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Eat Pray Love Author Comes to Knoxville

Friends, in partnership with the Knox County Public Library and Union Avenue Books, is pleased to present **An Evening with Elizabeth Gilbert** at the historic Tennessee Theatre at 7 p.m. on November 2. Tickets are \$35 (students/seniors \$30) and includes a copy of Gilbert's latest book. [Ticket Details](#)



New York Times bestselling author Abraham Verghese signs his latest book for avid Knoxville fans at recent Friends-sponsored event.



In 2008, Time Magazine named Gilbert, acclaimed author of five works of fiction and nonfiction, one of the most influential people in the world. Gilbert's 2006 memoir, *Eat Pray Love*, was a #1 *New York Times* bestseller. Published in 30 languages, the memoir sold more than 10 million copies worldwide and was made into a major motion picture starring Julia Roberts in 2010.

Gilbert lived in Knoxville as a Writer-in-Residence at UT following her epic journey around the world which inspired *Eat Pray Love*. She edited the final draft of the book while living on Market Square in the St. Oliver Hotel. The screenplay for the movie *Eat Pray Love* was written by one-time Knoxville News Sentinel intern and *Glee* creator, Ryan Murphy.

Gilbert is currently on a national book tour with the release of her latest novel, [The Signature of All Things](#). The book marks Gilbert's return to fiction and describes the panoramic quest of a botanist whose hunger for explanations carries her through the

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Staff Appreciation Day for KCPL

Since 2007, *Friends* has taken the occasion of **National Friends of Libraries Week** to recognize and honor our Knox County library staff for their dedication and hard work during.

On **October 23**, *Friends* volunteers will deliver lunch to the staff of the downtown library and all 17 branch locations as our way of saying "thanks" for their service to our community. It's a perfect way to foster a great relationship between library branches and *Friends*.

Pictured above are Jackie McSwain and Ralph McGee, Mascot branch managers, receiving their staff appreciation lunch and gift bag one year from *Friends* volunteer Elnora Williams.

Join us on October 23 by stopping by your local

Prior to the event, a *Friends* members-only reception for the author will be held in the East Tennessee History Center auditorium at 5:30 p.m. **Members:** There is a limited capacity, so please [RSVP](#) early. Also, *Friends* is sponsoring a first-of-its-kind essay contest among local book clubs where the prize is 10 free tickets to **An Evening with Elizabeth Gilbert**. [Contest](#)

Bringing authors such as Elizabeth Gilbert to Knoxville supports the *Friends* mission to foster a love of libraries, books and reading. If you're interested in volunteering with the *Friends* Author Events Committee, contact Hortense Jones at membership@knoxfriends.org.



Powell Branch: Books and Birds!

The Powell Branch is not only a treasure trove of wonderful books, it's also a **haven for nature lovers** of all ages.

Built on land graciously donated by Dr. Robert Collier and his wife Louise, the wooded property is home to a variety of birds, squirrels and deer. Bird feeders are maintained by a branch volunteer, and patrons like the young nature lover pictured above can **check-out binoculars for a more intimate view** of the wildlife.

In addition to having enchanting woodland setting, Powell has the fourth highest circulation of all KCPL's branches. It also hosts a popular [Baby Bookworms](#) program for children ages birth to two years old.

Powell Branch Used Book Sale! Friday &



Start Smart and Stay Smart

Start Smart, a free Knox County Health Department program for increasing new babies' brain power, recently received funding from *Friends*. Sponsorship of this program is one of the many ways *Friends* supports early childhood literacy in Knox County.

Our grant of **\$1,500** will cover the purchase of resource books that each family receives when they attend a one-hour class. Parents of newborns learn tips for calming their baby and ways to increase their child's vocabulary.

For upcoming class dates and times or to reserve a class spot, call the [Knox County Health Department](#) at 865-215-5170.

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