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“Ain’t It a Good Thing”

It’s hard to imagine the late Wilma Dykeman Stokely wouldn’t be pleased with the person chosen to present the 2015 lecture given in her memory. Although the format will be nontraditional, the presence on the stage of someone who wants to preserve and share our local history would surely make her happy.

That someone is ethnomusicologist [Dom Flemons](#). Known as The American Songster, Flemons will perform and speak on **Thursday, March 12**, at 7 p.m. at the Bijou Theatre.

Free and open to the public, the event is sponsored by [The Library Society of the University of Tennessee](#), [Friends](#), and a grant from the [Clayton Family Foundation](#). [Advance registration](#) is required.

Flemons is widely known for his role in reintroducing **old-time African American string band music**—made famous by groups such as the Carolina Chocolate Drops—to 21st century audiences. In 2013 he chose to pursue a solo career, releasing his first solo album entitled *Prospect Hill* in July 2014. The album was one of Folk Alley’s Top 10 Folk and Americana Albums of 2014.

Flemons’ commitment to the preservation of old-time music is also exemplified by his involvement in the [Music Maker Relief Foundation](#).

Wilma Dykeman Stokely (1920 – 2006) was well known in our community for her work as a writer, speaker, teacher, historian and environmentalist. Join us on March 12 as we remember the legacy of this long-time friend of the Knox County Public Library.



Dom Flemons

The American Songster

Thursday, March 12, 2015
7 p.m.
Bijou Theatre

Being a Good Neighbor

Friends encourages everyone to take part in the [2015 City of Knoxville Neighborhood Conference](#) on **Saturday, March 7**, at the Knoxville Convention Center. If you are interested in preserving and enhancing the quality of life in Knoxville and Knox County neighborhoods, you won't want to miss this event.

Developed by the City of Knoxville's [Office of Neighborhoods](#), the conference will include more than **30 workshops** on a wide variety of topics important to residential neighborhoods in both the city and the county. This will also be an opportunity for you to meet **local** government officials.

Friends will host an exhibit booth so visitors can learn about the role that library branches—and *Friends* volunteers—play in the health and vitality of our neighborhoods.

Free and open to the public, [advance registration](#) is required by noon on Tuesday, March 3. A free continental breakfast and lunch will be offered during the conference



The Difference Between Basic and World Class

[The Library Society of the University of Tennessee](#) is akin to *Friends* in that both groups promote and support our area libraries. The Society's goal is to increase membership and donations to the Society so that it can **fund endowments** to UT libraries and **make key acquisitions** for its Special Collections. The Society's Advisory Board also serves as the UT libraries' Capital Campaign Committee.

Last year, the Society partnered with *Friends* to sponsor guest speaker Ron Rash, the *New York Times* bestselling author. This month, we're working together to sponsor the **2015 Wilma Dykeman Stokely Memorial Lecture** to be given by Dom Flemons on March 12.

By working together, *Friends* and the Society can promote both UT's libraries and the Knox County Public Library in order to enhance cultural programming for everyone in the area.

Taking Our Schools From Good to *Grrreat!*

"Taking Tennessee Schools from Good To Great," a conversation with the new Tennessee Commissioner of Education [Dr. Candice McQueen](#), is scheduled for **Thursday, March 26**, 7 p.m. at the Marriott Knoxville (501 East Hill Avenue).

Friends joins [Great Schools Partnership](#), [League of Women Voters](#), [Knox County Education Association](#) and other community groups in sponsoring this event which is free and open to the public. Free parking will also be available.

Dr. McQueen began as a classroom teacher in both public and private elementary and middle schools. Most recently she served as Senior Vice President and Dean of the College of Education at Lipscomb University in Nashville. Under her leadership, Lipscomb's college of education and teacher preparation program were consistently highlighted as one of the **top teacher training programs** in the state. Dr. McQueen also serves on the UT Board of Trustees and the Board of the Tennessee Board of Regents.

Ginna Mashburn, education committee chair of the League of Women Voters and chair of the Library Foundation, says, "Improved educational standards are positively impacting our community in many ways. We look forward to bringing Dr. McQueen to address her vision for continuing this important progress."

Dr. Candice McQueen

Tennessee Commissioner of Education

Thursday, March 26, 2015
7 p.m.
Marriott Knoxville
501 East Hill Avenue



Mark Your Calendar Now!

2015 ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE

Thousands of used books will be on sale with proceeds benefiting the Knox County Public Library — all made possible by hundreds of *Friends* volunteers working year-round out of love for our local public library system. [Click here for details.](#)

Friday, May 29

Members Only Preview Day, 2 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 30

Sale Open to the Public, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sunday, May 31

Sale Open to the Public, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

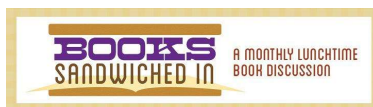
Monday, June 1

Sale Open to the Public — \$5 Bag Sale, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Monday, June 1

Community Giveaway, Noon – 2 p.m.

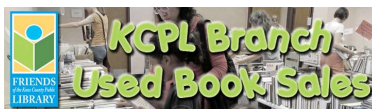
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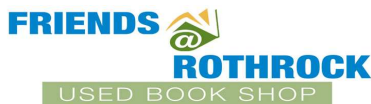
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Join this monthly book club which is free and open to the public.



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About Friends of the Knox County Public Library

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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