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18,000
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The Friends are dedicated to helping raise young readers in our community. That commitment is exemplified in ongoing support for the library’s Children’s Festival of Reading and Summer Library Club and Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library of Knox County. Friends partnered to present authors Jon Meacham (pictured, right), Vince Vawter, Jessica Wilkerson and Ginny Savage Ayers, Silas House, Barbara Brown Taylor, and Rick Bragg.

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$26,554 FRIENDS MINI-GRANTS
$14,925 KSPL COLLECTIONS, SERVICES & PROGRAMS
$6,842 AUTHOR EVENTS
$3,142 STAFF & VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION
$5,000 IMAGINATION LIBRARY
$7,820 COMMUNITY OUTREACH
$5,494 COMMUNITY READING INITIATIVES
$1,960 SCHOLARSHIPS & CONFERENCES
$1,364 EQUIPMENT UPGRADES

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The Friends disbursed $282,363 in grants to support the library and its programs, including $14,925 for Knox County Public Library collections, services & programs, $26,551 to support the library’s programs, $14,922 for author events, $5,000 for the Imagination Library, $7,820 for community outreach, $5,494 for community reading initiatives, $1,960 for scholarships & conferences, $1,364 for equipment upgrades, $2,188 for staff & volunteer appreciation, and $88,958 in additional funds from book sales.

The Friends raised $8,477 in book sales income, $31,406 in membership dues, and $21,881 in donations to support the library and its programs.

8,517 books and other materials were provided to over 57 Knox County partner agencies.

24,359 patrons attended library events sponsored by the Friends.

8,477 kids, teens, & adults participated in Summer Library Club.

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