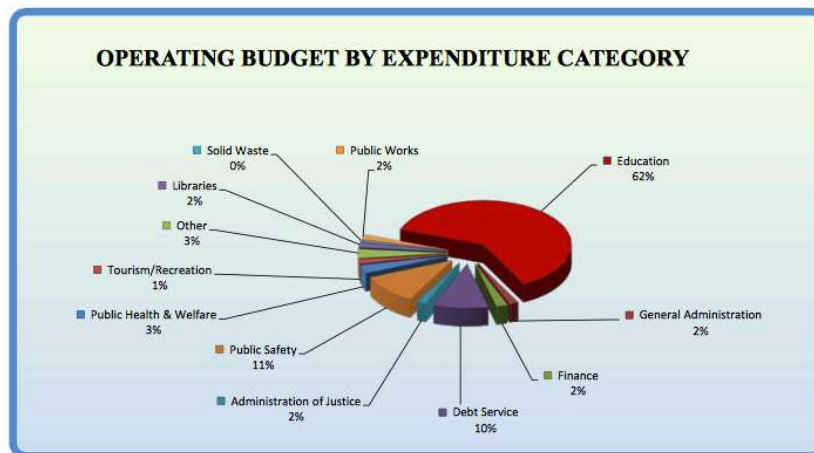


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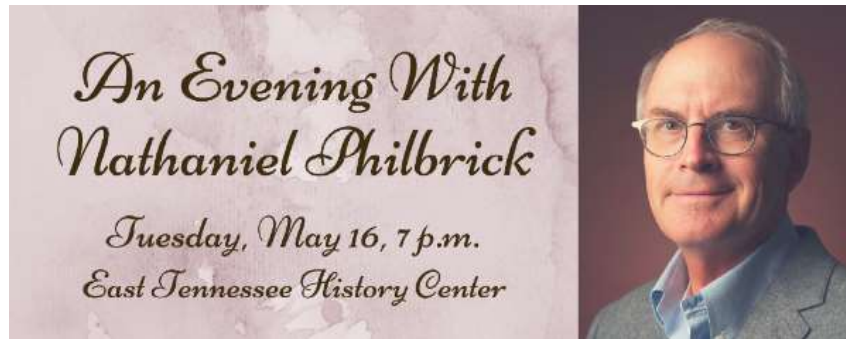
Knox County Operating Budget by Expenditure Category, FY 2017. (Knox County, TN. Finance. Budget Reports. **Adopted Budget** Detail, p. 51.)

1. **County Mayor Tim Burchett**, whose office oversees the Knox County Public Library, will submit his **proposed budget** for the library and other county agencies to County Commission on **Monday, May 1**, at 9 a.m. in the City County Building.
2. Funding for the library system accounts for approximately 2 percent of the county's total budget.
3. The major source of these funds is the county wheel tax.
4. On May 1 and 2, a **series of meetings** in branch libraries and senior centers will give the public an opportunity to comment on or ask questions about the proposed budget. Friends Advocacy Committee Co-Chairs Marye Rose and Sharon Smith plan to attend one of the meetings to **thank the Mayor** for his support of the library.

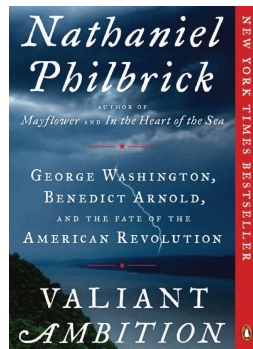
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## Author Nathaniel Philbrick Visits Knoxville This Month



**Nathaniel Philbrick**, a master of narrative nonfiction, has a new take on the divided America of George Washington and Benedict Arnold. This month, he's coming to Knoxville to talk about it!



Philbrick will speak about his book, *Valiant Ambition: George Washington, Benedict Arnold, and the Fate of the American Revolution*, at **7 p.m. at the East Tennessee History Center on May 16**. The event is free. Because seating is limited, the public is asked to register for the event using this [online form](#).

In *Valiant Ambition*, Philbrick goes beyond well-known facts to examine whether Arnold's treachery may have saved the nation by uniting Americans behind Washington.

Philbrick won the National Book Award in 2000 for *In the Heart of the Sea*, the story of an 1820 whaleship rammed and sunk by an angry sperm whale. That book was adapted into a major motion picture starring Chris Hemsworth. With *Valiant Ambition*, Philbrick demonstrates again his talent for combining deep research with powerful storytelling.

This special author event is sponsored by Friends, Union Ave Books, the Knox County Public Library, and the East Tennessee Historical Society.

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## Building a Better World With Reading



Join the Knox County Public Library at the 2017 **Children's Festival of Reading** to welcome the lazy days of summer and celebrate the pleasure of reading. This free family event will be held **Saturday, May 20**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Knoxville's World's Fair Park.

Learn about the craft of writing and artistry from leading authors, artists, and illustrators of books for children and young adults. Special guests include book illustrators Mary Reaves Uhles and Adam Rex and prolific authors Sarah Weeks, Gwendolyn Hooks, Charles R. Smith, Jr., and Lita Judge, who will entertain and inspire with their stories about their craft of writing for children and young adults.

Local storytellers, artists, musicians, and children's entertainers will also help celebrate the start of KCPL's **Summer Library Club**. Become enthralled by music and storytelling; watch children dabble in arts and crafts; explore a science village; learn about community groups; enjoy food and beverages; and more!

Since you can't celebrate reading without books, Friends will host a **children's book sale** featuring wondrous tales for youth of all ages. Please plan to come by, browse, and shop as we join our public library in celebrating summertime reading!

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## Lending a Helping Hand



**There's more than one way to lend a helping hand.**

Beyond contributing money directly to the Knox County Public Library (KCPL) to help support programs not covered by the budget, Friends enables KCPL to win much-needed funds from grants. Many grantors require an applicant to be a registered nonprofit organization, which Friends is. Acting as a nonprofit fiscal sponsor, Friends has helped KCPL gain more than \$124,000 in grants so far this year.

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As of February 2017, Friends, acting as sponsor, had received the following grants to support the **Children's Festival of Reading**:

- \$5,000 from Humanities Tennessee
- \$5,000 from Pilot Flying J
- \$3,000 from Downtown Knoxville Central Business Improvement District
- \$2,500 from East TN Pediatric Dentistry
- \$5,000 from BCBST Community Trust
- \$1,000 from Publix Charities
- \$750 from City Council 202 Funds from Finbarr Saunders, Dan Brown, Mark Campen, and Nick Della Volpe

The Friends, in partnership with KCPL, have applied for the following **additional grants**:

- \$5,000 for the 2018 Children's Festival of Reading from the Tennessee Arts Commission
- \$20,000 for the Big Read
- \$7,000 on behalf of Imagination Library from City of Knoxville Community Agency Grant
- \$11,000 to digitize and preserve several TAMIS collections
- \$10,000 from the Jane L. Pettway Foundation for the 2018 Children's Festival of Reading

**The KCPL–Friends partnership continues.**

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## Putting Books in the Hands of Readers



Friends has donated books for all ages to more than 40 organizations and agencies in our community. **Maud Booth Gardens**, an apartment community for adults 62 and older operated by Volunteers of America, maintains a small collection of books that residents can check out. Jennifer Conway, the community's services coordinator, is shown here with the Maud Booth library. Many of these books were donated by Friends. This and other community donations are one way Friends

fulfills its mission to **foster a love of libraries, books, and reading.**

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**Shop at Rothrock Used Book Shop**

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- Karns Branch Sale** – Thursday, May 4, and Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. [MORE>>](#)
- All Over the Page: *The White Tiger*** – Monday, May 8, 6:30 p.m. [MORE>>](#)
- Burlington Branch Sale** – Saturday, May 13, 1–5 p.m., and Monday, May 15, 4–8 p.m. [MORE>>](#)
- An Evening with Nathaniel Philbrick** – Tuesday, May 16, 7 p.m. [MORE>>](#)
- Children's Festival of Reading** – Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. [MORE>>](#)
- Books Sandwiched In: *The Past and Future City: How Historic Preservation is Reviving America's Communities*** – Wednesday, May 24, noon [MORE>>](#)
- Bearden Branch Sale** – Friday, June 2, and Saturday, June 3, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. [MORE>>](#)
- All Over the Page: *The Magician's Lie*** – Monday, June 12, 6:30 p.m. [MORE>>](#)
- Cedar Bluff Branch Sale** – Friday, June 23, and Saturday, June 24, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. [MORE>>](#)
- Books Sandwiched In: *Beyond Words: What Animals Think and Feel*** – Wednesday, June 28, noon [MORE>>](#)

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