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## Friends Support *Fizz...Boom...READ!*

This year, *Friends* is awarding its largest grant to KCPL's [Summer Library Club](#). According to [researchers at the University of Tennessee](#), such programs are a fun and significantly effective way to help children of all ages maintain and improve their reading skills.

Our grant will help fund more than a 100 toe-tapping, mind-boggling and awe-inspiring events and activities throughout the library system. These include Knoxville Zoo Zoomobile visits and [Awesome Science With Dr. Al Hazari](#), as well as performances by magician Michael Messing, musicians/storytellers Sparky and Rhonda Rucker, and Dollywood's Penguin Players. Check the library's [online calendar](#) for dates, times and locations or drop by any library branch to pick up a calendar of upcoming events.

The grant also funds a gift rewards package for Summer Library Club participants who reach their reading goal. The package includes a wind-up robot for kids four and up, rubber duckies for kids three and under, and a drawstring book bag for teens. Additionally, prize coupons for eats and treats have been donated by a host of [community businesses](#).

An **opening reception** for the new exhibit "[Reading Appalachia: Voices of Children's Literature](#)" at the East Tennessee History Center is scheduled for **Sunday, June 15**, 2-5 p.m. (*see full story below*). The reception, which is free to the public, will feature live music and author George Ella Lyon.

### **Monday, June 9**

6:30 p.m.

#### **All Over the Page Book Club**

Lawson McGhee  
*The Cat's Table* by  
Michael Ondaatje

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### **Wednesday, June 18**

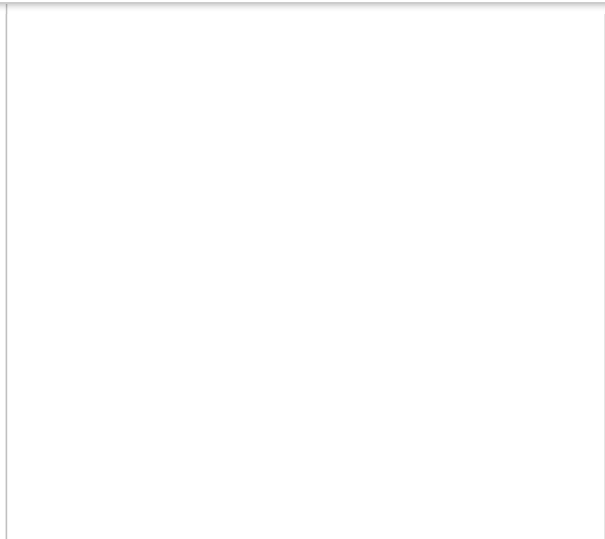
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#### **Books Sandwiched In**

East TN History Center  
*The Next 100 Years: A Forecast for the 21st Century* by George Friedman

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Used Book Shop  
**\$5 Bag Sale all month!**  
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**How can you show your support for this awesome program?**

- [Click here](#) to chip in a donation for Summer Library Club incentives.
- [Register now](#) for the Summer Library Club and, remember, it's for everyone—children, teens and adults!
- Mention the program using **#SummerLibraryClub** in your Facebook, Twitter and Instagram posts.

**NEW! Reading Appalachia Exhibit**

“Reading Appalachia: Voices of Children’s Literature” is a new exhibit opening at the East Tennessee History Center beginning **Sunday, June 15**. The exhibit will tell a story of childhood in this complex area by exploring works by Appalachian authors or set in Appalachia from the 1890s through modern day.

Funded by grants from [Friends](#) and the [East Tennessee Historical Society](#), the exhibit is designed to create the sensation of walking through the pages of an Appalachian storybook. Children will stand eye-to-eye with characters from such works as *Johnny Cake Ho*, *A Mountain Rose*, *When Otter Tricked the Rabbit*

**Reading Incentives Work For Teens**

Teen registration for KCPL’s [Summer Library Club](#) has already reached 682 in 2014. That’s 200 more participants than this time last year!

Powell Branch manager Melissa Ferguson reports that the prize incentive sponsored by *Friends* is making a **big impact**. “Encouraging teens to participate is not always easy. But our registration numbers are up, thanks in part to the drawstring book bags.”

“Teen readers are the bridge between children and life-long adult library users,” says Ferguson. “Our goal is to keep them **engaged with reading all summer** and to foster a positive experience with the library. *Friends* enables us to offer prizes

**Let’s Get Together at the Library!**

Need a convenient and local **meeting space** with free WiFi? Your neighborhood branch library might be just the place you’re looking for.

Many of KCPL’s branch locations offer meeting **facilities for use by the public**. For example, groups ranging from writers to Scrabble fanatics to songwriters to yarncrafters meet at the Fountain City branch. Burlington and Bearden branches host groups such as local Girl Scout troops, the Civil War Roundtable, sorority get-togethers, small business meetings, and local homeowner association meetings.

So, if you’re looking to join an existing group (check the library’s [online](#)

The exhibit will also feature music, storytelling, clothing, toys and hands-on activities that bring the subject to life for kids of all ages.

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or meeting, **check out your nearest library branch.** It might be the perfect fit!

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