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KCPL Symposium To Explore News Truth and Consequences



What is real? What is fake? Today, these are not philosophy questions, but those often asked by concerned citizens in a struggle to decipher the news and educate themselves about key issues.

This month, the Knox County Public Library will present the [Truth and Consequences Symposium](#), a series of talks, a film viewing, and a panel discussion that will explore the rise of fake news, the impact of nonstop breaking news, the decline of critical thinking, and more. Presentations on **July 23, 27, and 28** will take place at the East Tennessee History Center and the Bijou Theatre.

Wendell Potter, a *New York Times* best-selling author and journalist, will be the keynote speaker. With the exception of an opening reception and dinner, all events are free to registered participants. [Please register today](#); space is limited.

The Truth and Consequences Symposium is made possible by a partnership with Wendell Potter and [Tarbell.org](#), The University of Tennessee's [School of Information Sciences and School of Journalism and Electronic Media](#), [Friends of the Knox County Library](#), the Jane L. Pettway Foundation, and the [Knox County](#).

Summer Library Club, Then and Now



Stops on the Summer Library Club Passport Program include (left to right) Ijams Nature Center, McClung Museum of Natural History and Culture, and James White's Fort.

Summer reading in Knox County once meant regular trips to the bookmobile, the magical van that brought the library to neighborhoods once a week. One year, each book completed could be exchanged for a sticker for a map of the U.S. That map filled with stickers was a colorful testament to a summer filled with reading.

Today's **Summer Library Club** has evolved to inspire readers in new and exciting ways. Library programs abound, with visits to branches from magicians and zoo animals and LEGO. Today's parents and grandparents use social media to share stories and photos of visits to **Passport Program** locations, of coupons from rewards books being redeemed, of a child lying on the floor engrossed in a book. And this year, an **ice cream social** at Blount Mansion on July 8 will encourage young listeners and readers to complete their goals.



Left: Kids at the Murphy Branch enjoy Bricks 4 Kidz. Center: Sparky and Rhonda Rucker perform at the Halls Branch. Right: Magician Michael Messing has something to hide at the Bearden Branch.

While Summer Library Club has changed over time, the importance of making reading a part of the lives of Knox County's children never changes. And the benefits of encouraging kids to read can be seen every year as graduates bring a new generation of readers to the

Friends has long supported Summer Library Club in its budget and in recent years has added a Chip-In Campaign to help ensure that library programs and reading incentives reach as many children as possible. **With this year's matching gift of \$1111 and your help,** we can meet our goal of raising \$3000 to bring programs to libraries and to reward readers for achieving their goals this summer. Join the **\$1111 Chip-in Challenge** by making your donation [online](#) today.

Author Events: Looking Back, Looking Ahead



Authors Nathaniel Philbrick and Kerri Maniscalco. (Philbrick's photo by Christopher Noble; Maniscalco's photo by Kelli Maniscalco @ Dogwood Lane.)

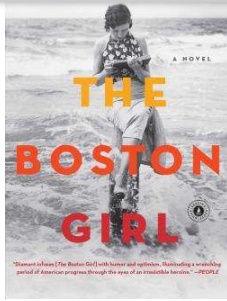
Nathaniel Philbrick's discussion of his most recent book, *Valiant Ambition: George Washington, Benedict Arnold, and the Fate of the American Revolution*, at the East Tennessee History Center on May 16 is now [available as a podcast](#) on the Friends website.

Friends will bring **Kerri Maniscalco**, author of the young adult best-seller *Stalking Jack the Ripper*, to Knoxville in September. The September 19 event will celebrate the publication of her second book, *Hunting Prince Dracula*.

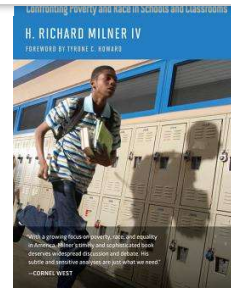
Talking About Books in July

Historical fiction and a return to one of last year's most engrossing discussions are on the agenda for KCPL's two book discussion groups in July.

[All Over the Page](#) will feature a discussion of *The Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant, a story of American womanhood and the immigrant experience in the early 20th century, led by Miriam Davis. The group will meet on **Monday, July 10**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Lawson McGhee Library meeting room.



Clinic of Oak Ridge, and Ronni Chandler, director of Project Grad Knoxville, will continue the discussion of *Rac(e)ing to Class: Confronting Poverty and Race in Schools and Classrooms* by H. Richard



Milner IV at [Books Sandwiched In](#). This

noontime discussion will take place on **Wednesday, July 26**, at the East Tennessee History Center.

Four Things To Know About the Friends @ Rothrock Used Book Shop

1. The Friends' daily bookstore honors **Mary Utopia (Topie) Rothrock** (September 19, 1890–January 30, 1976), leader of the public library in Knox County, Tennessee, the Southeast, and the nation.
2. Mary Utopia Rothrock served the **Knox County Public Library** as chief librarian in 1916–33 and 1949–55. Today's branch libraries and the McClung Collection, core of the **East Tennessee Historical Society**, can be traced to her vision.
3. In 2008 Friends of the Knox County Public Library established the [Friends @ Rothrock Used Book Shop](#) in the space formerly occupied by the Rothrock Café in the foyer of Lawson McGhee Library.
4. The bookstore features a different special each month in addition to its everyday low prices on a variety of used books and other materials. During July, cookbooks will be offered at special prices. We think Topie would approve.



Join the Friends Family Today

WHAT'S COMING UP

- **Knox County Public Library's Summer Library Club** – now through July 31 [MORE>>](#)

- **Summer Library Club Ice Cream Social** – Saturday, July 8, 1 p.m. [MORE>>](#)
- **All Over the Page: *The Boston Girl*** – Monday, July 10, 6:30 p.m. [MORE>>](#)
- **The Best of the Best Workshop** – Friday, July 21 [MORE>>](#)
- **Truth and Consequences Symposium** – July 23–28 [MORE>>](#)
- **Books Sandwiched In: *Rac(e)ing to Class: Confronting Poverty and Race in Schools and Classrooms*** – Wednesday, July 26, noon [MORE>>](#)
- **All Over the Page: *The Mothers*** – Monday, August 15, 6:30 p.m. [MORE>>](#)
- **East Tennessee History Fair** – Saturday, August 19 [MORE>>](#)
- **Books Sandwiched In: *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America*** – Wednesday, August 23, noon [MORE>>](#)

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