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What Happens Tomorrow

What happens "tomorrow" has a lot to do with basic literacy skills and the foundations of learning provided to the children in our region today.

Dolly Parton created the Imagination Library program (<http://www.imaginationlibrary.com>) in 1996 to assist in the literacy opportunities in her home county of Sevier (TN). The program has now been implemented in over 2/3 of Tennessee's counties — plus in 375 communities in 39 states across America. In the Eastern portion of Tennessee, only three counties have not yet begun the program — and one of those, Johnson County, will kick off its program on August 19 at 1:00 p.m.

What is the Imagination Library (IL) program and what does it do? IL is a program that offers books **FREE** to **ALL** children **from birth to age 5** who are legal residents of any county in which the program is offered. Books are selected by a panel of educators and are geared to the specific age of the child receiving each title. Registered children receive one hardcover book per month at their home address. If you register in one county, then move, it is **VERY IMPORTANT** to contact the county where you registered your child so that the books can continue going to him/her if your new county of residence offers the program.

Currently, half of the cost of books is provided through state monies set aside by legislators and funds raised through the Governor's Books from Birth Foundation (<http://www.governorsfoundation.org>); the other half is from private and corporate donations in each county.

At Northeast State, we are proud to be part of the excitement and energy associated with the IL program. If you know of a child age 0-5 in Carter, Greene, Hawkins, Sullivan, Unicoi, or Washington Counties in Tennessee — or Scott County in Virginia — you can print out a registration form from our Basler Library website (<http://tinyurl.com/b6ey2>) for that child's county, let the parent or legal guardian fill out the form and sign it, then return it to the Basler Library, a public library in that county, or mail it to the address on the form. Books should begin arriving in 6-8 weeks.

Please remember that this program is for **ALL children age 0-5 years**; it is not limited to any socioeconomic level. Your state government feels that literacy is important enough to provide half of the money for the program; take advantage of their generosity and do something good — for your child and for our region. For more info, contact Chrissie Anderson Peters at 423.354.2463 or at capeters@NortheastState.edu.

Is There Something I Should Know?

Congratulations to Michelle Wyatt, who begins pursuit of her Masters of Science in Information Sciences at UT this Fall as a Distance Education student! Way to go, Michelle!

In other news... Caroline Kraft, 3-year-old daughter of Dawn Kraft and husband Clint, is going to be a **BIG SISTER!!!** Dawn and Clint are expecting their second child in January. So, be extra-nice to Dawn in the coming months of the Fall semester — she has a lot on her mind (and elsewhere).

The Spotlight

This month's Spotlight staff member is **Chrissie Anderson Peters!** Chrissie began working as a Librarian at NSCC on August 31, 2001, and received her Masters of Science in Information Sciences from UT in December 2002. Her undergraduate degree was a BA in English/Education from Emory & Henry College, completed in 1993. She does "lots of cool stuff" at the Library, including coordinating InterLibrary Loan (ILL), creating/revising Research Guides, assisting at the Reference Desk, leading bibliographic instruction sessions for classes, helping at the Circulation Desk from time-to-time, serving as the campus liaison for Imagination Library in our region, and coordinating/planning public services programs. The Library's programs include Eating With the Experts, Open Books, and WHATTCHA Reading. Watch for an exciting Fall 2005 program line-up soon! Chrissie comments, "I have the best job in the world! I have the best co-workers and I love what I do. I wouldn't have ever imagined working in a Library, but I'm so glad that this is where God put me. I get to learn new things constantly and no two days are ever the same!"

Chrissie enjoys staying busy. She loves writing, reading, listening to music, and tracing her family tree. She belongs to state library associations in Tennessee and Virginia, and is a member of her regional association (Boone Tree) and the American Library Association. She also works with the Sullivan County Imagination Library and People United for Animals (PUFA) in her spare time. Chrissie is married to Russell Peters, her phenomenal husband whom she met online in April 2000, and who will begin Walters State's Nursing Program this Fall. They have eight children — all cats — Mel (boy, 9); Reid (girl, 9); Ella (girl, 3 1/2); Xander (boy, 2); Willow (girl, 2); Lance (boy, almost 1); Mariel (girl, almost 1); and Sophie Britannia (12 weeks). She and Russ recently took their first trip to the British Isles and fell in love with Scotland and Wales.



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Last Chance on the Stairway

On the stairway, by the pool, at the beach, in a hammock in the backyard — wherever you please — take some time during these last few weeks of Summer Vacation to read for the FUN of it!

Fiction: *Vulcan's Hammer* (Dick); *Hungry Tide* (Ghosh); *Nightbringer* (Huggins); *Race Mixing* (Jones); *Hot Kid* (Leonard); *Soul Tracker* (Myers); *Melancholy* (Parker); and *I Am the Messenger* (Zusak).

Non-Fiction: *Folk and Fairy Tales* (Ashliman); *Forensic DNA Typing* (Butler); *Same-Sex Marriage in the United States: The Post-2004 Election Edition* (Cahill); *Johnny Cash: The Songs* (Cusic); *Is Bill Cosby Right?: Or Has the Black Middle Class Lost Its Mind?* (Dyson); *Renaissance Beasts* (Fudge); *Media Violence and Children* (Gentile); *Six Seasons Remembered: The National Championship Years of Tennessee Football* (Harris and Manning); *We Lived in a Little Cabin in the Yard* (Hurmence); *Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the White House* (Johnson & Johnson); *In the Footsteps of Daniel Boone* (Jones); *Old Hickory: Andrew Jackson and the American People* (Marrin); *NASCAR Now* (Miller & Milton); *Murdered By His Wife: A History with Documentation of the Joshua Spooner Murder and Execution of His Wife, Bathsheba, Who Was Hanged in Worcester, Massachusetts, 2 July 1778* (Navas); *Pocahontas, Powhatan, Opechancanough: Three Indian Lives Changed By Jamestown* (Rountree); *Day-By-Day in NASCAR History* (Meinstereifel); and *Meet You in Hell: Andrew Carnegie, Henry Clay Frick, and the Bitter Partnership That Transformed America* (Standiford).

A View to a Kill

We Band of Angels: The Untold Story of American Nurses Trapped on Bataan by the Japanese by Elizabeth M. Norman
[D 807 .U6 N58 1999]



In *We Band of Angels: The Untold Story of American Nurses Trapped on Bataan by the Japanese*, Elizabeth M. Norman reveals the horrific trials of the nurses who suffered and served under the Japanese occupation of the Philippines during World War II. My first contact with this book was not actually with a book, but by accidentally hearing Dick Estell reading *We Band of Angels* on NPR's Radio Reader. After one short half-hour reading, I was hooked.

Once I started reading it, I had a difficult time putting the work down, as I started to empathize with each of the twenty different women interviewed by Norman. Norman's weaving of the individual nurses' stories pulled me into their world and the horrors that they faced each day. From their idyllic life in the lush tropical paradise of Manila to the bombardment and subsequent surrender of the Philippines to the Japanese to their harrowing existence during the Bataan Death March and life in the Japanese prison camps, Norman illustrates each woman's personal heroism in the face of tremendous adversity. It was not only the nurses' courage that caught my attention, but Norman herself impressed me with both her style of writing, extensive research, and the eight long years that she put into her work.

Norman, when writing *We Band of Angels*, has created a book that is both historically accurate and emotionally satisfying. I would recommend this book to anyone, even people who are not that interested in history.

— Amy Hopkins, Library Assistant II



Taste the Summer Hummingbird Cake

(Submitted by Chrissie Anderson Peters)

- 3 C. Self-Rising Flour
- 2 C. Sugar
- 1 t. Cinnamon
- 1 C. Chopped Pecans
- 1 1/2 C. Crisco Oil
- 3 Eggs
- 18 oz. Crushed Pineapple
- 2 C. Mashed Bananas (4 or 5)

Preheat oven to 335 degrees. Grease a bundt cake pan. Mix all ingredients together in a bowl with a spoon and pour into bundt pan. Cook about 1 hour.