



# THE MAURY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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# THE LIBRARY READER

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## Author Susan Gilmore to Visit

On Tuesday, February 17th at 6:30 pm, author Susan Gregg Gilmore will be at the Maury County Public Library to discuss her book, *Looking For Salvation at the Dairy Queen*.

Gilmore's book has been described as, "Intelligent, charming, and utterly readable, *Looking for Salvation at the Dairy Queen* is an inspirational debut from a talented new literary voice."

Come meet this talented literary voice on February 17th, during this free-to-the-public event. A small reception will follow Gilmore's discussion. Gilmore will also have books available for purchase.

For more information on this event, contact Adam T. Southern at (931) 375-6508 or at [asouthern@maurycounty-tn.gov](mailto:asouthern@maurycounty-tn.gov).



## Chief Bishop to Speak at Library

February is Black History Month, and to help celebrate this special month, Columbia's new Chief of Police, Joseph D. Bishop, will speak to the public at the Maury County Library.

Chief Bishop made local history by being named Columbia's first African-American chief of police.

Chief Bishop will use this event as a way to introduce himself to the public and present his ideas of how we can

work together to make Columbia S.A.F.E.

Even though Chief Bishop has made history here in Maury County, this will not be the typical Black History Month program. Chief Bishop's presentation will be one that looks forward, and not to the past.

After all, all of the residents of Columbia will have to work together if we are to make Columbia S.A.F.E.



## Maury County Public Library

211 West 8th Street  
Columbia, TN 38401  
(931) 375-6501

Hours:

Monday	8-8
Tuesday	8-8
Wednesday	8-8
Thursday	9-5
Friday	9-5
Saturday	9-5
Sunday	Closed

## NEW ITEMS!

The library now has a new form of audio book. It's called a Playaway. Basically, it is a Mp3 player loaded with a single book, saving patrons the inconvenience of fumbling with the cd's and cassettes as is the case with traditional audio books. Below are some of our "Playaway" titles.

**The Cat Who Came to Breakfast** by Lilian Jackson Braun

**Promise Me** by Harlan Coben

**Hostage** by Robert Crais

**Absolute Fear** by Lisa Jackson

**Midnight** by Dean Koontz

**The Tenth Justice** by Brad Meltzer

**Up Close and Personal** by Fern Michaels

**Louis L'Amour Collection** featuring Willie Nelson

**Carolina Moon** by Nora Roberts

**Memories of Midnight** by Sidney Sheldon

**Malice** by Robert K. Tanenbaum

**Kill Me** by Stephen White



## Several March events scheduled

Need something to do next month? Well, look no further than the library. The library has several events scheduled during the month of March.

On the third Tuesday of each month, the "Library Book Club" meets in the reference section of the library to discuss the groups monthly selection.

The group's selection for March will be *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*—this year's Big Read title.

Also in March, author Michael Freeland will appear at the library to dis-

cuss his book, *Blood River to Berlin*. The book follows Freeland's life from fields of West Tennessee, to the battlefields of Europe.

Freeland is a veteran of WWII and currently serves as a professor at Austin Peay University. For more information on Freeland and his book, visit [www.bloodrivertoberlin.com](http://www.bloodrivertoberlin.com).

And for more information and updates these, and other library events, visit the library's website [www.maurycountylibrary.org](http://www.maurycountylibrary.org) or call (931) 375-6508.

## Big Read kicked off at MC Library!

On January 20th, the Big Read officially kicked off in Maury County with a visit by author/humorist Carolyn Jourdan of Strawberry Plains, Tennessee.

Jourdan's event was just the first of many programs that will be held in the months to come celebrating Mark Twain and his works, especially *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*—this year's Big Read selection.

The second event of Maury County's 2009 Big Read will also be held at the Maury County Public Library on Tuesday, February 17th at 6:30pm, when

author Susan Gregg Gilmore will discuss her book, *Looking For Salvation at the Dairy Queen*. (See page one for more details.)

Gilmore's program will serve as the 2nd installment of the "Humor in America: Modern Writers in the Tradition of Mark Twain" series which started in Jourdan in January.

For more information on The National Endowment for the Arts' Big Read and local events,, go to their website, [www.neabigread.org](http://www.neabigread.org).

## DATES TO KNOW

**Library Board Meeting**  
Tuesday, February 17th @ 4:00 pm

**Library Book Club Meeting**  
w/ Susan Gregg Gilmore  
Tuesday, February 17th @ 6:30 pm

**Maury County**  
**Commission Meeting**  
Tuesday, February 17th @ 6:30 pm

**Black History Month Program**  
Thursday, February 26th @ 6:30 pm

**The library will be closed on the following date:**

**February 16th**  
for Presidents' Day

*Remember you can search our catalog and your patron status from your home computer by going to our website—*

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

## Message from the Director

Dear Patrons,

I know you've seen the Valentine's Day advertisements on television. "Show them your love by buying them a million dollars worth of diamonds." Whatever! Show them how much you really love them by bringing them to the library and sharing the joy or reading!



Elizabeth Potts,  
Director



*After digging through the library's archives, we were able to come out with this 1988 picture of Director Potts.*

## Director's Booklist

**The Hour I First Believed**  
By Wally Lamb

**The School of Essential Ingredients**  
By Erica Bauermeister

**Eat Drink and be from Mississippi**  
By Nanci Kincaid