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Rocking at Rothrock Book Shop

On a sunny winter afternoon, a diverse group of people browses the *Friends* bookstore in the Lawson McGhee Library downtown. The group includes two college students planning to be teachers, a traveler from Philadelphia, PA, the owner of an online bookstore and three baseball fans from Maryville. All of them are looking for the same thing—a great bargain on a great book.

The [Friends @ Rothrock Used Book Shop](#) is more than just a source of revenue. It's a way for *Friends* to put books into the hands of readers. One volunteer "Rocker," retired librarian **Marilyn Parsons**, says she especially loves to see children walk out of the store with books they can call their own.



Rockers **Sandi** and **Glen Daugherty** help stock the store's shelves two days a week and occasionally cover the sales desk. As members of the *Friends* Sort Team, they receive, inspect and categorize donated books year-round. They also love working the Cedar Bluff branch sales.

Another Rocker duo is **Hazel Zook**—retired from the business office at a local college—and **Alice Dickinson**, a retired educator. Hazel laughingly admits that volunteering at the book store is an expense, because she always ends up buying books! Alice, on the other hand, says her enjoyment comes from talking with shoppers: "People really appreciate the good deals they get at Rothrock."

Lawson McGhee patrons are often surprised to find a book store as they enter the main library. Even regular Rothrock customers may not realize just how much

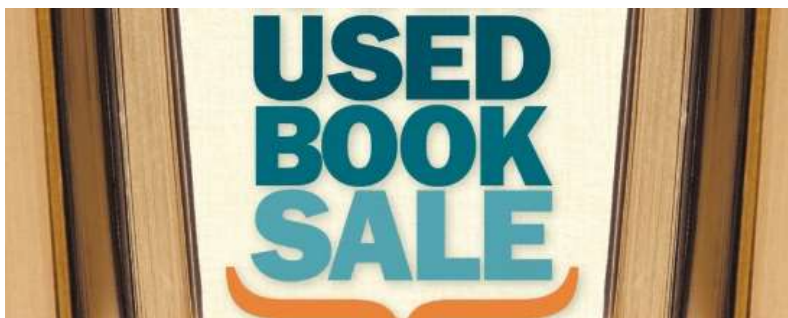
Sweet Confections: It's Cake Bake time!

It's time for the **Great Cake Bake**, East Tennessee's premier cake decorating contest! A fundraiser for **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Knox County**, this year's event will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2015, noon to 5 p.m., at the Tennessee Terrace Level of Neyland Stadium.

Friends is sponsoring an award this year for the cake that best depicts a **love of books and reading**. Additionally, *Friends* is giving the top winners in all amateur divisions a 2015 family membership.

As always, cake decorators, sugar enthusiasts and artists will pull out all the stops to create a memorable experience. To enter the competition, volunteer or preorder tickets, [click here](#).

If you're a cake lover, be sure to come out to see and buy these sweet confections. Tickets are \$10 (children 12 and under are free). And it's all for a great cause—funding monthly books for children from birth until age 5 at no cost to the family!



Confirmed: the 2015 Annual Used Book Sale!

WHEN: Friday, May 29, 2015 – Monday, June 1, 2015

WHERE: Bearden High School, 8352 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919

WHAT: Thousands of beautiful used books for sale; all proceeds benefit the Knox County Public Library

HOW: Hundreds of volunteers working year-round for the love of their library

WHO: You, going book nerd crazy

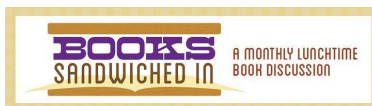
Danielle Velez, the **newly appointed Program Coordinator** for Imagination Library, brings priceless experience as the former Development & Events Manager for Knoxville Botanical Gardens to her new position.

In addition to her responsibilities in fundraising and special events, Danielle hopes to strengthen Imagination Library’s outreach to the Hispanic community.

Danielle was educated in Knox County schools and has degrees in history and Spanish from UT. After graduation, she traveled to Ecuador, where she met and married her husband and worked in a bi-national cultural exchange program.



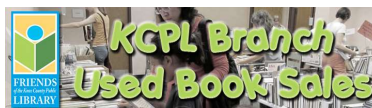
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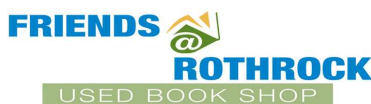
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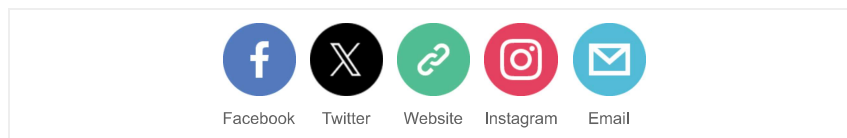
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Visit our bookstore, which offers monthly specials and discounts.



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Friends of the Knox County Public Library is a non-profit organization whose mission is to foster a love of libraries, books and reading in the Knox County area. The organization raises funds to sponsor community outreach programs, represent the interests of Knox County library patrons, and support a variety of services offered by the local library system that would otherwise not be available due to budget or staff restrictions.

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