

KEEPING LIBRARY LOVERS
IN THE LOOP!



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Saturday, May 18
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Free Admission
See articles in this e-newsletter for details!

Monday, May 13
6:30 p.m.
All Over the Page Book Club
My Name is Mary Sutter
by Robin Oliveira
Open to all!
Lawson McGhee Library
Community Room
Facilitated by Martha Gill, retired English teacher and *Friends* member
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Wednesday, May 15
Books Sandwiched In
East Tennessee History Center, Noon
The Death and Life of the Great American School System: How Testing and Choice Are Undermining Education by Diane Ravitch [More>>](#)

Firefly Courier Service *Faster, Cheaper!*

Interlibrary loans have been available to Knox County library patrons for decades. However, in 2013, a new service began offering faster and cheaper access to library materials across the state.

Firefly Courier Service, a program developed by the Tennessee State Library and Archives in conjunction with Tenn-Share, now delivers interlibrary loans quickly and at no cost to participating libraries. Couriers visit each of the state's 177 public libraries twice a week.



According to State Librarian and Archivist Chuck Sherrill, the service makes more titles available to library patrons than ever before since it includes the resources of Vanderbilt University, UT and other private libraries throughout the state.

Consider this pre-Firefly scenario: Patrons of a small Middle Tennessee library could not find certain books in their own library so they requested them from KCPL librarians who pulled the books off the shelves, packaged them, and paid the postage for mailing. Now, because of Firefly, when the Middle Tennessee patrons request books, a courier will just pick up the books in Knoxville and deliver them at no cost to KCPL—**saving the library system thousands** of dollars in postage each year.

May 31–June 1

Used Book Sale

Cedar Bluff Branch
Library, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



**Local Used Book
Sales Support
Branches**

The hugely successful used book sale held downtown each year by *Friends* is not our only used book sale event. We also partner with local branch libraries to hold numerous “mini” sales throughout the year. Last year, such sales were held at Bearden, Burlington, Cedar Bluff, Farragut, Halls and Powell branches.

“Mini” sales not only make affordable books available throughout the county, they help *Friends* raise funds to support programs that might otherwise remain on a branch’s “Wish We Could” list.

Branch librarians report that **community support of local sales is growing**, both in the quantity of books donated at branches and in the number of volunteers who assist with set-up and customer assistance at a sale.

The next used book sale scheduled for 2013 will be held at the Cedar Bluff Branch on Friday and Saturday, May 31 and June 1, from 10 a.m. to 5

Library and Archives, reports that a book in Union City can be shared with a reader in Bristol at no cost to either library while the amount the state pays for the service is about the same as it was before.



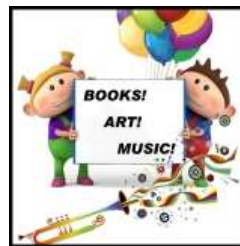
**Ninth Annual
Children’s Festival**

Kids, get ready! The ninth annual Children’s Festival of Reading is coming **May 18** to the Festival Lawn and Amphitheater of World’s Fair Park. The event kicks off the Knox County library’s summer reading programs.

One of the oldest and largest literary festivals for children in the US, the event offers live performances, storytelling, the “**Parade of Books**,” arts and crafts, book sales, community booths, food and much more. New events this year include the Junior League of Knoxville’s *Kids in the Kitchen* and a live broadcast of **WDVX’s Kidstuff with Sean**.

The festival is **free to the public**. Free parking will be available in UT’s 11th Street Garage and in the city’s Locust Street, Market Square and State Street garages.

The Children’s Festival of Reading is made possible by support from Friends of the Library, ORNL Federal Credit Union, Pilot Flying J, Humanities Tennessee, Tennessee Arts



**Storytellers,
Writers and
Artists, Oh My!**

World-class children book authors and illustrators as well as storytellers and musicians will appear at this year’s Children’s Festival of Reading.

Headliners will include:

BOB SHEA, animator and graphic artist featured on PBS Kids, Nick Jr, and Noggin; author/illustrator of the *Dinosaur vs.* series.

JARRETT KROSOCZKA, author/illustrator of numerous picture books including *Punk Farm* and the wildly popular *Lunch Lady* series of graphic novels for children.

JIM GILL, musician, author and child development specialist who travels the country with his interactive music show; has recorded numerous award-winning musical recordings for children including *Jim Gill Sings the Sneezing Song and Other Contagious Tunes*.

SHARON M. DRAPER, five-time winner of the Coretta Scott King Author Award and a New York

Want to volunteer to help out at a branch used book sale? Contact the **Friends Used Book Committee** at books@knoxfriends.org.

ORNL, Union Avenue Books, *Knoxville News Sentinel*, *Kidsville News*, Comcast, B97.5 and WBIR-TV. [More>>](#)

realistic, socially-relevant books written for teens; also writes for younger readers including the *Sassy* series and the critically-acclaimed bestseller *Out of My Mind*.

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