

# The Friends of the Paul Sawyer Public Library Newsletter

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## The Kentucky Book Fair

This year for the first time at the Kentucky Book Fair, **Friends** of the Paul Sawyer Public Library sponsored a two-hour **Friends** of KY Public Libraries Event at the hotel downtown. We had excellent attendance and even better participation. Panel members Jim Williams, President of **Friends** of the Lexington Public Library; Mark Adler, Director of the Bourbon County Public Library; and Mary Lynn Collins, President of The **Friends** of the Paul Sawyer Public Library discussed a variety of topics concerning **Friends** groups, from how to set up a book sale to how to get and retain members. A lot of great ideas were exchanged, and several people gathered information on how to set up **Friends** groups for public libraries that currently do not have associated **Friends** organizations. The session was such a great success, that we are already planning to do this again next year if possible!



**Friends** also had a table inside the main door to the Kentucky Book Fair, to promote our **Friends** organization by signing up new members, letting people know about our project to raise money for a stained glass window for the new library building, and selling calendars, book bags, and mugs. We had a great time talking to folks who came into the Book Fair, particularly all of the **Friends** members we saw there!

## Dear Friends,

The year 2005 was a very successful and productive year for the **Friends** of the Paul Sawyer Public Library. We earned over \$11,000 on our two "Giant" book sales. We sponsored wonderful author visits for the schools (children's author George Ella Lyons) and at the library (mystery writer Susan Witting Albert). We helped fund the Winter Reading Program for adults and children and co-hosted a session at the library highlighting the databases available to you via our library. We hosted our third annual tea for school librarians as a way to showcase the services the Paul Sawyer Public Library can offer to the schools.

We had a great day chatting with patrons and selling books during Frankfort Sidewalk Sales Days this summer, and we hosted the library's open house during the

downtown Candlelight Christmas event. We initiated and co-sponsored a seminar for other **Friends** groups in Kentucky in conjunction with the Kentucky Book Fair. Because of this initiative, the Department for Library and Archives is launching a new electronic bulletin board (Kylibfriends) for **Friends** groups throughout the state.

We took on a huge challenge by committing to fund the stained glass window in the Children's section of the new library.

These efforts were accomplished because of your support. We now have 238 members. Many of you donated books and continue to donate books for our sales. (One of you recently donated several boxes of books tied with red ribbons, with which we were most impressed.) Many of you volunteered your time to help with the sales, and many of you helped us sell calendars last fall as a fund raiser. We are particularly

pleased by your response to the stained glass window project. We have received donations from many of our Frankfort **Friends**, and have even had some donations made to us from folks as far away as Wisconsin and Massachusetts. If you have not made a donation to this project and would like to, we have included a donation form below.

This new year promises to be exciting and challenging as plans are made for the library to move into the new building this fall. The **Friends** will have space in the new library in which we hope to have a small shop that will be open a few hours each week. But we will not abandon the Giant Book Sales! We look forward to sponsoring new programs this year. If you have suggestions for programs or activities that you would like to see the **Friends** undertake, please let us know by calling any of the members of the **Friends** Board or contacting us at [members@psplfriends.org](mailto:members@psplfriends.org).

Thank you for your support,

*Mary Lynn Collins*

President, **Friends** of the PSPL

### **Friends** Stained Glass Window Donation Form

I would like to make a donation to the **Friends** stained glass window effort for the new library and have enclosed the following amount:

<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	Name _____
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10	Address _____
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	Phone/E-mail _____

Please return completed form with donation to:

THE **Friends** OF THE PAUL SAWYIER PUBLIC LIBRARY  
305 WAPPING STREET  
FRANKFORT, KY 40601

Forms may also be dropped off at the **Friends** mailbox at the PSPL Circulation Desk.

## Progress on the New Library



Masons have started the brick work on the east side of the new library building. The final phase of the roof is ready to be put in place. As these outside features are being completed, work on the interior of the building—details such as ductwork, piping, interior walls, and stairs—is progressing. The project is going smoothly and is on schedule for September 2006 completion.

# Book Sale Update

## Fall Book Sale

Our Fall Book Sale was another great success! **Friends** brought in over \$4,700 from the sale in October, including both book sales and membership dues paid at the door. We tried something new this time by having the discount bag/box day on Sunday afternoon, and it seems to have worked out well. The success of our sale was due, as usual, to the hard work of **Friends** volunteers and library staff, who sorted through donated books and made preparations in advance of the book sale. Many tireless volunteers also helped during the sale by putting out more books, helping customers, and straightening up the shelves and tables. And, as always, we have all those who donated such wonderful books to thank as well.

## Spring Book Sale

Book Sale planning and preparations never cease! Donations for Book Sales are accepted at any time. Just leave your books on the table in the basement of the library, near the back entrance. Please be sure that your books are in good condition and free of dirt, mold, and water damage. Dates for the Spring Sale have been set. See the box on the right.

# Bourbon Ball Belle

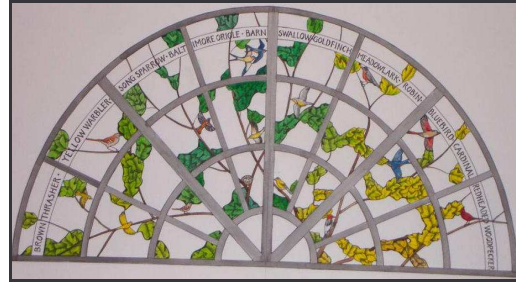
The Paul Sawyer Public Library and the County Extension Office present a Kentucky Chautauqua character event, Ruth Hanly Booe, Bourbon Ball Belle, **Thursday, February 9th, at 6:00 P.M.** at the Franklin County Extension Office near Lakeview Park. Kelly Brengelman will portray Ruth Hanly Booe, founder of Rebecca Ruth Candies. Sweets will be served, and a sweet door prize will be awarded.

Ruth Hanly (Booe) disliked her poor-paying job as a substitute teacher in Frankfort, so she and fellow substitute Rebecca Gooch decided to change careers—from teaching to chocolate. It was unusual in 1919—before women even got the right to vote—for two women still in their twenties to become entrepreneurs. But Ruth and Rebecca had uncommon nerve and imagination, and that could be why the company they founded, Rebecca Ruth Candies, is still thriving.

When Rebecca left to marry in 1929, Ruth bought her out. Determination and a genius for marketing got her through the depressed 1930s, during which she devoted two years to perfecting her world-famous bourbon ball. During World War II, customers kept the company going by giving Booe their sugar rations. Ruth Booe retired in 1964; her grandson Charles now runs the company.

## Stained Glass Window

Remember, proceeds from our Book Sales are currently being targeted for the stained glass window we will be donating for the new library building, so your volunteered time, your donations, and your purchases are going to a worthy cause!



Artist's sketch of stained glass window that **Friends** will be donating, to be installed in the new library building.

## Spring Book Sale Dates Have Been Set!

Thursday, May 18, 4:00 P.M.–7:30 P.M.

*Preview Day for **Friends** and teachers*

Friday, May 19, 10:00 A.M.–5:30 P.M.

Saturday, May 20, 10:00 A.M.–4:30 P.M.

Sunday, May 21, 1:00 P.M.–4:30 P.M.

*Discount Box and Bag Day*

# Annual Membership Meeting

On Thursday, Oct. 13, **Friends** held our Annual Membership Meeting at the Plant Board Clubhouse. We enjoyed a potluck dinner and some good fellowship.

Following dinner, Mike Fields, President of the Paul Sawyer Public Library Board; and Bill Kirkland, Immediate Past President of the Library Board and current Co-Chair of the Library's Long Range Gift Committee, spoke with us about the work of the Library Board and the plans and progress for the new Library building. They talked about the current fund-raising efforts and the need to identify a chairperson for the public portion of the fund-raising campaign. Floor plans for the current building were circulated through the group and discussed.

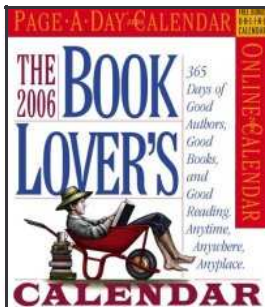
Following this presentation was a brief business meeting, during which the **Friends** Officers and Board of Directors for 2006 were elected. The new slate of officers and board members are listed on the top left of the front page of this newsletter. New to the **Friends** Board for 2006 are Eileen Cackowski, Chris Helvey, and Carol Moore.

## THANK YOU



- ◆ **Friends** would like to offer heartfelt thanks to outgoing Director **Rebekah Schillhahn** for her time and dedication to our group. Rebekah served as the Secretary and on the Board of Directors.
- ◆ **Friends** would also like to thank all of those **volunteers** who helped with either our Fall Book Sale or at the Kentucky Book Fair. We truly appreciate your help and support!

## Book Lover's Calendar—Sold Out!



Thanks to everyone who purchased a Workman's 2006 Book Lover's page-a-day calendar, all of which have now been sold. Please let us know what you think of this fund-raiser. If it's popular, we can do it again next year!



## Bounce in for a Good Book!

Join us for "BOUNCE IN FOR A GOOD BOOK," this winter's reading club at the Paul Sawyer Public Library. The annual club runs from Monday, January 23 through Sunday, March 26.

Patrons sixteen and over can read books of their own choosing and complete a slip with name, address, and phone number for every five books read. Adults who read and record at least five books get a Paul Sawyer Public Library antenna ball. Subsequent slips for additional books read will be used as entry forms for the sports-related prizes listed in the box on the right.

Youth from birth to 16 can also participate in the Winter Reading Program. Each participant will receive a prize and, for each five books read, a chance to win a Tubby Smith-signed basketball.

### PRIZES

- ◆ Tubby Smith-autographed basketball
- ◆ Certificate for personalized Louisville Slugger Bat
- ◆ Special-edition Lexington Legends baseball
- ◆ Books: *Tailgating Cookbook* and *Wildcat Madness*

## Focus on the Executive Director by Chris Helvey



*Donna Gibson, Executive Director of the Paul Sawyer Public Library*

Like so many of her generation, **Donna Gibson** grew up reading Laura Ingalls Wilder's quintessential stories of growing up in the Middle West when it was still a frontier. A child of the Middle West herself, born in Lawrence, Kansas, Donna grew up loving to read and wanting more than anything to be a cowboy. That's right, a cowboy; it seemed to young Donna that cowboys had more fun than cowgirls.

After graduating from college, Donna married. She enjoyed staying home with her four children, but becoming a single parent made it necessary for her to enter the workforce. A lifelong reader and lover of books, she felt an urge to become involved with the local library in Pittsburg, Kansas. It wasn't long before she found herself serving as a **staff member in the beautiful Carnegie Library** there. She recalls working there as a wonderful experience, and a valuable one as her duties covered every aspect of library life.

Donna soon realized that libraries were where she wanted to spend her career, so she went back to school for additional training. Getting up every morning at 5:00 A.M., she drove 164 miles to Emporia State College, where she crammed in as many classes as quickly as she could, emerging as a **Master of Library Science**.

Upon receiving her master's degree, Donna worked as **Head of Reference** for two years at the community college in Owensboro, Kentucky. She then returned to her native state, where she served as **Director of Adult Services for the Topeka Public Library**. During her tenure in Topeka, Donna helped oversee a major expansion. This experience clearly stood her in good stead when she came to Frankfort in July, 2002. Plans were already being brought to life for our new library, and Donna's background made her an ideal fit.

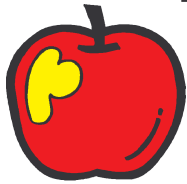
In addition to shepherding the new library to completion—scheduled for September, 2006—Donna oversees 31 staff (full and part-time) and strives to meet the needs of the 26,188 current library card holders. She is very grateful for all the help the **Friends** have given her and Paul Sawyer Public Library, noting that they “have done an excellent job of raising the community's awareness of the services Paul Sawyer offers,” and urges them to continue.

Very excited about the new library, Donna notes that it will be much larger, with two nice community meeting rooms, ample space for adequate display of all collections, and even a special **Friends** room. An avid reader herself, Donna admits to being **addicted to late-night reading**. She enjoys reading all genres, but lately has been consuming extra helpings of non-fiction.

Donna hopes not only to expand the number of people in the Frankfort vicinity who have library cards but also to see the community take full advantage of the vast array of services Paul Sawyer offers: books in all genres for all ages and a wide selection of magazines, books on tape and CD, music CDs, entertainment and non-fiction DVDs and videos, research services, etc. As she notes, “**There really is something at Paul Sawyer Public Library for everyone in the community**. There is not a person in the community who can't find something that helps them on a research project or a good book that will give them hours of enjoyable entertainment. No one is ever too old or too young for the library.”

Donna encourages the entire Frankfort community to make greater use of the wonderful services and collections Paul Sawyer offers and asks the **Friends** to help her spread the “literary gospel.” Let's take her up on her challenge and stop by and say “Hello” to Donna Gibson, Executive Director, next time we visit that wonderful free “bookstore” on Wapping Street.

**Have some spare time??  
Need a New Year's Resolution?  
Volunteer at the Library!**



# AppalSeeds: Appalachian Heirloom Seed-Starting Workshops



A **FREE** workshop for adults (ages 14 and up)  
**Saturday, April 8, 2006, 10:00 A.M.–12:30 P.M.**  
 at the **Franklin County Extension Office near Lakeview Park**

brought to your Public Library

through a Federal subgrant made possible by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives.

Registration is required: Reserve your spot today!

## Participants receive the following:

- \* Free **seed-starting kit** to take home: participants learn the best methods for starting seed indoors with low-cost equipment
- \* Instructions, hands-on experience, and information about the **best books, videos, and Web sites for gardeners**
- \* **Choice of six varieties of seed** from over 100 varieties of open-pollinated tomatoes, peppers, and eggplant from top organic and heirloom seed companies
- \* **Heirloom tomato or pepper seedlings to transplant and take home**

## Children's Programs @ your library

The Paul Sawyer Public Library will begin its spring session of programs for children the week of February 21, 2006. To register your child for any of the following programs, call the Youth Services Department at **502-223-1658**, stop by the Youth Services Department, or visit our Web site at [www.pspl.org/kids/youthservices.htm](http://www.pspl.org/kids/youthservices.htm). Registration for all programs begins Monday, February 6, 2006.

**MOTHER GOOSE TIME** is an interactive program for children ages 12–24 months who are accompanied by an adult. Mother Goose Time will meet Tuesdays at 11:00 A.M. and Wednesdays at 11:00 A.M. Parents should select one of the 30-minute sessions for their child to attend. The first sessions of Mother Goose Time will meet Tuesday, February 21, and Wednesday, February 22, 2006.

The **PARENTS & TOTS** program for 2–3-year-olds who are accompanied by an adult will be held on Mondays at 10:00 A.M., Tuesdays at 6:30 P.M. and on Wednesdays at 10:00 A.M. Parents should select one of the 30-minute sessions for their child to attend. The first sessions will be held Monday, February 27, at 10:00 A.M.; Tuesday, February 21, at 6:30 P.M.; and Wednesday, February 22, at 10:00 A.M.

The **STORYTIME** program for 4-year-olds and up will meet Thursdays at 11:00 A.M. The first session of Storytime will be Thursday, February 23, 2006.

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT** is a one-hour program designed for families and their children ages 4 and up. Family Fun Night will meet Thursdays at 6:30 P.M. It includes stories, crafts, and entertaining activities that the entire family will enjoy. The first session of Family Fun Night will be Thursday, February 23, 2006.

### **FOR TEENS 12 AND UP:**

**60's BLAST**—Try your hand at 60's trivia and make a tie-dye t-shirt! February 27 at 6:00 P.M.

**TEEN GAME NIGHT**—Join us for an evening of games, pizza, and fun on March 20 at 6:00 P.M.

### **FOR 8–11 YEAR OLDS:**

**GET GROSSED OUT**—Gross hands-on experiments, dreadful stories, and activities on March 6 at 6:00 P.M.

**CELEBRATE YOUTH ART MONTH**—Discover the artist in you. March 27 at 6:00 P.M.

For more information, call the Youth Services Department via phone (**502-223-1658**) or e-mail ([erinn@pspl.org](mailto:erinn@pspl.org)).

# February Computer Class Offerings

Computer classes are scheduled to begin January 31, 2006. These classes are offered free to those with little or no computer experience. Classes are taught using Windows XP and are held in the Leeco Room of the Library. No sign-up is necessary.

## Introduction to the Internet

This class is designed to help you learn to search the Internet by using addresses and different search engines.

*Prerequisites:* Computer Basics or previous computer experience.

*Class time:* 2 hours

Thursday, February 2, 1:00 P.M.–3:00 P.M.

Friday, February 3, 9:30 A.M.–11:30 A.M.

Monday, February 6, 9:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M.

## OPAC

### Library Catalog

This class focuses on the use of the library catalog. You will learn to search for materials by author, subject, and title. By the end of the class you will be able to place a hold on a book and access your library account.

*Prerequisite:* Basic computer knowledge

*Class time:* 1 hour

Tuesday, January 31, 11:00 A.M.–12:00 NOON

Thursday, February 2, 3:00 P.M.–4:00 P.M.

Wednesday, February 8, 1:00 P.M.–2:00 P.M.

**For more information about these computer classes, please contact Mark at 223-1658.**

## Computer Basics

This class is designed for those with little or no computer experience. Learn to use the mouse and navigate the desktop.

*Prerequisite:* None

*Class time:* 2 hours

Tuesday, January 31, 9:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M.

1:00 P.M.–3:00 P.M.

Tuesday, February 7, 9:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M.

## Online Medical Reference

This class will help the patron become a better informed patient by finding medical information on the Internet.

*Prerequisites:* Previous computer experience

*Class time:* 2 hours

Wednesday, February 1, 1:00 P.M.–3:00 P.M.

6:00 P.M.–8:00 P.M.

Wednesday, February 8, 9:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M.

## eBay & PayPal

Learn how to set up an eBay account, sell, and buy items, and make payments with PayPal.

*Prerequisites:* Previous computer experience

*Class time:* 3 hours

Saturday, February 4, 9:00 A.M.–12:00 NOON

Tuesday, February 7, 1:00 P.M.–4:00 P.M.

# PSPL Book Discussion Groups

## Mystery Book Talk

Our Mystery Book Talk meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. The group is open to anyone interested in new mystery writers. We always welcome new opinions. Our schedule is below. For more information contact Nancy Rice at the Library (502-223-1658) or send her an e-mail (nancy@pspl.org).

January 23	<i>Murder of a Smart Cookie</i>	by Denise Swanson
February 27	<i>We'll Always Have Murder</i>	by Bill Crider
March 27	<i>Femme Fatale</i>	by Carole Nelson Douglas
April 24	<i>Killer Heels</i>	by Sheryl J. Anderson
May 22	<i>Dearlly Depotted</i>	by Kate Collins

## African-American Authors Group

The African-American Authors Group meets the third Saturday of the month at 10:00 A.M. in the Director's office. New members are always welcome. For more information, contact Stacy Klink at 502-223-1658 or send an e-mail (stacy@pspl.org).

January 21	<i>Getting Mother's Body</i>	by Suzan-Lori Parks
February 18	<i>Oxherding Tale</i>	by Charles Johnson
March 18	<i>Diary of an African-American Woman</i>	by Kim Williams
April 15	<i>Graceland</i>	by Chris Abani
May 20	<i>Cookie Cutter</i>	by Sterling Anthony
June 17	<i>Something Wrong With Your Scale</i>	by Van Whitfield

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[www.psplfriends.org](http://www.psplfriends.org)

## PSPL **Friends** Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Level** (please circle one):

Individual (\$5)   Student (\$3)   Senior (\$3)   Family (\$10)   Patron (\$50+)   Benefactor (\$100+)

**I would like to receive the **Friends** newsletter by** (please circle one):

E-mail only   Regular Mail & E-mail

**I would like to help with** (circle as many as you like):

Book Sales/   Newsletter   Public   Fund-raising   Children's   Adult/Special   Other  
Book Fair   Relations   Programs   Programs   \_\_\_\_\_

**If family membership, list additional family members below:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Dues and gifts may be tax deductible.**

Make checks payable to "The **Friends** of the Paul Sawyer Public Library."

Return completed application to: **The **Friends** of the Paul Sawyer Public Library**  
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