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It's Dogwood Time in East Tennessee



What do Shakespeare and broccoli have in common? Find out at the bard's birthday party!

Saturday, April 20
1 – 4:30 p.m.
Shakespeare's Birthday at the East Tennessee History Center

For Teens & Teachers
Free Admission. Birthday cake to be served.
Contact: [865-947-6210](tel:865-947-6210)

Thursday, April 18
East TN Library Association Lecture
Fierce Advocacy Through Public Service

- Stories of Mary Utopia Rothrock and Effie Lee Morris
Contact: 865-457-0931

Friday-Saturday, April 12-13
10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

April is a month to celebrate in Knoxville. First, there's spring itself with its beautiful weather, blooming dogwoods and redbuds, and colorful gardens filled with daffodils, azaleas, iris, creeping phlox and candy tuft. Then, there's The Dogwood Arts Festival—now in its 53rd year—that celebrates our community's culture and art. And at the end of the month, there's the Rossini Festival when the Knoxville Opera Company brings great music and delicious food to our downtown streets.

Back in December 2011, The Dogwood Arts Festival recognized the Knox County Public Library's 125 years in the community by donating dogwood trees to be planted at the library system's branch locations. *Friends* volunteers spent hours planting those trees and many more hours watering them through 2012's blistering summer. It may be a few years before *Friends* can celebrate the trees that survived, but we're looking forward to the day when we'll see beautiful dogwood blossoms gracing most of our library branches.



That same persistence and patience applies to fostering a love of libraries, books and reading in our community. *Friends* will

Most books \$2 or less!

Saturday, April 13

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Farragut Book Fest for Children

Free Admission

Campbell Station Park

Local storytellers, book signings by local authors, art activities, music and refreshments



Big Annual Used Book Sale is a Success!

More than 4,000 hours of volunteer labor by more than 150 *Friends* members and 60 high school students went into making the 2013 Annual Used Book Sale a success. **Volunteers**, scheduled and coordinated by Jean Idell, unpacked and set up **75,000+ books**, hosted nine days of sales and cleaned up afterward. This effort collected nearly \$45,000 that will go to support supplemental library programs and services for children and adults including our co-sponsorship of the Children's Reading Festival in May.

This year, the days and hours of the sale were changed to allow more shopping opportunities over the weekend, and we are happy to report that our net profits were as high as the previous year. So, hats off to

of reading and the blossoming of minds, young and old. Indeed, in the years ahead, *Friends* will continue to plant the seeds of reading and learning.

Speaking of planting and blossoming, *Friends @ Rothrock Used Book Store* will continue to feature gardening and landscape books on sale this month. And speaking of the opera festival, the Sights and Sounds department at Lawson McGhee Library has a great selection of opera records and videos, including a video of *Cinderella*, an opera to be performed this year by the Knoxville Opera Company.



Free Friends Membership For Retired Teachers

Schools and libraries. Libraries and schools. They just go together! Finding yet another way to celebrate this happy relationship, *Friends* has voted to **thank our teachers and librarians** for their lifetime of service by inviting them to join *Friends* with a one-year complimentary membership.

Some 140 teachers and librarians retired from the Knox County School system at the end of the 2011-2012 school year. To each of these stouthearted professionals, we welcome your skills, experience and spirit as members of *Friends*. For more information contact us at 865-215-8775 or info@knoxfriends.com.



Get Library Help 24/7 Thru TEL

It's 10 p.m. and your middle schooler has a project due tomorrow. You know that many Internet resources are not reliable and the library's reference department is closed. What can you do?

Dial up the **Tennessee Electronic Library (TEL)**, which is administered by the Tennessee State Library and Archives. It's a virtual library at www.tntel.info that's accessible from home 24/7 or from any Tennessee public library.

With TEL you get access to more than 400,000 reliable electronic resources, including magazines, scholarly journals, podcasts, videos, ebooks, test-preparation materials, and Tennessee primary source materials. TEL's databases offer help to students struggling with homework, consumers

If you're interested in being part of the sale's planning team for 2014, email the **Friends Used Book Committee** at books@knoxfriends.org.

searching for missing relatives or even leisurely readers just looking for their next novel.

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