednesday - color changing pencils for each of our little readers.

Thursday - during Canine Reading Program there will be a "Paw Prize" for each young patron who reads to the dogs. It is Teen Night as well, and our teens will be helping to re-vamp our planters out in front of BCL...scrubbing them up, painting them, putting in some new potting soil, and planting some hardy perennials as well as annual flowers. That's community service! After all that, they will have their Wii night with light refreshments, a prize drawing, and a special treat for those who helped plant.

Friday - we will announce the winner of our National Library Week essay contest. Shortly following the announcement refreshments will be available, piping hot popcorn and an ice cold orange drink.

Story Time

Tuesday & Wednesday
at 10:00

Friday at 3:45

April 13, 14 & 16

Story - No T-Rex in the Library
Craft - Make Your Own Book/Plant flower seeds

April 20, 21 & 23

Story - Every Day is Earth Day, Recycle Everyday
Craft - Egg carton garden (bring a cardboard carton)

April 27, 28 & 30

Story - My Garden, The Curious Garden
Craft - Plant flowers outside