SPECIAL GUESTS

Tim Henderson: Tim was born and grew up in Nashville, Tennessee. After attending local public schools, he attended Union University in Jackson, Tennessee, receiving his BA with honors in English and Philosophy. Later, he received his MA in English from Middle Tennessee State University, and his MIS in Information Science from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He has been with Humanities Tennessee since 1998, serving as both Director of Digital Programs and Director of Operations before being named Executive Director in 2012.

Mary Grey James is past national president of WNBA. With many years in various segments of the book industry, she is currently Children’s Manager at Parnassus Books, and a long-time member of WNBA-Nashville. Her next life will be as a jazz pianist who writes critically-acclaimed novels on the side.

Kent Oliver: The Director of the Nashville Public Library has been working in public libraries since high school, beginning as a book shelfer with the Topeka (KS) Public Library. He has worked in libraries in Kansas, Missouri, Ohio and Tennessee. Kent is a past president of two state library associations and has been the chair of two state library association intellectual freedom committees. He is a three time President of the Freedom To Read Foundation and was a candidate for President of the American Library Association. His tenure as Director of the Nashville Public Library began in 2012.

Jill A. Tariff is the WNBA National Reading Group Month chair/coordinator. She is the WNBA UN DPI/NGO representative, past national president and New York City chapter president.

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615 Church Street, Conference Center Room 1B
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Jim Henderson
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Jill A. Tardiff
WNBA National Reading Group Month chair

Author Panel

Moderator
Nina Cardona
Nashville Public Radio

Authors
Jill McCorkle
Cathie Pelletier
Suzanne Rindell
John Milliken Thompson
Margaret Wrinkle

Closing Remarks

Bebe Brechner

Author signings follow at Festival Signing Colonnade

Great Group Reads Selection