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**Friends of the Library First Thursday Program, May 2023**

JACKSON, Tenn. – The Friends of the Jackson-Madison County Library will be hosting their monthly First Thursday program next week on May 4, 2023 at 12:00 pm at the library. May 4, 2023: Friends of The Library program features The Story of Liberty Garden Park. The Friends of the Library will welcome Tammy L. Buchanan and Jack Baudo to share the Story of Liberty Garden Park: The Founding - Present Project Development.

Founded in 2001, Liberty Garden Park, 24 Channing Way in Jackson, Tennessee, is a Living Memorial to 9/11, honoring the American Spirit of Resilience, Freedom, Liberty, Justice and Equality. Through nature-scape, Liberty Garden Park offers avenues to learn and participate in health & wellness, history and veteran-related events, arts, and science. A varied range of community activities at the park add to educational outreach and quality of life in Jackson, Madison County and West Tennessee for both residents and tourists. Of special note, the Children’s Garden at Liberty Garden Park is the site of the first Little Free Library in Jackson and Madison County.

Tammy L. Buchanan is a visionary in the 2001 founding of Liberty Garden Park and chair of park development through 2021, a former board chair of Keep Jackson Beautiful where she served for 20 years, a graduate of the UT Extension Institute of Agriculture Madison County Master Gardener program, and a 2021 founding member of the now established Liberty Garden Park Conservancy.

Jack Baudo is a well-known Jackson restauranteur, a graduate of the UT Extension Institute of Agriculture Madison County Master Gardener program, a former board member of Keep Jackson Beautiful and liaison for Keep Jackson Beautiful and Master Gardener projects, a co-chair for the development of Liberty Garden Park from 2012-2021, and a 2021 founding member of the now established Liberty Garden Park Conservancy.

Bring a brown bag lunch or treat yourself to the provided light snacks. Drinks provided, all are welcomed.

The Jackson-Madison County Library is located at 433 E. Lafayette St. in downtown. For more information, contact the Library at 731-425-8600, visit the Library’s Facebook page at Facebook.com/JMCLibrary or its website at [www.jmclibrary.org](http://www.jmclibrary.org).

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