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Noted voice of Appalachia [Ron Rash](#) speaks **Tuesday, March 4**, East Tennessee History Center, 7:30 p.m. (free to public)

Used Book Sale
[Saturday, March 8](#)
Members Only Day
[March 9, 10, 13-16](#)
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Wednesday, March 19
Noon

Books Sandwiched In
East TN History Center
Salt, Sugar, Fat: How the food giants hooked us by Michael Moss
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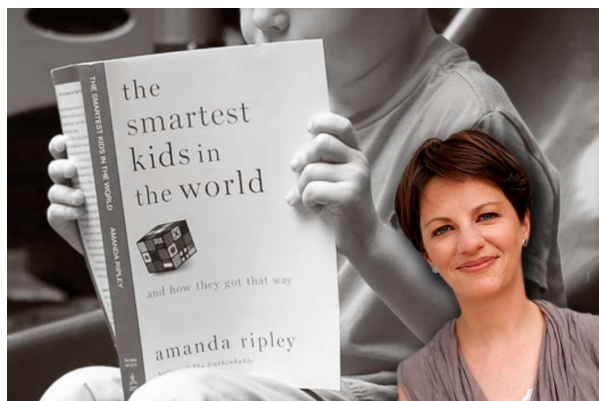
Monday, March 10
6:30 p.m.

All Over the Page
Lawson McGhee
Swimming in the Moon by

Inside the World's New Education Superpowers

Friends, along with the Knox County Public Library and other community sponsors, is bringing one of the nation's most talked about educational researchers to Knoxville. [Amanda Ripley](#), author of *The Smartest Kids in the World and How They Got That Way*, will speak at the Bijou Theater on **Wednesday, April 9**, at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Ripley's book compares highly successful school systems worldwide and offers suggestions about what other schools can do to become equally effective. Copies of her book are available for checkout at the library.



Great schools are known to be the primary driver of job growth, economic development, community health, family income and crime reduction. As a result, elected Knox County officials have set a goal to develop the best large school system in the southeast. While the Knox County school system has had its best year ever academically, it has a way to go before it can be considered "great." In co-sponsoring this event, *Friends* and the library are continuing the community conversation on how best to further our quest for excellence in public education.

A high demand for seats is expected for this event, so make

Month of March
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NOTE: Organizations and individuals can help *Friends* defray Ripley's travel expenses with a contribution of \$50 to \$100. If you would like to contribute, send your check to Great Schools Partnership, 912 S. Gay Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, (Memo: Amanda Ripley Event).



KCPL's New Website

Need a book for class? An audiobook for your next road trip? Want to become more computer-savvy? Your local library's website is the place for you.

The Knox County Public Library recently unveiled its **revamped website** that provides patrons with a cleaner, more streamlined means of accessing its many resources. Rolling messages promote events, services and information while links can take you directly to the library's catalog, programs, ebooks or events calendar.

Links to **social media sites** such as Facebook and Twitter and your Friends of the Knox County Public Library site are there as well.

Visit www.knoxlib.org today and see all that your Knox County Public Library has to offer.

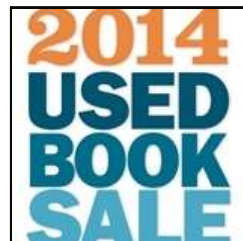


Your Local Library Can Help

Tax time is here again and the library's web site has a [Tax Preparation page](#) with important links to resources that can help you prepare your return. These resources let you download tax forms, access the government's free online filing tools, and connect you to information about filing a tax return in Tennessee.

The special web page also lists **free tax preparation services** that are available locally. Some of these services are provided at library branches by the AARP Foundation Tax Aide program. This program for low to moderate income taxpayers pays special attention to those 60 years and older.

Another free tax service in the area is provided by the Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee as part of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program sponsored by the IRS. (Tax assistance from both AARP and VITA is provided by IRS-certified volunteers.)



Something For Everyone!

The *Friends* mammoth used book sale which is coming up this month will have something for everyone . . . and at **affordable prices!**

For parents and grandparents, lots of books to read to the little ones.

For young people, children's classics as well as popular teen fiction and nonfiction.

For adults, we'll literally have a **ton of books** for those who love romances, literary fiction, mysteries and thrillers. And for those questers, travelers, homemakers, scholars and bibliophiles among us, the **sale will offer everything** from spiritual and religious tomes to glimpses into beckoning destinations to cookbooks to reference books to the rare and unusual.

But there's more! For those who love to listen, there will be audio books. For home remodelers, we'll have DIY and how-to books. And for history

transform lives.

So come one, come all!

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