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The Friends Annual Used Book Sale gains room this year at its new location in the Jacob Building at Chilhowee Park. The facility boasts 36,000 square feet of floor space and enough tables to make browsing more than 75,000 used books, CDs, DVDs, tapes, and magazines a pleasure. Ample parking is available on the site.

The sale kicks off with a Members Preview Day on Saturday, June 25. The sale then opens to the public on Sunday, June 26, and continues through Tuesday, June 28. Hours each day are 10 a.m.–6 p.m., except for the final day when we close at 3 p.m. A concession stand will be open in the building on Saturday and Sunday.

Make the Used Book Sale part of a day of family adventure at Chilhowee Park. Shop for books for the entire family and then visit Zoo Knoxville or The Muse, a museum at the intersection of science and art.

Shopping at the Annual Used Book Sale is designed to be easy on the pocketbook. Most books for adults are still \$2 or less, for children \$1 or less. Checkout is improved with separate lanes for cash and credit. We are now chip-card compatible for a faster and smoother shopping experience.

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ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE—JACOB BUILDING, CHILHOWEE PARK

SATURDAY, JUNE 25: MEMBERS PREVIEW DAY 10 A.M.-6 P.M.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26: SALE OPENS TO THE PUBLIC 10 A.M.-6 P.M.

MONDAY, JUNE 27: SALE DAY 10 A.M.-6 P.M.

MONDAY, JUNE 27: EARLY BIRD \$5 BAG SALE FOR TEACHERS, 4-6 P.M.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28: BAG SALE DAY! (\$5/BAG) 10 A.M.-3 P.M.

DATES TO REMEMBER**JUNE**

- 22** Books Sandwiched In: Dr. Annette Mendola leads a discussion of *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande, 12-1 p.m.
- 25** Members Preview Day at the 2016 Annual Used Book Sale, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- 26** Annual Used Book Sale, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- 27** Annual Used Book Sale, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- 28** \$5 Bag Day at the Annual Used Book Sale, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 28** Brown Bag Lecture: Dr. Gail Palmer explores her novel, *The Midwives' Quilt*, 12-1 p.m.

JULY

- 11** All Over the Page: Chrissy Keuper leads a discussion of *Daughters of the Samurai* by Janice P. Nimura
- 13** Brown Bag Lecture: Dean Novelli discusses his book, *Andrew Jackson Never Slept Here: The Lamar House from 1817 to Today*, 12-1 p.m.
- 18** Friends Annual Meeting, 6-8 p.m.

AUGUST

- 5-6** Bearden Branch book sale, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- 20** East Tennessee History Fair, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

2016 Friends Annual Meeting Set for July 18

On July 18 at 6 p.m., Friends members will come together for their annual meeting at the East Tennessee History Center to take care of business and to hear one of the University of Tennessee's most respected historians. Bruce Wheeler, Ph.D., UT professor emeritus and author of *Knoxville: A Mountain City in the New South*, will be our guest speaker. Members will also vote on the proposed 2016-17 slate of officers and directors which has been submitted by the Friends Nominating Committee.

Kay Hays, event coordinator, has arranged for light hors d'oeuvres from Bradford Catered Events, plus tea and coffee. She also promises a surprise and requests that Friends planning to attend RSVP to her at tchays42@att.net by Monday, July 11.

Friends 2016 Proposed Slate of Officers

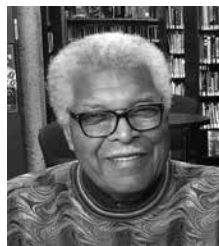
The Friends Nominating Committee, chaired by Kay Hays, has recommended the following slate of officers and directors for the 2016-2017 Friends of the Knox County Libraries.

2016-2017 Officers:

President: Claire Serrell
 President Elect: Maggie Carini
 Secretary: Rusha Sams
 Treasurer: LeAnn Luna
 Past President: Bill Crosland

2016-2019 Directors

Janine Al-Aseer
 Maggie Carini
 Jennifer Cooper
 Laurie Pearl
 Sharon Smith



Board members Bob Kirk, Lillian Mashburn, and Marye Rose will be recognized at the annual meeting for invaluable service to the organization as they complete their terms of office.

Hors d'oeuvres for the meeting provided by



Meet Our Nominees

JANINE AL-ASEER volunteers in our Friends@Rothrock Used Book Shop. Originally from California, she came to Knoxville to attend UT, where she earned her master's degree. She is currently working toward a Ph.D. in education. Al-Aseer has many skills that could be beneficial to Friends, especially her knowledge of applying for grants and fundraising experience. She is active in the South Knoxville community, has experience working with several local nonprofits, and serves as the grants manager for the Aslan Foundation.

JENNIFER COOPER became a member of Friends three years ago after happily stumbling across the annual book sale. Since then she has become increasingly involved with the Sort Team and the Friends@Rothrock Used Book Shop. In 2016 she assumed a leadership position as a co-chair of the upcoming Annual Used Book sale. Also, she is immersed in overseeing the Rothrock Used Book Shop. The skills that Cooper brings to her work as a Friend include her education and experience in librarianship and experience with writing and using web and print communications. Cooper graduated from UT's School of Information Sciences (SIS) master's program in 2012 and would love to help build a stronger relationship between Friends and SIS. She thinks our organization could greatly benefit from joining forces with this large network of younger library advocates! She works as a children's librarian and teacher for Garden Montessori School, a small private school in Fountain City.

LAURIE PEARL serves on the Sort Team (religious and self help books). At last year's Annual Used Book sale, Pearl prepared the schematics for the Bearden location and was actively involved in that sale. Pearl is a third-generation native of Washington, D.C. She retired from TVA after 31 years working in various departments such as Fisheries, Recreation, and Land Use. Pearl thinks that serving on the Board will be a new learning experience and an opportunity to see what the challenges are and how she can help bring cohesiveness within the organization. She commented that there are more than 100,000 cardholders in our library system, but only one percent are members of Friends! She is all in favor of "tooting our own horn" for all the sponsorships we provide, e.g., Imagination Library, Children's Festival of Reading, and author events. She says we need to increase membership!

SHARON SMITH has two children and is married to Larry Smith, a former county commissioner. She has a business degree from the University of Tennessee and has been actively involved in the UT Alumni Association. She also serves on the Knox County Advisory Board where she advocates for our library system. Smith has experience in volunteer work in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Dogwood Arts Festival, Tennessee Achieves Scholarship program, and the UT Alumni Association.

MAGGIE CARINI has lived in Knoxville since first grade. She has enjoyed a very long history with the Knox County Public Library, frequenting the early bookmobile, the Burlington, Fountain City, North Knox and Magnolia (now closed) branches, and the original Lawson McGhee Library on Commerce Avenue. She brought her sons and is now bringing her grandchildren to the Sequoyah branch and to Lawson McGhee. She joined Friends at the invitation of Martha Gill and Julie Webb and has served as President of Friends and as Used Book Committee Chair, where she currently assists by pricing special books and staffing a shift at Friends@Rothrock Used Book Shop.

Many thanks to these generous donors

January 2016–May 2016

Memorials and tributes

In Memory of Diane Bohannon
by Jim & Martha Gill

In Memory of Jane Lester
by Jim & Martha Gill

Miscellaneous gifts

Anonymous cash donation at LML
Circulation Desk

Anonymous donation(s) at Erik Larson
author event

Rex Butler

Leticia Flores & Timothy Hulsey

Johnson & Johnson Employer Matching
Program (Hortense Jones)

Keurig Green Mountain

for Erik Larson author event

55 Friends member households via
Kroger Rewards (\$508.94)

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Donation (Anonymous)

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Be a Winner! Chip In for Summer Library Club!

On your mark...get set...read! It's time for Knox County Public Library's Summer Library Club!

Summer Library Club is a great way to help children of all ages maintain and improve their reading skills. As usual, this summer will be filled with special story times and popular enrichment programs presented by guests such as magician Michael Messing, Zoo Knoxville, and Dr. Al Hazari at libraries all over Knox County. Participants who meet their reading goals receive age-appropriate reward packages. Everything is designed to show young readers how much fun books and libraries can be.

The reach of Summer Library Club increases each year, with more readers and more attendees at library activities. As a member of Friends and a lover of libraries, books, and reading, you can show your support for this outstanding program and help ensure that it continues year after year by contributing to our 2016 Chip In campaign. Please use the enclosed envelope to make a contribution. You can also donate online by following the link at www.knoxfriends.org.

Annual Sale, continued from page 1

We've added a fun new feature this year. We have packed a selection of 20 mass-market paperback books into paper grocery bags and taped them closed. Each bag is labeled with a clever description of what's inside: Mix of Mysteries, Big Bag of Love, Literature Lovers Pack, for example. Take a chance on discovering a new author or series for only \$5.

And don't forget about our world-famous \$5 Bag Sale all day on the last day of the sale, Tuesday, June 28. To show our appreciation to our educators, all area teachers and librarians may enjoy bag sale prices on Monday, 4 to 6 p.m., as well as on Tuesday. Please bring an ID if shopping on Monday. Educators, please note that we accept school purchase orders.

If you have questions about the Annual Used Book Sale, contact us at books@knoxfriends.org or (865) 215-8775.



The Muse Knoxville, located in Chilhowee Park, is an exhibit and play space where visitors can explore the physical and natural sciences, as well as engineering, and other exhibits at the intersection of science and art. Friends is partnering with The Muse in various ways during the book sale. For example we are donating a Friends of KCPL membership that includes an invite to the book sale's Members Preview Day. The membership will be "won" during a special over-21 benefit event at The Muse Knoxville on Friday, June 24. The Muse Knoxville will have an information table at our sale where it will distribute "Muse" bookmarks with a free child-with-an-adult admission offer. Then on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday visitors to the NEW family Friends of KCPL memberships will also get a free family pass to The Muse Knoxville, a \$38 value.

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Sort Team: Down in the Basement, But Not in the Dark

When Glen and Sandi Daugherty enter the basement where the Sort Team labors, Glen jokes, “The Mushrooms are here.” It’s true that the Lawson McGhee Library basement shuts out light. But it doesn’t keep the Sort Team in the dark.

With the Children’s Festival of Books behind them and the Annual Used Book Sale ahead, the Sort Team has little time to chat as it organizes used books that will light up the lives of new Knox County readers. The operation in the basement of Lawson McGhee Library goes smoothly because Jean Idell is in charge, and most sorters have specialties. (Only Nan Krichinsky confesses, “I don’t take responsibility. I take orders.”)

Peter Andreae scrutinizes science, science fiction and fantasy, sports, humor, and travel as well as online treasures.

Lauren Bray, Angela Hoffman, and Marilyn Parsons sort children’s books “year 'round, night and day.”

Nancy Collier, who says, “I’m not much of a gardener but I enjoy reading about it,” tends to gardening. Nancy and Vim Silvus also oversee the used book sales at Halls.

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Sandi and Glen Daugherty, who also manage Cedar Bluff branch sales, track true crime, journalism, and celebrities.

Kay Hays, keeper of house and home books, explains that category surprisingly includes autos and trains as well as antiques and dried floral arrangements.



Nancy Collier, Nan Krichinsky, Lauren Bray, Jerry Ledbetter, and Vim Silvus



Kay Hays, Peter Andreae, Jean Idell, and Nan Krichinsky



Tracy Woods digs into bags of incoming books.

It’s no mystery that Vim Silvus and Laverne Maddix oversee thrillers and who-dun-its.

Al and Jennifer Horn and Jen Cooper preside over literature, poetry, dance, music, film, languages, and philosophy.

Jerry Ledbetter, “boxer extraordinaire,” checks on reference in addition to moving boxes to book sales. Other boxers include Tom Dean, Tom Dunne, Jeremiah Davis, Jim Bryant and Don Mossman.

Laurie Pearl looks after religion and self-help.

Mary Ellen Smethells’ realm is fiction and non-fiction.

Tracy Woods, who was recruited by Jean at a book sale, curates art.

Other specialists include Jackie Dean and Liz Etnier, African-American and regional writers, cookbooks and large print; Gloria Austin, cookbooks; Nora Gainor and Ann Caudill, health. Susan Davis is a generalist who, like other Sort Team members, works down in the basement but is on top of the job.

Friends Honored by State Organization

Two members of Friends of the Knox County Library and the Knox County Library Foundation have been recognized for achievements by Friends of Tennessee Libraries (FOTL), a statewide network of library supporters.



Julie Webb, who serves on the Knox County Friends' nominating committee and on the Foundation's board, was named 2015 Friend of the Year, a signal honor conferred annually by FOTL and Tennessee Library Association upon a group or an individual for significant contributions to a Friends organization and to the advancement of libraries in Tennessee. Webb is regarded as the founding mother of FOTL because she was the prime mover for the organization's creation in 1991 at the encouragement of Patricia Watson, who at the time was the Knox County Public Library system director. Webb also served as FOTL's second president (1994-97) and continues to give the organization the benefit of her experience and wisdom on its advisory board. In presenting the award to Webb on April 8 at the TLA conference in Kingsport, FOTL described her as "Leader, mentor, and supporter" who "has taught and continues to teach Tennesseans how to advocate for public libraries."

FOTL also awarded a certificate and a check for \$100 to Mary Ellen Smethells and the Knox County Public Library Foundation for making a difference through their support of libraries.



Smethells, who is a Knox County Friends' Sort Team member, was recognized for her volunteer work at the Webb School of Knoxville Central Library. When the library was downsized to make room for the expansion of the school cafeteria, she packed 752 boxes needed to house the collection during the renovation. She also transported nearly 2,200 weeded books to Lawson McGee Library for processing by the sort team. Offered a modest sum for her work at Webb, Smethells donated the money back to the Webb School Library along with a letter to the incoming school president about the value of school libraries. Smethells has donated her FOTL cash award to the cause of Shoebox Libraries.

The Knox County Public Library Foundation, an outgrowth of the Friends of the Knox County Public Library, was hailed for successfully raising \$600,000 to digitize the *Knoxville News Sentinel* from 1920-1990. The project "From Papers to Pixels" will result in a fully searchable online resource for anyone holding a Knox County library card. Once it is activated, it will be useful to government officials, community groups, commercial interests, attorneys, genealogists, historians, and citizens. Ginna Mashburn is president of the foundation, and Sam Venable, local newspaper columnist, served as honorary chair of the campaign. The Knox County Friends donated \$20,000 to the project.



The 2016 Children's Festival of Reading introduced Kristie Atwood, Webb Lower School librarian who helped collect over 600 books for Empty Stocking Fund this year, to Vince Vawter, local author, who was featured by Friends at an author event in 2015.



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