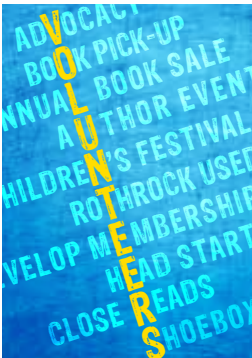


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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a year this has been! We promised advocacy, authors, and volunteers, and **our inestimable volunteers have delivered.**

Friends volunteers invested over 8,700 hours to accomplish our mission. They are book sorters, Rothrockers, book sale staff, committee chairs, board directors and officers, and committee members.

You will see the names of our Friends volunteers inside this issue of our newsletter. They have enabled us to bring four famous writers to Knoxville, to strengthen Friends as an engaged but nonpartisan civic group, and to confirm the essential role of the library in our community. From A to Z, they are the working team of the Friends.

—Martha Gill

When friends help Friends, everyone wins

Picture eager young faces watching Dr. Hazari's *Awesome Science Show*. Picture happy young library patrons with armloads of books to read. Picture the Knoxville Zoo's ZOOMOBILE arriving at library branches from Corryton to Farragut.

With events like these happening every day all over Knox County, it's no wonder that this year's Summer Library Club has exceeded expectations. The

program has had more participants reading more books and attending more events and activities than ever before. The program is so successful, in fact, that **Friends needs your help** to ensure that the Summer Reading Club can continue to encourage and inspire Knox County's young readers.



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Magician Michael Messing captivates young library patrons at a Summer Library Club program.

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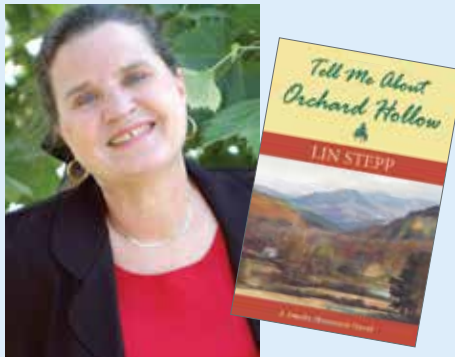
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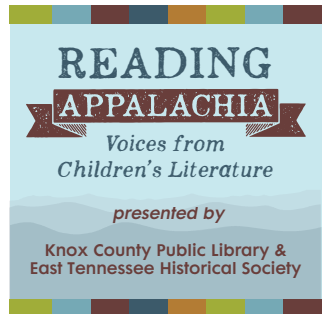
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