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Friends volunteers Jean Idell and Nan Krichinsky distribute free books to help out with the 2013 *Knoxville News Sentinel* Empty Stocking Fund.

Mark Your Calendars!

**Annual Used Book Sale
- March 8-16**

Details to follow!

Wednesday, Jan 15
Noon

Books Sandwiched In
East TN History Center

The System: The Glory and Scandal of Big-Time College Football by Jeff Benedict and Armen Keteyian [More>>](#)

Monday, Jan 13
6:30 p.m.

All Over the Page Book Club

Lawson McGhee Library

New Year, New Life for Old Books

Imagine browsing the stacks at downtown’s Lawson McGhee Library and coming across a book by Roman poet Ovid published more than 500 years ago. This actually happened at the library years ago, but fortunately a prudent Knox County librarian took notice. In disbelief, she checked the publication date—1485!

To preserve the published piece of history for many readers to come, the book was removed from general circulation. But where should such a rare gem go?

The Calvin M. McClung Historical Collection was established in 1921 when its namesake bequeathed to Knoxville a personal collection of nearly 3,000 antique books. Many more volumes have since been carefully acquired, most of which were printed in very limited editions. If damaged or destroyed, these books simply could not be replaced.

Protecting these rarities is the job of Collection Manager Steve Cotham. Last year, Steve asked *Friends* to sponsor an upgrade to his book covering system to the CoLibri System. In the past, technical services librarian Kindel McAmis and assistant Bethann Smith made plastic sleeves for the books by hand. Now, thanks to *Friends*, they use a device that closely wraps and seals books in archival covers.



Timothy Egan [More>>](#)

Friends @ Rothrock Used Book Shop

January is BAG SALE month! All books are \$5 a bag except for specially priced books and 2014 calendars. [More>>](#)

[Click here](#) for the complete library calendar of events.



Students Click with TutorTN

Students of all ages with a library card can get help with studies just by clicking on www.tutor.com/TutorTN.

TutorTN is a pilot tutoring program offered through the Knox County Public Library **at no cost to the student**. It was launched in Knox County by the Tennessee State Library and Archives (TSLA) in September 2013.

During the first months of the program, Knox County students have visited the site 1,893 times for help with homework, test preparation and coursework. More than a 1,000 of those visits were with live tutors in **one-on-one sessions**, according to the TSLA.

Students report that TutorTN has helped them improve their grades and

handling the fragile books easier.

Although McClung's initial collection did include works of fiction, researchers today are especially thrilled to find histories and biographies devoted to our region. The John Z. C. Thomas Room—a grand, light-filled space at the heart of the collection—has a section for every county in our state.

As befitting their age, the books in the McClung Collection cannot be removed from the safety of their home in the [East Tennessee History Center](#), but they are available for perusal by library goers. Fortunately, visiting the collection in its elegant surroundings only contributes to a researcher's experience.



The Qs Have It!

A treasure trove of art and culture exists on the Knox County Public Library's **Q shelves**. That's where books that are too big for standard library shelves are kept.

Whether you seek to learn about art history, photography, sculpture or travel, looking through over-sized books offers a delightful way to spend an afternoon. For example, check out *Richard Jolley: Sculptor of Glass* from the Q shelves to get ready for the unveiling of Jolley's latest work at the [Knoxville Museum of Art](#) in May.

Each branch library, as well as the downtown library, has Q shelves for over-sized books. Just ask your librarian to help you locate them.



Have You Seen This Movie?

"Woman in Hiding" is a feature film last seen in theaters in 1950. Directed by Michael Gordon, it stars Ida Lupino, Stephen McNally and Howard Duff.

But did you know this 92-minute film noir takes place in and around **Knoxville?**

If you'd like to see the film for the first time or just revisit a great classic, be sure to check out the **free screening** in the meeting room at the Lawson McGhee Library on Sunday, January 26, at 3 p.m.

For more information, call Nelda Hill at 865-215-8729.

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