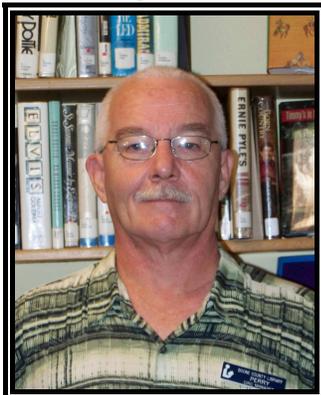


BOONE COUNTY LIBRARY STAFF - HONOR BOOKS

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

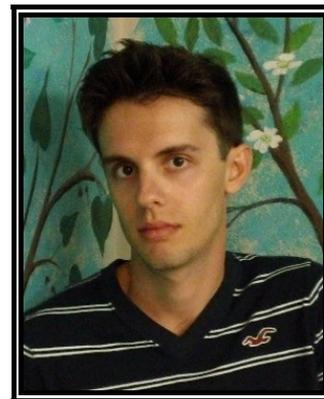


The Simple Joys of Grandparenting

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.