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**2015
USED
BOOK
SALE**

MAY 29 – JUNE 1

**** NEW LOCATION! ****

BEARDEN HIGH SCHOOL

8352 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919

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After decades of hosting a winter Annual Used Book Sale downtown, Friends are heading west for the summer. This year's sale will be held at Bearden High School, 8352 Kingston Pike, just in time for summer reading.

The used book sale will kick off with a Members Preview Day on Friday, May 29, 2–8 p.m. and will open to the public Saturday, May 30–Monday, June 1 (see times below). *Friends* are planning some fun surprises for children of all ages. Compose poetry while you browse in the **Shopper Haiku Contest** for a chance at some great, nerdy prizes. Create a bookmark with the kids at our **Bookmark Crafting Table**. Get inspired to work with us at our **Committee Showcase** table. See where your shopping dollars go on the **Wall of Pride**.

Storytellers from the Knox County Public Library and Centro Hispano will entertain. There will be a silent auction for some very special books. You can purchase a copy of *Jacksonland* by National Public Radio's Steve Inskeep, who is coming to Knoxville as the guest of *Friends* and sponsors June 2. Complete listing at www.knoxfriends.org.

Some things that have not changed are the amazingly low prices and grand selection of books. Over 100,000 books have been carefully catalogued by the stalwart Used Book Committee Sort Team. We offer reference books (great for home schooling), bestsellers, history, children's books, mysteries, and one-of-a-kind books from the 1900's. There will also be a special collection of rare books, DVDs, CDs, audio books, records/LPs, and magazines.

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ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE—BEARDEN HIGH SCHOOL

FRIDAY, MAY 29: MEMBERS PREVIEW DAY 2-8 P.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 30: SALE OPENS TO THE PUBLIC 11 A.M.-6 P.M.

SUNDAY, MAY 31: SALE DAY 1-6 P.M.

SUNDAY, MAY 31: EARLY BIRD \$5 BAG SALE FOR TEACHERS, 4-6 P.M.

MONDAY, JUNE 1: BAG SALE DAY! (\$5/BAG) 9 P.M.-2 P.M.

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

- 16 Children's Festival of Reading, World's Fair Park, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., World's Fair Park
- 17 Shakespeare Out Loud, 2-3 p.m., LML
- 18 Friends' Board of Directors meet
- 20 Books Sandwiched In: Jean Ash leads a discussion of *Age of Ambition* by Evan Osnos, Noon, East Tennessee History Center
- 25 Memorial Day, Library Closed
- 29 Members Preview Day at the 2015 Annual Used Book Sale, 2-8 p.m.
- 30 Annual Used Book Sale, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
- 31 Annual Used Book Sale, 1-6 p.m.

JUNE

- 1 \$5 Bag Day at the Annual Used Book Sale, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- 2 Author Steve Inskip, 7 p.m., Bijou Theatre
- 6 Burlington Branch book sale, 1-4 p.m.
- 8 All Over the Page book discussion group: "The Art Forger" by Barbara A. Shapiro

JULY

- 20 Friends Annual Meeting

The Downtown Library in Knoxville's Urban Plans

By Maggie Carini

Two groups are paying serious attention to large-scale planning in downtown Knoxville, and *Friends* should be alert to implications for a future downtown public library. One of these groups, the City of Knoxville Office of Redevelopment, recently presented to the public the recommendations of the Urban Land Institute (ULI). A large group of citizens attended this meeting and learned of immediate plans to purchase the Supreme Court building on Henley Street and the strong interest in hiring a "master developer" to oversee the renovation of the 400 and 500 blocks of Jackson Avenue. Other recommendations focus on the Henley Street corridor, the Civic Coliseum and Auditorium, and the World's Fair site. The city's objective is to plan for Knoxville's future growth. The staff, led by project manager Anne Wallace, is seeking public awareness and buy-in for a comprehensive plan that is largely "market driven."



Jackson Avenue site, north to south view

URBAN LAND INSTITUTE

The second group thinking big about downtown design is an informal grassroots team led by architect David Denton and artist Bobbie Crews. Southern Crossing, which features artists living and working alongside a variety of small businesses at the Jackson Avenue site, first came into public view last May in the Inside of Knoxville blog hosted by Urban Guy Alan Sims. The rationale of Southern Crossing is to draw tourists plus visitors from all parts of the region, adding support to the residential and business community that already exists on the north side of downtown.

A subsequent posting in July further developed the Denton proposal and noted references to various presentations made to interested individuals and groups around town. Ideas for inclusion of a new downtown library began to emerge. While only in the formative stages, these ideas for "the library of the future" focus on technology and the library as a learning center for people of all ages. Combined with The Muse Knoxville (formerly The Discovery Center), the site would become an information destination as well as a space for meetings and performances.

Meanwhile, downtown spaces suitable for a new central library are rapidly disappearing yet the need for one is only escalating. Furthermore, although the central library is firmly situated in city space and culture, the entire library system is the responsibility of county government. The future of the library is not on city planners' radar and county government is not planning for the library's future either—at least not to public knowledge. Does the solution lie in the library becoming the next public entity to come under joint management by city and county governments?

In the citizen input session that followed the ULI report, several people asked for inclusion of meeting spaces and small theater events in any master plan. A new library that meets the 21st century needs of citizens is yet another public space that should be considered in any integrated urban plan. The Jackson Avenue site is a golden opportunity. For any of these ideas to gain traction, Friends and all who use the library and support its role as a seat of learning for everyone will have to become familiar with these reports, engage with the issues and find their voices.

Thank you to the sponsors of the 2015 Annual Used Book Sale



Library Sponsors Annual Festival of Reading in the Park

The Knox County Public Library (KCPL) and Friends of the Knox County Public Library will continue their tradition of bringing today's most honored children's writers, illustrators and musicians to the families of East Tennessee at the 11th annual Children's Festival of Reading on Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at World's Fair Park in downtown Knoxville. The Festival kicks off KCPL's Summer Library Club and aims to excite children about reading. The festival provides free access to numerous literacy-building activities with the hope of supporting lifelong learning in the arts, promoting civic and academic success, and building a thriving cultural life in East Tennessee.

This year, KCPL and *Friends* are thrilled to welcome 2015 Caldecott Award-winning author and illustrator Dan Santat, whose book *The Adventures of Beekle: the Unimaginary Friend* was a *New York Times* bestseller and topped many Best of the Year lists. In addition, 2012 Caldecott winner Erin Stead will be on hand with her husband, author Philip Stead, to talk about working together to create fabulous tales. The festival will also welcome Sara Pennypacker, who created Clementine and has written several titles for the Flat Stanley series; award-winning author and illustrator Laura Vaccaro Seeger; creator of the Bailey School Kids Debbie Dadey; Coretta Scott King honoree R. Gregory Christie; and author of *How to Survive Middle School*, Donna Gephart.

On the festival mainstage, nationally acclaimed children's musician Aaron Nigel Smith will perform his rousing Reggae-inspired songs. And of course, the *Friends* booth will be there raising money for Summer Library Club with children's books (\$1 or less!) and a table of titles for the grown-ups.



Friends to Host NPR Author



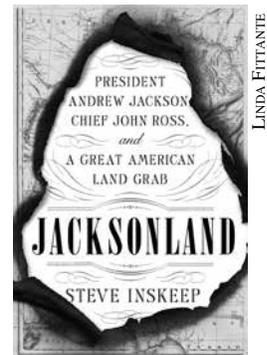
LINDA FITTANTE

Friends Author Events Committee is partnering with Union Avenue Books, the East Tennessee Historical Society, the Knox County Public Library, and WUOT to bring Steve Inskeep, co-host of NPR's *Morning Edition*, to the Bijou Theatre on Tuesday, June 2, at 7 p.m. Inskeep will discuss his new book, *Jacksonland: President Andrew Jackson, Cherokee Chief John Ross, and A Great American Land Grab*. Alternating between biographies of Jackson and Ross, Inskeep narrates the story of their conflict over Cherokee territory in Georgia in the early 1800s. Inskeep worked with UT history professor and editor of *The Papers of Andrew Jackson*, Dan Fellers, in preparation of his book.

Jon Meacham, author of *American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House* (and who appeared at a *Friends*-sponsored event in 2013) says this about *Jacksonland*, "Steve Inskeep has found an illuminating and provocative way to talk about the American past—and, truth be told, the American present and future too. By taking us back to the epic struggle between Andrew Jackson and Chief John Ross, Inskeep tells an essential story of geography, greed, and power: and the forces he so clearly delineates are the ones that shape us still."

Inskeep is the author of *Instant City: Life and Death in Karachi*. He is best known, however, for his position at NPR, which he has held since 2004. He often broadcasts *Morning Edition* from other cities, traveling to the likes of New Orleans, Cairo, Detroit and Karachi.

A book-signing will follow Inskeep's address. Union Avenue Books will have copies of *Jacksonland* available for purchase at the Bijou and at the Annual Used Book Sale on Saturday, May 30.



LINDA FITTANTE

Annual Sale, continued from page 1

Even though the price of bread has gone up over the years, the prices at the Annual Used Book Sale have not! Most books for adults are \$2 or less, for children \$1 or less. And don't forget about our world-famous \$5 Bag Sale on the last day of the sale, Monday, June 1.

To show our appreciation to our educators, all area teachers and librarians may enjoy Bag Sale prices on Sunday, 4-6 p.m., as well as on Monday. **Please bring an ID if shopping on Sunday.** Educators, please note that we accept school Purchase Orders.

The purpose of the book sale remains the same—to raise funds for the Knox County Public Library and to offer affordable books to everyone in our community. Over the years, *Friends* has raised over a million dollars from our used book sales. Those dollars have made a difference for every branch library, the McClung Collection, and every corner of Lawson McGhee Library from Sights and Sounds to the Reference Desk.

If you have questions about the Used Book Sale or would like to volunteer to help at this spectacular event, contact us at books@knoxfriends.org or (865) 215-8775. See you there!

Mini-Grants Make a Major Difference

Because of you, *Friends* is able to support the Knox County Public Library by awarding special “mini” grants every year for library programs and equipment that aren’t covered by the library budget.

In FY 2015, *Friends* mini-grants helped make possible events and programs such as these:

- Children’s Festival of Reading and the Summer Library Program, two KCPL programs designed to keep children reading throughout the summer
- Jubilee! A tribute to Guy and Candie Carawan, and Say It Loud, commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act and highlighting KCPL’s Tennessee Archive of Moving Image and Sound
- Merry, Merry at the Library, which featured holiday story times, music and crafts at Lawson McGhee and branches all over Knox County
- Two great book discussion groups for adults—All Over the Page on the second Monday each month and Books Sandwiched In at noon on the third Wednesday
- Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library of Knox County, which mails one new, age-appropriate book each month to any Knox County child from birth until age five at no cost to the family

Four Things You Need To Know about *Friends* and the Social Media

By Martha Gill

- Social media are free.
- Social media are powerful.
- *Friends’* Communication Committee is a-twitter about them.
- Your involvement strengthens *Friends*.

Social media have positioned *Friends* far beyond our membership and Knox County. On five different sites, Communications Committee members Abby Winkler Burris, Martha Edington, and Matt Brunger keep a pertinent and up-to-date



Selfies, of course! Matt, Martha and Abby.

Friends presence. All are networking services, each appealing to particular audiences.

“**Twitter** is an efficient way to send announcements, calls to action, and links of interest about libraries and literacy,” says Matt. “We used Twitter to fill the Bijou Theatre for the Dom Flemons concert. Don Flemons re-tweeted our announcement to his numerous followers. And when extra seats were available at the last minute, we were able to post that message quickly.”

On **LinkedIn**, Martha has been building a *Friends* community of professionals that includes business people, teachers, librarians, scientists and engineers, filmmakers, our partners, and other nonprofits. Martha says. “What’s important with LinkedIn is showing people who we are and what we think is important.”

Pinterest is organized around central themes or topics. Through Pinterest, Martha says, “We have the potential to reach many more people than just our followers. The more we share, the more we are likely to reach others who care about books, reading, and libraries.” Martha’s pin of “In Praise of Libraries,” an essay originally published in *The Rotarian*, has been seen by over 800 people so far.

Abby’s link to “What Happens to a Book after You Donate It to the Library” from BOOKRIOT.com reached 490 people on **Facebook**. Other Facebook postings alerted people to the recent mini-book sale at the Farragut branch as well as the celebration of the work of Guy and Candie Carawan supported by a *Friends* mini-grant. Abby also manages our **Instagram** postings, a service which focuses on photo and video-sharing.



You can enter any of these social media through the *Friends’* website at www.knoxfriends.org. Enjoy our album on Instagram. On Facebook, like us. Comment. Share with others. Get up-to-the-minute bulletins on Twitter. Check us out on LinkedIn. Learn about the activities of libraries and other *Friends* through Pinterest.

Need help? Send questions to info@knoxfriends.org. If you are new to social media, try one medium at a time. After all, it is *social* media.

Our Wonderful Volunteers!



Setting up another branch sale: (l-r) Don Hinton, Mary Ellen Smethells, Jody Meuller, Jean Idell, Michelle Martinez, and Gloria Austin



Rockers Sandy & Glen Daugherty



Some of the Author Events Committee celebrate a successful meeting: (l-r) Flossie McNabb, Marissa Mills, Ginna Mashburn, and Martha Gill.



Friends' Board of Directors deep in deliberation



Lauren Bray trims new bookmarks.



Planning the next Used Book Sale: (l-r) Peter Andreae, Jean Idell, Suzanne Freeman, & Mary Ann Merrell

And speaking of Wonderful Volunteers, Jean Idell needs more helpers at the Annual Used Book Sale. It's less than a month away! Will you return your Volunteer Request Form today?



Hortense Jones and Claire Serrell stuff envelopes.



The Communications Committee at a dinner meeting: (l-r) Beth Fisher, Ryan Tomlinson, Joyce York, and Martha Edington

The *Friends* Communication Committee invites Knox County Library staff and Friends volunteers to send photos of your branch activities and *Friends* volunteers in action throughout the year for inclusion in future issues of the *Best of Friends*, *Heart*, and the Friends of the Knox County Library's Annual Report. Share your stories and your smiles with fellow literacy lovers by emailing your photos to Abby at info@knoxfriends.org.



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Mary Lawson McGhee: \$50

Calvin McClung: \$100

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James Agee: \$500

Business Membership: \$100

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