

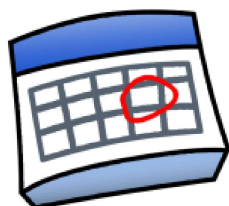


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### COMING UP

Drop off books for  
**EMPTY STOCKING FUND**  
at ANY branch:  
>>>by Fri, Nov 30<<<

**Branch Mini Sales:**

**CEDAR BLUFF**

Fri, Nov 16, 10-5:30  
Sat, Nov 17, 10-5:30

**POWELL**

Fri, Nov 16, 10-5:30  
Sat, Nov 17, 10-5:30

**BEARDEN**

Fri, Dec 7, 10-5:30  
Sat, Dec 8, 10-5:30



December 1-31:  
COFFEE TABLE &

## BOOK by BOOK

### The Friends' bookdrive for the Empty Stocking Fund

Generous people all over Knox County are on a mission. They're doing all they can to make reading the keystone of success for children and teens.

For the second year, Friends of the Library (FOL) is linking its mission-- foster a love of libraries, books and reading-- to one of Knoxville's most significant seasonal efforts, the [Knoxville News Sentinel/ Empty Stocking Fund](#). We are collecting new and gently-used children's and teen books that will go into more than 3,500 baskets of food and toys to be distributed to needy families this holiday season.

This year, FOL has a particular need for board books for toddlers and books of interest to teens.

There's a way that any individual or group can help. Set up a collection for your neighborhood, office, church, or hobby group. Though we are seeking books without markings or obvious wear for the Empty Stocking Fund gifts, we can also use less than perfect books in a [Shoebox Library](#), or in one of our used book sales. Take the collected books to any branch library or to the [Friends@Rothrock Book Shop](#) in Lawson McGhee Library downtown. Books should be delivered by November 30 to give us time to sort and prepare them for distribution.

The FOL **Book by Book** drive is another way to get books into the hands of those in need. Each donated book is a step toward instilling the love to read in each and every household.

### 'TIS THE SEASON TO VOLUNTEER

Can you volunteer to distribute books at [Chilhowee Park](#) for the Empty Stocking Fund distribution? Help out with set up on Friday, December 21st, time to be determined. Or join the fun on Saturday, December 22, from 6:30 to 9 a.m., or from 9 a.m. to noon. Please email [books@knoxfriends.org](mailto:books@knoxfriends.org) or call 865-215-8775 to find out more today!

Book Shop at  
Lawson McGhee Library

**ALL LIBRARIES  
ARE CLOSED  
FOR  
THANKSGIVING  
Thu, Nov 22  
&  
Fri, Nov 23**



Volunteers Angela Gibson & Angie Crabtree help parents choose a good read for their kids at the 2011 Empty Stocking fund Distribution.



The Friends of the Library annual membership drive begins December 1. In next month's issue of *Heart*, we will tell the story of what it means to join the Friends of the Library and about the transition of annual membership terms to January to December. For a tax-deductible AND affordable holiday gift, treat your loved ones to a [GIFT FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP](#). We'll send a card on your behalf to the lucky library lover-- for more information call 215-8775 today.

**We're more than book sales. We're advocates for the library. FOL members have a common vision of a superior, free public library, accessible by all.**



#### **Deciding to Make a Difference**

When Webb School's Angie Crabtree (*above*) volunteered last year to help the Friends distribute Empty Stocking Fund books, she noticed that there were more requests for toddler board books than were available. She *decided* to help, but she just wasn't sure how. That's when Friends volunteer and Webb parent Marianne Gansley *decided* to help Angie launch a board book drive by setting up strategically placed collection sites around the school and using the school's announcement channels to get the word out. Now dozens of Webb students and their families are *deciding* to donate a book to the Empty Stocking Fund. You, too, can make a



Howard Pinkston Branch assistant Laila Archer uses the new cart to focus the children's attention during story time.

#### **Latest FOL "Mini Grant" Goes For Storytime Cart**

South Knoxville patrons of the Howard Pinkston Branch will notice new equipment in the children's area when they visit next. The library recently purchased a Storytime Big Book cart with funds from the Friends. Said Branch Manager Vicki Evans, "It is helpful with storage, displaying big books and holding the flannel board. We appreciate the grant from the Friends to purchase the cart, as well as all the other great things FOL provides. (Staff Appreciation) lunch is always appreciated and the cookies this year made it extra special!"

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