




KEEPING LIBRARY LOVERS  
IN THE LOOP!



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## Building Strong Neighborhoods Together

Defined as "a group of residents or property owners advocating or organizing within neighborhoods," associations have become an important feature in Knoxville with more than 100 forming within the city limits. The great thing is that virtually **all of these associations are served by at least one of the 17 branches** of the Knox County Public Library. In fact, many have actively partnered with their nearest branch, holding meetings in the branch's community room or using library resources for neighborhood projects.



Have you **renewed your membership** in *Friends* for 2015? Or is this the year you **join**? Whatever the case, [click here](#) to join!

Recently *Friends* has stepped up support of neighborhoods across Knox County by directing mini grants each year to fund select branch library projects, programs and equipment. We've held more than **20 used book sales** in branch libraries in 2014, and these popular events will continue in 2015.

Monday, January 12  
6:30 p.m.  
**All Over the Page Book Club**  
Lawson McGhee  
*Strings Attached* by Joanne Lipman & Melanie Kupchynsky  
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*Friends* holds numerous used book sales each year to support neighborhoods by enhancing the resources of our branch libraries.

Wednesday, January 21  
Noon  
**Books Sandwiched In**  
East TN History Center  
*A Whole New Mind* by Daniel H. Pink [More>>](#)

To reinforce neighborhood/branch connections, the leaders of many associations receive the Friends♥KCPL e-newsletter every month and are encouraged to forward it to their members.

**Used Book Sales**  
Burlington Branch

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**January \$5 Bag Sale!**

Friends @ Rothrock  
Used Book Shop  
M-Thu: 11:30-6:30  
Fri-Sat: 10:30-4:30

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

volunteers routinely receive the [Office of Neighborhoods](#) newsletter.

Additionally, *Friends* volunteers are available to speak at association meetings on matters relating to our mission to foster a love of libraries, books and reading. (To download a pdf of the *City of Knoxville Guest Speakers Guide for Neighborhood Groups*, [click here](#).)

*Friends* will participate in the upcoming biannual **Neighborhood Conference** to be held **Saturday, March 7**, at the Knoxville Convention Center. Mark your calendars for this event. It will feature more than 30 workshops on a variety of topics relevant to all types of groups including neighborhood associations, neighborhood watch groups, tenant associations and homeowners associations.



**Computers:  
Getting the  
Basics**

When online tutorials and books just aren't enough, a friendly face-to-face workshop may be just what you need to learn important basic computer skills.

KCPL and the East Tennessee History Center (ETHC) partner to offer **free computer workshops** that run about two hours. Some workshops are held at ETHC on the third floor, while others are held at the Burlington branch library. **Workshops include:** Using Online Library Resources, Introducing the Computer, Internet and Email Basics, Excel and Microsoft Word Basics

**To register** for a class at ETHC, call 865-215-8700 or stop by the reference desk in Lawson McGhee. For Burlington, call 865-

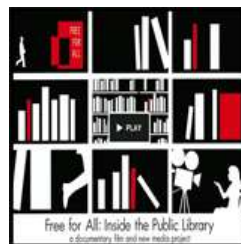


**Making a  
Tremendo  
Difference**

The number of books in the new library at [Centro Hispano de East Tennessee](#) has grown from zero to more than 500 in just two months!

*Friends* helped sponsor the book drive, which netted **several hundred adult and children's books** donated by individuals and local organizations. The library now boasts Spanish and English reference books, as well as non-fiction and fiction for check-out or to supplement classroom materials.

Centro Hispano de East Tennessee, which is located on Sutherland Avenue on the John Tarleton Campus, is a **grassroots organization** and community center for our area's Hispanic population.



**Free for All:  
A Film  
About Us**

What does the public library mean to you and your community? Award-winning filmmakers Dawn Logsdon and Lucie Faulknor are on a mission to find out. The two plan to tell **the story of America's public libraries** in a feature documentary, [Free For All](#), as well as through a series of short, web videos and a national storytelling booth where library users share their stories.

By encouraging discussions at the **grassroots level**, the filmmakers hope to spark a national dialogue about the future of an institution that has been a cornerstone of our democracy for more than 150 years.

If you're a library lover who understands the

desk. Workshops are for ages 12 and older.

For a complete schedule of computer workshops, visit [KCPL online](#).

**scholarships** for post-secondary students. Centro board president **Carlos Pinilla** hopes that the many resources now available in the library will spark an interest in students about pursuing career paths.

to **follow the progress** of this remarkable project on [Facebook](#), [Pinterest](#) or [YouTube](#), or by subscribing to the project's [e-newsletter](#).

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