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At the Annual Meeting

Friends To Celebrate Another Year on July 15

And what a year it has been!

We remembered Mary Utopia Rothrock. We welcomed the biggest crowd ever to our Annual Used Book Sale. We laughed with Rick Bragg and marveled at the way Silas House constructs his fiction. We helped put books on buses traveling the city that, we hope, will be the reading-est community in the USA!

Members are invited to celebrate a year of libraries, books, authors, and readers in our community at the Friends Annual Meeting on Monday, July 15. The gathering of members will occur at 6 p.m. at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 South Gay Street.

Rothchild Catering will provide light hors d'oeuvres and sweets, according to Marye Rose and Shirley Underwood, event coordinators. Guest speaker will be Knoxville's Poet Laureate, Marilyn Kallet. (See page 3.)

Members will also vote on the 2019–20 slate of officers and directors submitted by the Nominating Committee as well as a change in one of the bylaws. (See page 2.)

Please let Coordinator Kristen Faerber know by July 10 if you plan to attend: 865.215.8775 or info@knoxfriends.org.

Meet the Nominees for the Friends Offices and Board

To be voted on at the
Annual Meeting

2019–20 Officers

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Directors, 1st Term

Brewton Couch

Natalie Smith

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Nominating

Committee 2019–20

Jen Cooper

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Slate Proposed by

Nominating

Committee 2018–19

Jen Cooper

Jane Row, Chair

Claire Serrell

Sharon Smith

Julie Webb

Native Knoxville Couch Has Nonprofit Experience



Brewton Couch

An avid reader, Brewton Couch says that she has relied on the library for much of her life to keep her book purchases under control! She grew up in Knoxville where, she says, she spent a lot of time checking out books from the Knox County Library.

She is a licensed attorney (non-practicing) with experience at strategic planning and event planning. Currently she works as the vice president for branding and messaging for United Way of Greater Knoxville. In her current role, as well in her previous life as a lawyer, her work has demanded strong analytical skills. Also her work in the nonprofit world has acquainted her with the challenges of fundraising, networking, and community building. Libraries play a vital role in every community, and Brewton strongly believes in helping them. Her kids still talk about the events they have gone to at libraries in all of the cities they have lived. She intends to encourage more families to take advantage of this great resource in Knox County.

Libraries Play Vital Role in Natalie Smith's Life

Natalie Smith brings a love of libraries, literacy, and learning as well as experience with the Knox County Friends to the role of director.

Libraries play a vital role in her life. She visits the Bearden Branch at least once a week. After moving to Knoxville in 2011, she volunteered in the West High School library for two years. Before she moved to Knoxville, she and her young children made regular trips to the public library in College Station, TX, where her youngsters took part in the library's summer programs and completed reading logs.

A Friend since 2012, she served on the Author Events Committee from 2015–17 and attends as many author events as she can. In her fifth year participating in the Head Start reading program, she was a reader for four years and has just completed her first year as coordinator with Cindy Gibson. A details-oriented person adept at research, she strives to be analytical and to work efficiently. A firm believer in the importance of literacy and learning, Natalie has volunteered with the Leaders for Readers program coordinated by the Great Schools Partnership where each week she reads with three students struggling to master reading.



Natalie Smith

Members To Vote on Change in Bylaws Proposed by Board

The Board Development and Bylaws Committee suggested a change to the bylaws to provide clarification on director terms. The Board of Directors voted at their October 15, 2018, meeting to bring the proposed amendment to the membership at the 2018-19 Annual Meeting on July 15. Bylaws permit amendment when approved by two-thirds vote of members in attendance at a regular or special meeting of the membership. The proposed change appears below in boldface type.

Up to five Directors shall be elected each year by the membership to serve for three-year terms or until their successors are elected. Their term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which the election is held. Each member of the Board who is elected shall be a member of the Friends. **A Director elected for a partial first term may be nominated for a third consecutive term.** No Director shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive **full** terms except the Executive Vice-President. Election of Directors shall be by ballot unless there is only one nominee for each vacancy, in which case, voting may be by voice.

You Stepped Up: Friends Support Library

Because you stepped up, kids met favorite authors at the Children's Festival of Reading. Families enjoyed Summer Library Club programs at their favorite branches. Teens talked about books and life with their peers. Community members discussed books and watched vintage films. Because you stepped up, Friends can support these programs in the coming year:

- The Children's Festival of Reading.
- Summer Library Club reading incentives and family-friendly programs at library branches.
- Events and programs for teens promoting literacy and fostering a sense of community.
- All Over the Page and Books Sandwiched In, two monthly book discussion groups.
- Music on the Mezzanine, a concert/discussion series at Lawson McGhee Library that will focus on Appalachian music, the Blues, and orchestral music.
- Film screenings presented by the Tennessee Archive of Moving Image and Sound (TAMIS) during the East Tennessee History Fair.
- Santa's visit to library branches.
- Poetry Lounge at Sights and Sounds with local and nationally acclaimed poets.
- Reading Close to Home, a series examining Walker Percy's work.
- *The Lost World of East Knoxville*, a documentary about the impact of 20th century urban renewal on East Knoxville and the African American community.

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In memory of Cynthia Warlick

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Poet greets poet. Marilyn Kallet, left, welcomes Nikki Giovanni to the May 23 ceremony marking the location of Giovanni's grandparents' Knoxville home.

Marilyn Kallet to Speak At Annual Meeting

Knoxville's Poet Laureate and Professor Emerita of English at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Dr. Marilyn Kallet will be guest speaker at the Friends Annual Meeting July 15.

Since 2009, she has led poetry workshops and writing residencies in Auvillar, France, and for the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts as well as readings and workshops throughout East Tennessee and the nation.

Among other honors, she has won the Tennessee Arts Commission Literary Fellowship in poetry and has been inducted into the East Tennessee Literary Hall of Fame in poetry.

The author of 18 books, Kallet explores the themes of love, dreams, humor, and keen observations of the resilience of individuals dealing with life's highs and lows. Her poetry also chronicles her struggles with acts of inhumanity. Appointing Kallet Knoxville's Poet Laureate in 2018, Mayor Madeline Rogero described Kallet as "a great and gifted writer, a champion for poetry's ability to bring people together and help heal individuals and communities."

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Feb–May 2019

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Sharon Babb
Amelia Baker
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You Can Help Knox County's Kids Reach the Moon

Armed with their intergalactic passports, Knox County's young readers and listeners are on a mission to read to the moon this summer. They're having fun with books, programs, and new adventures while maintaining and improving their reading and listening skills as participants in the Knox County Public Library's Summer Library Club.

As a member of Friends and a lover of libraries, books, and reading, you can show your support for this outstanding program and help ensure that it continues year after year by contributing to our 2019 campaign to help Knox County's kids reach the moon. Please use the enclosed envelope to make your contribution, or donate online by following the link at knoxfriends.org.

