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Guest Speaker Dr. Jinx Watson at recent *Friends* annual meeting.

Monday, August 12

Family Movie Night
5:30 p.m.
Burlington Branch Library

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All Over the Page Book Club
6:30 p.m.
Lawson McGhee Library
Community Room [More>>](#)

Friday/Saturday

August 16/17
Bearden Branch
Used Book Sale [More>>](#)

Saturday, August 17

East TN History Fair, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Downtown Knoxville, [More>>](#)

Wednesday, August 21

Friends for the Future

“Advocacy, authors and volunteers,” says *Friends* newly elected President Martha M. Gill. “That sums up what I would like to see as the focus for the group during the coming year.”

Gill, who has been a member of *Friends* since 2001, has seen community support of the Knox County public library system greatly expand over the past 12 years. She believes the key to maintaining that support lies within the organization’s ability to adapt to current economic and cultural trends.

“*Friends* can continue to build that support,” says Gill, “by strengthening our partnerships within the community, by recognizing talented authors with ties to East Tennessee as a way of fostering a love of reading, and by maximizing the contributions made by *Friends* volunteers and members.”



A teacher with more than 30 years of experience, Gill served as president of [Friends of Tennessee Libraries](#) (FOTL) between 2008 and 2011. FOTL is a nonprofit organization of volunteers functioning as a network of Friends across the state.

Gill began her involvement with *Friends* in Knoxville as the volunteer editor of the *Best of Friends* newsletter. Her participation in the organization’s programs and fund-raising activities has increased significantly since her retirement from teaching.

Schools Board member Indya Kincannon discusses *How Children Succeed* by Paul Tough, [More>>](#)

Month of August

Friends @ Rothrock

Used Book Shop

On Special: Civil War and History

teenager, she volunteered as a helper in her high school library. She obtained a bachelor's degree in English from the University of NC at Greensboro and a master's degree in English from the University of NC at Chapel Hill. She has taught at high and middle schools in North Carolina and Tennessee, including at Webb School in Knoxville.

Other newly elected officers of *Friends* for 2013-2014 are Glenn Walter (Past President), Bill Crosland (President-Elect), Claire Serrell (Secretary) and Marye Rose (continuing as Treasurer).



Sixth Annual History Fair

The Friends used book sale tent returns to the **East Tennessee History Fair** at Krutch Park on **Saturday, August 17**. The East Tennessee Historical Society sponsors the event.

In addition to the book sale, visitors can enjoy traditional music, free trolley rides and free admission to historic sites, craft demonstrations, vintage films, children's activities, a "Happy Birthday" Davy Crockett party, storytelling, doggie costume contest, living history, and much, much more!

Mary Ann Merrell, co-chair of the Used Book Committee, has this to say: "*Friends* participation in the ETHS Fair provides a unique place to reach out to the community. We'll have **rare and special priced books** for sale on the Civil War, US History, and regional topics along with regularly priced books for children and adults."



Used Book Sale at Bearden!

From the picture above, one might think that the Bearden branch of the public library is preparing to host an enormous cocktail party. However, these oh-so-familiar boxes are carefully packed, not with libations, but with used books of all shapes, sizes, and varieties.

The *Friends Used Book Sale*, which is open to the public, will be held at the Bearden branch from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on **Friday, August 16 and Saturday, August 17**.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to enhance the branch's programs for children and to support the development of a permanent display on the history of Bearden.

With 50 years in the same location, the Bearden branch has lots of stories to tell!



Summer Library Club Results

This year more than **12,000 young readers** joined in the Knox County Library's Summer Library Club which is made possible in part by a grant from *Friends*.

Out of those young readers, the latest tally shows 8,213 finished the reading challenge. That's where readers read for 20 hours or younger listeners enjoy 40 books which are read to them.

Those readers who completed their library club reading logs earned terrific prizes, including a rewards book chock full of neat places to go.

Knox County schools start Monday, August 12. The Summer Library Club is a significant contributor to maintaining and advancing reading skills during vacation months. *Friends* wishes all our young students and their teachers a wonderful start to the coming school year.

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