

Slemp Foundation Funds New Parking Area for C. Bascom Slemp Memorial Library

Lonesome Pine Regional Library is receiving a gift of \$48,990 from the C. Bascom Slemp Foundation to construct a new parking lot at the C. Bascom Slemp Memorial Library in Big Stone Gap. Situated on a lot spanning the bottom half of a hillside, the Slemp Library is surrounded by large trees and beautiful landscaping. Access, however, has been somewhat problematic since its construction in the early 1970's. The main access to the library now starts at a parking lot at the bottom of the hill where library users leave their cars to go up the steps and sidewalks to enter the library building. This approach to the library, while picturesque, involves a significant incline and a climb of twenty-two steps. Increasingly, this entryway has become challenging for the elderly, chronically ill, library users with babies and small children in tow, and those who are carrying library books.

The additional parking area will be much more convenient for library users. The lot will be constructed in the flat area on the right hand side of the building. It will provide parking for ten cars and will include new connecting sidewalks and plantings to blend well into the established landscaped grounds.

The Town of Big Stone, which has considerable engineering expertise and experience in managing similar ventures, has agreed to work with the library to administer this project. In addition, the County also lends its support, "This is a much needed project. Wise County as owner of the property is excited about this needed upgrade to the facility," says County Attorney Karen Mullins. Library Director Amy Bond estimates completion of the project by Summer 2012, "We are excited to see this enhancement come to fruition, and we are deeply appreciative of the Slemp Foundation's continuing support."



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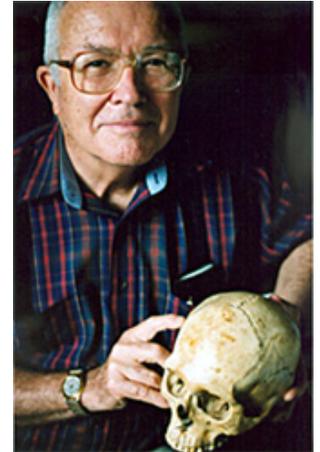


An Evening With Dr. Bill Bass, Forensic Anthropologist

September 15th will be remembered as one of the most exciting author events ever held in Lonesome Pine's territory. The Friends of Lee Libraries treated community members to an engaging presentation and lecture featuring world renowned forensic anthropologist, Dr. Bill Bass.

Founder of the University of Tennessee's Anthropological Research Facility, commonly called the Body Farm, Dr. Bass is the author or co-author of more than two hundred scientific publications. He is also well known for the critically acclaimed memoir about his career at the Body Farm, *Death's Acre*. Joining veteran journalist, writer, and documentary filmmaker Jon Jefferson, the two created a series of books under the pseudonym Jefferson Bass. Some of those popular titles include, *Flesh and Bone*, *Carved in Bone*, *The Devil's Bones*, *The Bone Yard*, and *The Bone Thief* all available for checkout at Lonesome Pine's libraries.

During his visual presentation, Dr. Bass presented "the language of the dead" in two death investigation cases. "I try not to get too gruesome," said Dr. Bass, "but I do want to explain that forensic science investigations aren't as quickly resolved as portrayed on today's crime scene television shows."



After seeing in detail how science precisely unraveled the two cases, the audience, composed of law enforcement officers, anatomy students, future scientists, and book lovers, could only chuckle as Dr. Bass concluded by exclaiming, "See how fun this is. Science is just like a puzzle put together."

Congratulations to Happy eLibrary Winners!

Lonesome Pine Regional Library is pleased to announce the winners of our Summer 2011 eLibrary drawing. Library users who checked out from LPRL's eLibrary during the month of July were automatically entered into a drawing for three fun promotional prizes, sponsored in part by Overdrive, our digital media provider. The winner of a Sony Reader Pocket Edition is retired teacher, Lisa Fay Phipps.



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