

KEEPING LIBRARY LOVERS
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“Happy New Year” to *Friends*

July—a month of summer celebrations and the beginning of a new fiscal year for **Friends of the Knox County Public Library**. A nonprofit organization, *Friends* supports the vision of a comprehensive and free public library that’s available to everyone.

Our group of committed volunteers advocates and raises funds for **all 18 branches of the library**, and our members contribute through annual dues. Indeed, we are proud that thousands of people in the area benefit from the programs we support throughout the library system and from our efforts to promote books and reading in Knox County.



Month of July

Friends @ Rothrock Used Book Shop
On Special: “Old and Odd” & Philosophy

Tuesday, July 16

Friends of the Library
2013 Annual Meeting
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church in Knoxville

Wednesday, July 17

Books Sandwiched In
East Tennessee History Center, Noon
Dr. Cliff Tennison, Chief Clinical Officer at Helen Ross McNabb Center discusses *Crazy: A Father’s Search Through America’s Mental Health Madness* by Pete Earley
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Saturday, July 27



Volunteers Angie Flemmons and Hortense Jones offer *Friends* membership during a recent used book sale.

Though our dedicated volunteers continually reshape the life and vitality of the *Friends* organization, we remain passionately committed to our mission statement:

To foster a love of libraries, books, and reading in the Knox County area by community outreach, advocacy, and support of the Knox County Public Library system and staff.

Advocacy is at the heart of everything we do. In 2013 we are

Karns High School (*Friends* and the Karns branch library will have a booth. Contact Donna Ellstrom at 865-690-1050 for details.)

creativity of our organization and enables hundreds of volunteers to participate in the continuing education of our citizens, young and old.

Additionally, the events and programs we hold in collaboration with other community initiatives and organizations also serve to increase access to library services.

Friends welcomes new volunteers who love and support the Knox County Public Library. [Join us!](#)



Makeovers Aren't Just for People

The name may be the same, but the look is definitely different. The *Friends* website at www.knoxfriends.org has had a makeover!

Designed to **inform and inspire**, our new online look is colorful and easy to navigate. Convenient links on every page provide opportunities to join, volunteer, advocate, and donate to support both *Friends* and the Knox County Public Library.

The site redesign began in earnest in January of this year. It was truly a **team effort** with input coming from the Communications and Advocacy Committee, *Friends* Committee chairs, and other *Friends* members.

Be sure to check us out!



Numbers That Tell a Story

These numbers from the 2012-2013 fiscal year capture the community's commitment to *Friends* and the Knox County Public Library:

- ▶ 1,300 volunteers contributed more than 12,000 hours of service.
- ▶ Knox County residents donated approximately 150,000 books in support of *Friends* used book sales and other fund raising activities.
- ▶ \$49,000 was raised for special library programs and equipment.
- ▶ \$5,000 was contributed to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.
- ▶ 148,631 Knox County residents were registered library users.



New Leaders for Head Start Volunteers

Joanne Bendy and **Sheila Marino** (pictured above), who are members of the Head Start readers group, have stepped up to coordinate the program beginning in the fall. This follows the recent retirement of the ever cheerful and efficient **Janet Oakes**, who has led the volunteers through several seasons.

Head Start volunteers read aloud to children each week for five to six weeks during the fall and spring each year. Volunteers who are interested in joining this outreach program can contact Abby Wintker at 865-215-8775 or info@knoxfriends.org.



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