

Daviess County Memorabilia Day

At the Daviess County Public Library

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By Jerry Long

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History fair coming to library

Saturday's event to celebrate county's 200th anniversary

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Daviess County Memorabilia Day, scheduled from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Daviess County Public Library, is a "history fair," celebrating the county's 200th anniversary.

"We are hoping that this is a blockbuster," Jerry Long, library assistant, said last week. "As a member of the Daviess County Bicentennial Committee, I have developed this program as the main event in the library's Celebration of Daviess County's Bicentennial. The list of participants is quite impressive."

Roughly 40 individuals and groups will be exhibiting or offering for sale art work, photographs, post cards, books, posters, signs, souvenirs, tokens, toys, antiques and a lot more, he said.

The library's parking lot at 2020 Frederica St. will have an Owensboro wagon on display along with a 1925 Ames Speedster (made in Owensboro), a 1926 Seagrave fire engine and a 1956 police cruiser.

The public lounge and bay window areas of the second floor will feature art from the Owensboro Museum of Fine Art, Rex Robinson, Rhonda McEnroe, Wendell Thompson, Studio 105 Art & Frame Gallery, Studio Slant, C.G. Morehead, Adam Paris and the Imagination Library.

Items from the late Hal Miller's historical collection at the Windy Hollow restaurant will be on display.

A book store will be set up on the east end of the Kentucky Room for the sale of duplicate books from the library's collection, an 1881 Bird's Eye View of Owensboro poster and several other publications.

Long said the both floors of the library will become a "treasure trove" for people interested in local history.

"We'll have something in every available space in the library," he said. "And we'll have activities outside — as long as it doesn't rain."

The library's Kentucky Room has sponsored events in the past, Long said. "But not a whole fair like this. We'll have a two-page guide at the door so people won't miss anything."

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Daviess County Memorabilia Day

Celebrate Daviess County's Bicentennial

Saturday, July 11, 1-5 pm

In celebration of Daviess County's Bicentennial the Daviess County Public Library is sponsoring Daviess County Memorabilia Day on Saturday, July 11th (1-5 pm). Various organizations and individuals that have items that reflect the history and culture of Daviess County have been invited to come and display them. A wide variety of items will be on display and also offered for sale. Items include art work, pictures, post cards, pamphlets, books, posters, signs, souvenirs, bottles, tokens, toys, antiques, products made locally and a multitude of other vintage collectibles. In the parking lot there will be an Owensboro Wagon, 1925 Ames auto, 1956 Owensboro police cruiser and 1926 Seagrave fire engine.

Both floors of the library will be a treasure trove of items to view and purchase. In the Kentucky Room, on the first floor, historic items from the Kentucky Room's collection will be on display. On the east end of the Kentucky Room there will be a Daviess County Book Store with free handouts and items on Daviess County for purchase – they include duplicate books & pamphlets from the library's collection, genealogy society's family history books on Daviess County, Greenwood Cemetery book, Messenger-Inquirer books, 1881 Birds' Eye View of Owensboro poster, postcards from Nona's Downtown Market, and complementary items from the Owensboro-Daviess County Tourist Commission and Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce. At the display of the Daviess County Bicentennial Committee the new history of Daviess County and other souvenirs celebrating the Bicentennial will be available. Also on the first floor will be booths hosted by the Owensboro Fire Department, Daviess County Sheriff, Joe Ford Nature Center, Owensboro Health Regional Hospital, Archives of the Owensboro Catholic Diocese, Archives of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph, Owensboro Area Museum of Science & History, Owensboro Antique Mall, Bruner's Collectables, and collectors, Steve Marks, Ben McGill and Paul Coomes.

In the public lounge & bay window on the second floor there will be an Art Gallery – displays include Owensboro Museum of Fine Art, Rex Robinson, Rhonda McEnroe, Wendell Thompson, Studio 105 Art & Frame Gallery, Studio Slant LLC, C. G. Morehead prints, Adam Paris and Imagination Library. Also on the second floor will be displays by the Daviess County Extension Service, Ron Peach, Bill McCarty, David Edds, Hal Miller collection, Sara McNulty and the Married Ladies Reading Club.

We are really excited about this program and think it could be an entertaining way to learn about, experience and celebrate the history of Daviess County. Please come and help us to celebrate!

The following will have a display on Daviess County Memorabilia Day:

- Daviess County Public Library
- Owensboro Museum of Science & History
- Daviess County Bicentennial Committee
- Daviess County Sheriff's department
- Owensboro Police department
- Owensboro Fire department
- Owensboro Health Regional Hospital
- Archives of the Owensboro Catholic Diocese
- Archives of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph
- Married Ladies Reading Club
- Daviess County Extension Service
- Owensboro-Daviess County Tourist Commission
- Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce
- Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer
- Owensboro Antique Mall
- Owensboro Museum of Fine Art
- Studio 105 Art & Frame Gallery
- Imagination Library – Christmas ornaments

- Rex Robinson – art
- Rhonda McEnroe – art
- Todd Derr – art
- John Medley – art
- Adam Paris – photography
- Ron Peach – baseball & soap box derby
- Steve Marks – vintage collection
- P. A. Hicks – postcards & pictures
- Paul Coomes – vintage collection
- David Edds – post cards
- Ronald Tipton – Ames auto
- Joe & Winnie Foster – Owensboro Wagon
- Bill McCarty – vintage collection
- Joe Ford Nature Center – items from Joe Ford collection
- Sara McNulty – mining
- Karen Porter – items from Hal Miller collection
- Bruner’s Collectables – vintage collection
- Greenwood Cemetery Committee
- McLean County Regional Family Research Center – Daviess County books

On Daviess County Memorabilia Day go on a journey through history



Ames 1925 Speedster - owner, Ronald Tipton



Owensboro Wagon - owner, Joe & Winnie Foster

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In Celebration of Daviess County,'s Bicentennial

Daviess County Book Store

(Kentucky Room – 1st floor)

Kentucky Room duplicates
Messenger-Inquirer books
Tourist Commission
Owensboro Chamber of Commerce

family history resource books
Greenwood Cemetery book
1881 View of Owensboro
postcards from Nona's

Art Gallery

(Public Lounge & bay window – 2nd floor)

**Owensboro Museum of Fine Art
Studio 105 Art & Frame Gallery
Wendell Thompson
John Medley
Rex Robinson
Rhonda McEnroe
Todd Derr
Adam Paris
Imagination Library
see also Library's collection in Kentucky Room**

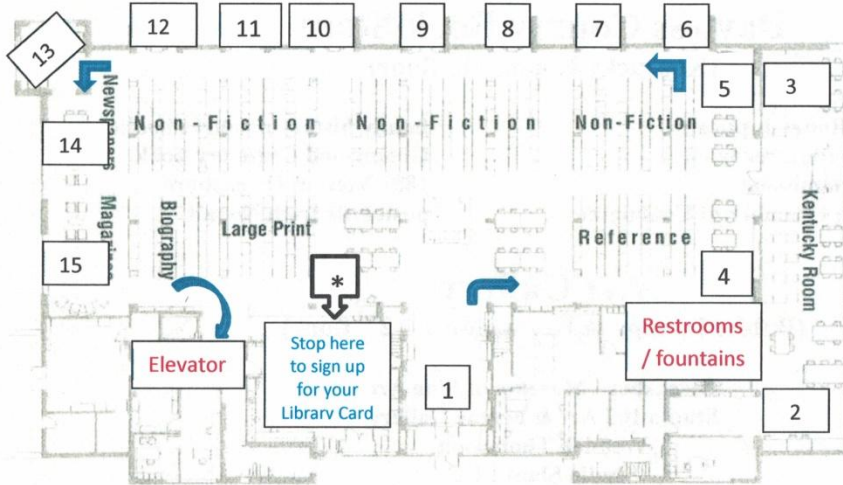
Parking Lot

**Owensboro Wagon - owner, Joe & Winnie Foster
Ames 1925 Speedster - owner, Ronald Tipton
Seagrave 1926 Fire Engine
Ford 1956 Police Cruiser**

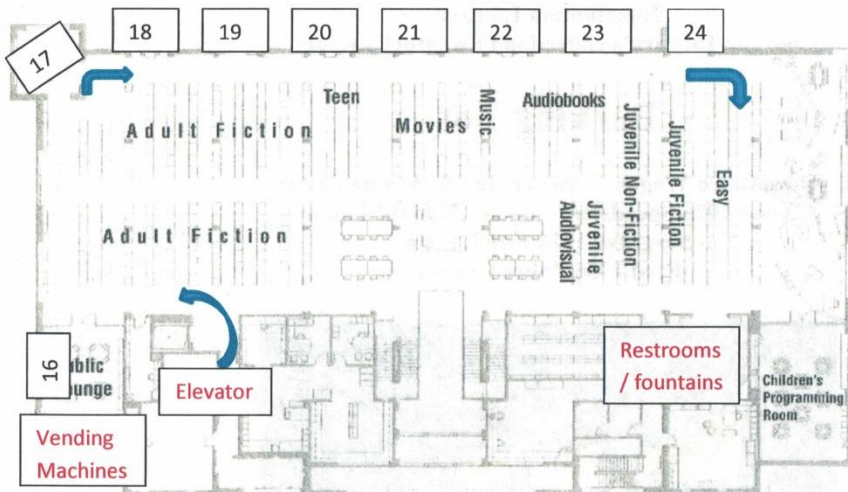


Daviess County Memorabilia Day

Daviess County Public Library First Floor



Second Floor



- 1 Welcome Table
- 2 Kentucky Room
- 3 Daviess County Book Store
- 4 Bicentennial Committee
- 5 Archives - Diocese & Mount St. Joseph
- 6 Fire Department
- 7 Joe Ford Nature Center
- 8 Owensboro Health Regional Hospital
- 9 Daviess County Sheriff
- 10 Paul Coomes - collectibles
- 11 P. A. Hicks - postcards & pictures
- 12 Bruner's Collectables
- 13 Owensboro Area Museum
- 14 Owensboro Antique Mall
- 15 Steve Marks - collectibles
- 16 Art Gallery
- 17 Art Gallery
- 18 Daviess County Extension Service
- 19 Ron Peach - baseball & soap box derby
- 20 Bill McCarty - collectibles
- 21 David Edds - postcards
- 22 Hal Miller - collectibles
- 23 Sara McNulty - mining
- 24 Married Ladies Reading Club

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e-mail : To Keith Lawrence (klawrence@messenger-inquirer.com), Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, from Jerry Long, 12 July 2015:

Keith,

I would like to thank you again for the article you did about Daviess County Memorabilia Day at the library. The event was truly a celebration of Daviess County's history. I believe your article and some other avenues I pursued helped to get the word out and led to its success. This time I am not writing to request anything from you I just wanted you to personally know about the success of the program. I see you as the premier historian and voice for the history of Daviess County.

From 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday Daviess County Memorabilia Day was held at the Daviess County Public Library. As a member of Daviess County's Bicentennial Committee I presented my ideas to the library on January 14 of this year for five programs that the library could host in celebration of the county's bicentennial. Over the past six months I spent many hours at the library and of my own time in organizing Daviess County Memorabilia Day. I had visualized and hoped it would be one of the most successful and well attended programs that have been hosted at the library. It indeed was. For the first three hours of the event the library's parking lot stayed full and many people had to walk from blocks away. Library staff estimated the attendance in excess of 400. On the average there were three or more people standing at each booth for the first couple of hours. On my first full pass through the library displays I counted 153 in about the first 20 minutes.

All thirty-five presenters, who had been invited, arrived and packed both floors of the library with antiques, art work and memorabilia. The number of presenters and their assistants alone exceeded any other previous program at the library. The parking lot display of an Owensboro Wagon, 1925 Ames auto, 1956 Owensboro police cruiser and a 1926 Seagrave Fire engine were a popular and impressive site. When the Fire Department arrived with the latter they also came with and parked two other fire engines.

One of the tables I prepared as part of the Kentucky Room's display was a memorial to your late compatriot and my fellow Bicentennial Committee member and friend, Glenn Hodges.

The library staff and I got many comments of praise and thank-you's for the event. Lee & Aloma Dew, chair persons for the Bicentennial Committee and Karen Porter, who was in charge of publicity for the committee, said we had no idea it was going to be so extensive and successful.

Thank you again for your help!!
Jerry Long

e-mail : From Keith Lawrence (klawrence@messenger-inquirer.com), Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, to Jerry Long, 13 July 2015:

Thanks, Jerry, you did a great job. I wish we could have covered it but Towne Square Mall took up too much of my time last week.

e-mail : From Leslie McCarty (lmccarty@dcplibrary.org), Daviess County Public Library, Owensboro, KY, to staff of Daviess County Public Library, 13 July 2015:

I am pleased to announce that we had a total of 468 for Memorabilia Day!!!! It was an awesome event! I would like to thank everyone who helped us prepare for this event, lending us tables, printing materials and helping spread the word. I also want to thank the staff that helped on Saturday. It meant a lot to those who came that they had help unloading and packing up their items. It was a great event and the feedback from the participants and the public was very positive. You all make this such a great place to work. Last but certainly not least, I want to thank Jerry Long for organizing the event and for all the hard work you put into it. For those of us that were here on Saturday, we enjoyed the fruits of your labor. Thanks, Leslie McCarty

e-mail : From Jim Blanton (jblanton@dcplibrary.org), Director of Daviess County Public Library, Owensboro, KY, to Jerry Long, 13 July 2015:

Fantastic job Jerry!!!! I know a great deal of effort was put into this program, and your commitment to making this a success certainly was evident in the outcome. Attracting a response like that is no easy feat, and I want to thank you and all who contributed to making this amazing program happen!!!! Jim

e-mail : To Aloma Dew, Karen Porter,, David Smith, Kathy Olson, Isaac Settle, Tracy McQueen, Grace Ford, Dariush Shafa, Clint Hardy, Heidi Taylor-Caudill, Ed Allen, Richard Glenn, Beck Glenn, Kevin Bruner, Wesley Acton, Joe Foster, David Zachary, Rex Robinson, Ronald Tipton ,Shirley Trunnell, and Larry Birkhead from Jerry Long, 15 July 2015:

I am pleased to announce that the Daviess County Public Library had in excess of 468 for Memorabilia Day!!!! It was an awesome event! I would like to thank everyone who helped us prepare. Over the last six months I spent many hours in organizing the event. I had visualized and hoped it would be one of the most successful and well attended programs that have been hosted at the library. It indeed was. All thirty-five presenters, who had been invited, arrived and packed both floors of the library with antiques, art work and memorabilia. The number of presenters and their assistants alone exceeded any other previous event at the library. It was one of the largest and most widely attended programs ever held at the library! For the first three hours of the library's parking lot stayed full and many people had to walk from blocks away. Thank you for your help! Jerry Long