BRENTWOOD LIBRARY AUTHOR BOOK FAIR
Saturday, November 23rd
10:00-3:00 p.m.

AUTHOR BIOS

Richard Barlow Adams
Mr. Adams is the author of two books receiving a 5-Star ForeWord Clarion book review: *The Parting: A Story of West Point on the Eve of the Civil War,* the true and epic story of the West Point Class of 1861 during their last year at the Academy when they experience the nation unraveling, another one forming, and make decisions that will pit them against each other in war. *Eben Kruge: How "A Christmas Carol" Came to be Written...A Story About Charles Dickens*, a story about Dickens at the age of thirty and what inspired him to write the Christmas classic.

Having immersed himself in West Point history and having a lifelong fascination with Charles Dickens, Adams is a frequent speaker on topics related to his books.

Adams is currently penning *Song Bé: A Story of Body, Mind, and Soul.* For more information visit his website at www.RichardBarlowAdams.com.

Nanette Avery
Nanette grew up in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. A resident of Brentwood, Tennessee she is a diverse writer and educator having authored a number of published works, including *Sixty Jars in a Pioneer Town,* a historical fiction novel, *My Mother's Tattoo And Other Stories For Kids,* a book of short stories that she also illustrated, *First Aid for Readers*, a reading strategies workbook, *Once Upon a Time Words: Definitions of Often Read but Seldom Spoken Words.*

Her poetry and literary works can be found in publications such as *Americana Magazine of Popular Culture; Digital Americana; Florida English Journal; Peace Studies Journal: A Project of Central New York Peace Studies* and *Broken Circles*: an anthology dedicated to helping the "Broken Circles Hunger Project".

Nanette's new historical fiction novel will debut early in 2014. She is also working on a series of pieces that combines her artwork and video poetry.

Kathryn Butler
Kathryn is the author of *The Mystery at Blue Moon Stables* (Sidney Sinclair Adventure #1), the first book in a horse-themed mystery series for middle grade readers. Kathryn grew up in a small town in Tennessee. She rode her first horse at the age of seven and started writing at about the same time. Horses have influenced her writing from a young age and are often featured in her stories. Kathryn has a degree in journalism, but she prefers writing fiction to non-fiction.

Louise Colln
Louise is the author of six nationally and internationally published books. Her poetry and short stories have been published in national magazines. Her work is in three Williamson County Literary Reviews, Voices From The Missouri Heartlands, Ozarks, Muscadine Lines, Gathering, Gotcha Covered, and Filtered Through Time. Her latest book is *Woman of the Land: Mary Mother of the Christ*. She lives in Franklin, Tennessee where the natural beauty and sense of history encourage her interest in people and appreciation of the world we live in.

Dr. Parnell Donahue
Dr. Parnell Donahue, (Par) was born and raised on a farm in Minnesota, the third child in a family of nine. He earned his medical degree from the Medical college of Wisconsin and served as a general medical office in the USAF. After completing a pediatric residency he practiced in Wisconsin and Georgia. Although he maintained his practice in pediatrics, his areas of concentration were adolescent medicine and sports medicine.

Donahue currently works part time for the Military Entrance Processing Station where he performs physical exams on military candidates seeking enlistment in the US Military Services.

He enjoys reading, writing, gardening, wood working, and cooking for friends and family – which includes fourteen grandchildren. He has helped care for under insured children at a volunteer clinic; taught in an after-school program for at risk teens; and served on the board of CASA, a program which advocates for kids who end up in the court system through no fault of their own. Most recently he was a member of the pastoral board at his church.

Tools for Effective Parenting is Donahue's fourth book. His first book, *Germs Make We Sick,* was published in 1975; it was followed in 1979 by *Sport Doc.* Both books were published by Alfred A. Knopf and are no longer in print. In 2010 the popular *Messengers in Denim* was published, *Tools for Effective Parenting* well be released by Tate Publishing and Enterprises, Inc.
He lives with his wife Mary, and their dog Belle, in Brentwood, Tennessee.

Tiffini Johnson
Once upon a time, a blue-eyed, blonde haired girl was born in Memphis, Tennessee. Her formative years were spent traveling across the United States and Canada with her family. She doesn't even remember writing "Sweet Shelby," her first story, but by age 9 was reading her stories out loud to classmates. By high school graduation, Tiffini had written over 100 short stories and novels, covering topics like the Holocaust, domestic violence and the Orphan Train. All of her books were hand-written; the longest was 2,243 pages! When she wasn't writing, she nourished a passionate love of country music, horses that could run fast, God, soaking in everything she could about the Holocaust, volunteering with children, cooking, psychology and education. When she was 23, she had her first child, a little blonde haired, blue eyed princess named Breathe. The birth of her daughter inspired Tiffini to come forward with painful and haunting truths regarding the sexual abuse she'd endured as a child. Today, Tiffini is a motivational speaker and award-winning author of seven published books, most of which deal with abuse in some format. The critically acclaimed novel *The Character* details childhood sexual abuse through the eyes of a ten year old currently experiencing it. She uses her own traumatic past as a bridge to helping others realize they are not alone. A joyful teacher, dedicated volunteer, prolific writer, engaging public speaker and compassionate advocate, her first and most revered position is as "Mama." She delights in immersing herself in a wonderland of imaginative games like Elephant in the Jungle, Picasso Days and tea parties. Her current book deals with bullying, self-harm and teenage suicide. She is a chocolate-lover and could play in a creek bed all day. She is an insomniac who writes late at night while consuming plenty of Dr. Peppers! She is a dreamer, an optimist and a storyteller who believes the best stories are the ones we create with our families. To learn more about Tiffini or her books, visit her at tiffinijohnson.com or her blog at storiesthatmatterblog.com.

Joy Jordan-Lake
Joy is the author of five books, including *Blue Hole Back Home,* winner of the Christy Award for Best First Novel and chosen as Baylor University's Common Book for 2009. Joy's other works include a collection of short stories and reflections, *Grit and Grace: Portraits of a Woman's Life*; an academic text, *Whitewashing Uncle Tom's Cabin;* and two other nonfiction works, *Working Families* and *Why Jesus Makes Me Nervous: Ten Alarming Words of Faith.* Her current project is a novel, *Tangled Mercy*, set in Charleston, South Carolina.

Joy holds a Ph.D. and masters in English and American Literature, as well as a masters from a theological seminary. She has served as the associate pastor of a multi-ethnic church in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and was a Baptist chaplain at Harvard.

With her husband and their three children, she lives just south of Nashville, where she continues writing fiction and nonfiction, as well as the blog "Writing in the Midst of Real Life." In addition to leading seminars and workshops, Joy teaches as an adjunct professor at Belmont University. For more information, please see www.joyjordanlake.com.

Patty Keith
Patty is the author of the recently released Duck Ponder Series. The Duck Ponder Series was inspired by this author's love of photography, which illustrate each edition, and her desire to instill the love of God's word and His creation to her granddaughters. Currently three books of the series are available: *"Will You Be My Friend (even IF I am different from you)*, *I Wish I was a Mallard, but God made me a Pekin instead,* and *Hank the honking goose learns to listen.* These delightful books are ageless with beautiful photography of a variety of duck species and "ponder this" facts scattered among the pages of storybook fun. Each edition addresses specific issues of being different, loving yourself, listening, fear, bullying, death, obedience and much more to come. Be still and ponder the messages that God's creatures share throughout these charming books. Visit the Duck Ponder Series' Facebook page for additional information on new releases.

The Lady M (formerly C. L. Summers)
Like most writers, The Lady M (formerly known as C. L. Summers), starting writing as a child. She took her craft to a whole new level in May 2011 when she left her corporate job to complete and publish her first book, The Kama Sutra of Celibacy: 101 Ways to be Successfully Celibate, about the ups and downs of living a life of celibacy. The Lady M shares her real life stories and emotions with grit and humor with the goal of encouraging and helping others to succeed not only in celibacy but in life overall. She is working on her second book, Dancing With Daddy to be released in early 2014. The Lady M has earned a Masters of Arts in English with an emphasis in Creative Writing and will begin work on a second Master's degree this coming January 2014 as she begins her journey to becoming a Christian Counselor. At present she is single without children and lives in Gallatin, TN.

Price McNaughton
Price McNaughton was born and raised in a small town in Tennessee. A childhood steeped in the stories and legends of her ancestors as well as the Southern way of life led her to carry on the tradition and become a storyteller herself. After years of traveling, she returned to her roots and devoted herself to her first love, writing mysteries. She is the author of *A Vision of Murder* and *Murder is Ugly*.

Nancy Nichols
Best-selling author Nancy Nichols spent a lifetime trying to understand the attitudes and behavior which attract happiness, success and even true love. Her zany humor and no-nonsense candor about dysfunctional behavior, dating blunders and relationship failure have gained her a loyal following from both women and men. "God took my lifelong relationship struggles and heartbreak and gave me a life-altering message for women," states Nancy. Nancy moved to Franklin, TN two years ago to finish writing and promote her self-esteem trilogy *God, Please Fix Me!* Her trilogy includes: *Secrets of the Ultimate Husband Hunter (2008), Never Date a Dead Animal* (April 2013) and her 3rd sequel book *God, Please Fix Me!* is scheduled for release January 2014. You can learn more about Nancy and her books at her website: www.GodPleaseFixMe.com.

Bill Peach
Mr.Peach is the former president and owner of Pigg & Peach men's clothing store in Historic Downtown Franklin (1956-2003). He is the author of five books and was the Williamson County Council for the Written Word Hall of Fame designee (2001). He received a Bachelor of Universities degree from MTSU in 1988 after four decades in college and added continuing adult classes at Lipscomb University in Philosophy and Education in 1998, 2008, and 2010, for now seven decades in college.

Bill is a philosopher and social activist, and occasional public speaker. His other involvement in public service includes: Board member of Franklin Special School District (1976-1992) and Williamson County school board (2002-2010); past president of Historic Downtown Franklin Association; and commissioner of Franklin Housing Authority (1974-2010). His wife and three daughters teach, or have taught, in public education, and his seven grandchildren are in public schools.

Kathy Rhodes
Kathy is author of *Remember the Dragonflies: A Memoir of Grief and Healing* newly published. She is also author of *Pink Butterbeans: Stories from the heart of a Southern woman*, a collection of 50 true

personal stories. She is contributing editor of two anthologies. Her essay, “An Open Letter,” appeared in *The Best Creative Nonfiction, Vol. 3* and was singled out for a review in *The New Yorker*. Her essay “The Wedding Hankie” was included in *Chocolate for a Woman’s Soul II*. Rhodes is senior writer/editor at TurnStyle Writing, Editing & Publishing Solutions. She teaches creative nonfiction workshops and speaks to grief groups about loss and hope.

Randy Rudder
Randy has been a college English professor, freelance writer, writer/producer with the Christian Broadcasting Network, and author. He has written for *Nashville Lifestyles, The Nashville Business Journal, Country Weekly, Bluegrass Unlimited, American Profile,* and many other publications. He is also the author of *The Country Music Reader* (2007) and *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Country Music* edition (2011).

Reba Stanley
Reba is a Christian fiction romance author and a professional artist. Her books include *The Garland Series, Storms, The Rancher,* and *Where My Heart Lies.* She presently has a work in progress of her *Heavenly Father*. Reba is the mother of four and lives with her husband of 30 years in Brentwood, TN. For more information visit her website: *www.rebastanley.com.*

Carol Webb Slater
Letters from the Heart 1943-1946 is Carole Webb [Moore] Slater's first non-fiction book and tells the story through letters of a young pilot in training, in war, and in love. Carole is a frequent presenter at meetings for persons interested in World War II history. A display of memorabilia accompanies her presentations.

Carole Webb [Moore] Slater has lived in Franklin for thirty years and is married to Jim Slater and the mother of two adult children (J Dana Slater and Sarah Walsh). Before retirement in July 2013, Carole directed Tennessee Disability Pathfinder, a program of the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center, and spent over 35 years working in the disability field. Writing journals and family stories has been a personal interest for many years and Letters from the Heart, 1943-1946 is her first non-fiction book. In 1987, Carole wrote a children's book, *Dana Doesn't Like Guns Anymore*, that is currently available through the author.