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Summer  
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## NEWSLETTER

Martha Gill

Martha Edington

## *Because of COVID-19*

# Friends Give to Recover Pandemic Losses

In 1970, a small group of visionary library lovers came together to support our library as Friends of the Knox County Public Library. Fifty years later, the Friends are still here, and our library needs us more than ever.

In a future filled with uncertainties, one certainty is clear: The Knox County Public Library is essential to the short- and long-term health of our community. And as the library's services and programs evolve to meet future needs, the Friends want to be ready to continue our support of libraries, books, and reading. But our losses during the pandemic have been significant. When the library shut down, so did the Friends' book sales, our major sources of funds. (See numbers on page 6.)

To recoup those losses, the Friends are undertaking a campaign to raise \$50,000 by June 30. As of June 9, past and current Board members had made donations and pledges of \$4,113 toward a matching gift. The Knox County

Public Library Foundation also pledged to match donations up to \$7,500, and Friends members and others in the community had committed \$10,053.

Our library has benefited our community through good times and bad. The expertise of its staff — the library's most important asset — has always been available to patrons of all ages. That expertise has made it possible for KCPL to provide opportunities for education for all ages, to support the local economy, to give community members safe spaces for engagement, and to reach under-served populations with services and programs that promote equity and empowerment.

"The Knox County Public Library is essential to the short- and long-term health of our community," says Sharon Smith, Friends president. "We understand not everyone will be able to contribute to this campaign, but we hope those who are will consider making a gift if they value the library as we Friends do."

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY  
2020  
USED  
BOOK  
SALE

MOST BOOKS \$2 OR LESS  
APRIL 17-20  
KNOX COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
PROCEEDS BENEFIT  
KNOX COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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To be voted on at the  
Annual Meeting

### 2020–21 Officers

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Amy Counts

### Directors, 1st Term

Lindsay Banda

Sara Hobbs

### Directors, 2nd Term

Al Horn

Shirley Underwood

### Nominating Committee 2020–21

Jen Cooper, Chair

Amy Counts

Martha Edington

Meryl Keegan

Natalie Smith

### Slate Proposed by Nominating Committee 2019–20

Claire Serrell, Chair

Jen Cooper

Martha Edington

Jane Row

John Williams

### Retiring Directors

Anabel Lino

Suzanne Lenhart

## Friends To Review Year, Vote Online on July 20

The Friends will get together online on Monday, July 20, at 6 p.m. Members who respond to an electronic invitation will receive a link to the meeting via Zoom. The program will feature both a review of the past year and a glimpse into the future as John Williams succeeds Sharon Smith. The membership will vote on the following slate recommended by the Nominating Committee.

### Lindsay Banda, Enthusiastic Library Patron, Has Accounting Background

As an enthusiastic library patron, Lindsay Banda hopes to use her knowledge of accounting to help manage and grow the operations of the Friends of the Knox County Public Library. She is a CPA licensed in the State of Tennessee with 15 years of accounting experience.

As a member of the Knoxville community, she has participated in and enjoyed many of the special events that the Friends support — the used book sales at the Children’s Festival of Reading, Lawson McGhee Library, and Chilhowee Park; Summer Library Club; kids’ activities at the branches; Books Sandwiched In at the East Tennessee History Center; and Imagination Library. Knowing how important these events have been to her family, she wants to help ensure that they are available to the next generation of young readers.



Lindsay Banda

### Sara Hobbs Comes from Banking and Experience on Nonprofit Boards



Sara Hobbs

Sara Hobbs has held positions in both consumer and commercial sectors of banking since 2001. During that time, she has had a fiduciary responsibility to her clients to be a good steward of their finances and in the clients’ best interest, to offer sound advice based on accurate financial reporting. She pledges to bring that attitude and commitment to the organization.

An avid networker who enjoys meeting new people as well as deepening relationships with her existing network, Sara brings extensive experience as an advocate and participant in fundraising activities on nonprofit boards like City People and the Bijou Theatre. Since she was a child, the library has been a part of the fabric of Sara’s life. She welcomes the chance to

tell community members about the good that Friends have done and will continue to do with their support.

### Amy Counts Nominated to Continue as Treasurer

Amy Counts joined the Board in January to complete the term of LeAnn Luna. Now she has been nominated to continue to serve as treasurer in the coming year. Since 1996 she has worked in a variety of financial roles at Bush Brothers & Company, most recently as director of director of treasury and tax. Specifically she has experience in viewing financial transactions; reconciling and preparing reports; preparing and managing tax records and filings; overseeing and facilitating audits; and preparing and presenting the annual budget. A voracious reader, she is a patron of the public library.



Amy Counts



Farragut Branch's Miss Wendy and her teddy bear appear every Tuesday for Baby Bookworms.



For older kids, KCPL's James and Christy Mauk read from Mo Willems' books each Wednesday.

## KCPL Finds Creative Ways to Save Storytimes

Although the doors of some Knox County Public Library locations have reopened, in-library activities like the always-popular storytimes have been cancelled indefinitely. Luckily, KCPL has found creative ways to take storytimes and other events online.

Each Tuesday, Baby Bookworms and their grownups can sing, clap, wiggle, and bounce with the Farragut Branch's Miss Wendy and her teddy

bear, who appear in short videos (1.5–2 minutes) designed especially for the library's youngest audience. New episodes are posted on YouTube and Facebook each week at 10:30 a.m.

For older kids (ages 3–7), KCPL's James and Christy Mauk are reading a different book from Mo Willems' beloved Elephant and Piggie series each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Each episode ends with an invitation to look for another favorite Willems

character, the intrepid Pigeon, who always makes an appearance on the book's back endpaper.

And Summer Library Club favorite Michael Messing has created a family-friendly series filled with his signature brand of magic. The series premiered on Monday, June 8, at 10:30 a.m. and will continue through July 13. In each short video, Messing performs some of his most-loved magic tricks.

## Friends Count the E's of Knox County Libraries

How can we count the ways the Knox County Public Library and its staff are **essential** to our community? The American Library Association has developed **The E's of Libraries** to help answer this question. A few Friends have shared some of their library E's with us.

**Everywhere:** I got my feel for where all the Knox County Public Library branches were located while frantically searching the KCPL website for books that my child needed, pronto, for some monumental school project that the other students had probably already completed. Transfer or Hold, I'd debate, and invariably there was no time for Transfer, so I would fly over to that branch like a bat out of Kansas. Because children are resilient, that particular scatterbrained daughter absorbed none of my stress and went on to become an avid reader. Her wallet is jammed with library cards from all the places she has lived, including Lawrence, Kansas, so don't feel sorry for that state. Instead, pity me — I was driving a gas-guzzling SUV all over Knox County back then! — *Doris Narro*

**Exploration:** Having a library card allows you to explore the world and beyond from the comfort of your own home. Patrons can check out books on space exploration or life in the Amazon rain forest, listen to the West African Blues Project from the Alexander Street music library, search for a new career via CareerOneStop, or even watch the documentary *A Tuba to Cuba* on Kanopy. — *Natalie Smith*

**Escape:** There's nothing quite like a good book to take you anywhere you want to go and to any time in history or the future. Especially these days, it's great to escape into a mystery, an adventure, even a romance! Just think: dragons or spaceships, spies or superheroes, laughter or tears. It's all there, and just with a library card and nothing else! — *Beth Fisher*

**Enrichment:** Libraries enrich lives by planting seeds of curiosity, nourishing creativity, and cultivating connections. Communities flourish as its members are introduced to new ideas, new people, new books, and new authors discovered at the local library. — *Natalie Smith*

# Donors Stand By Friends in Good Times and Hard Times

## *Members Who Joined at \$50+ Level*

Lake Allen & Robert Birkholz

Stephen & Anne Allen

Riley & Pandy Anderson

Peter Andreae & Dr. Suzanne Lenhart

Jane & Pat Armstrong

Kristie & Richard Atwood

Mr. & Mrs Thomas M. Ayres

Ron & Jeanne Beatty

Linda Billman & Charles Manneschmidt

Elizabeth & Josh Birdwell

Christine Boake

Barbara Boulton

Kathy & John Buckingham

Caroline Buckner

Dr. John Burkhart & Dr. Laura Powers

Gayle Burnette

John Bushore & Betsy Haughton

Blake Byrd, Jr.

Katherine Cameron

Bobbie D. Campbell

Maggie & Tim Carini

Elizabeth W. Carroll

Ann P. Caudill

Nikkii Cody

Mike & Christine Collins

Steve & Jane Combs

Norma Cox Cook

Patty Cooper & Bill Dohm

Maria Cornelius

Brewton & Justin Couch

Liz & Andy Dake

Nichole & John Dalzell

Patsy & Charlie Daniel

LaVance Davis

George & Donna Deichert

Lamar Dempster

Thomas Doolan

Donna Downen

Martha Edington

Sarah Ford

Karen Franck

Barbara Froula

Maria & David Gall

Jean Gauger & Hiram Rogers

Harold & Lucinda (Cindy) Gibson

Mali & Allan Glazer

Margaret L. Goodman

Helen Grant

Barbara Gray

Elizabeth Greene

Kathy Greene

Marsha & Duane Grieve

Roswitha Haas

Scott Hahn

Bud (Horace) Hamilton

Charlie & Lynne Harr

Cherel Henderson

Jonathan & Lauren Herrmann

Sara Hobbs

Angela Hoffman & Seth McConchie

Julie Howard

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Janet Lawson

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Anabel Lino & Carlos Pinilla

Judy Loest

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Brenda Newman

Christopher Newton

Dee Nichols

Eleanor Nichols

Shirley (E.L.) Nicholson

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Marnie Page

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Peter & Trudy Shea

Ed Shouse

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Kerstin Sisco

Natalie & Dr. Steven Smith

Rita Smith

Sharon & Larry Smith

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Sarah H. Stowers

Sue & John Stuhl

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Jack & Patricia Watson

Julie Webb

Wm Bruce Wheeler

Thomas Whisman & Joe Rader

Elnora, Erven & Elandria Williams

John & Crystal Williams

Eileen Wilson

James & Linda Yates

Phil & Tammie Zacheretti

***Wilma Dykeman  
Stokely Lecture***

Knox County Public  
Library Foundation



Peter Andreae points to boxes of books ready in February for the Annual Book Sale. Then along came COVID-19.

# Donations Support Library, Put Books in Community

## *Books in the Community*

Peter Andreae & Dr. Suzanne Lenhart  
 Norma Bedelle  
 Betty Catron  
 Thomas W. Chesney  
 Dr. & Mrs. Robert H. Collier, Jr.  
 Norma Cox Cook  
 Meg Crawford in honor of Martha Gill  
 Asa Deakins-Sohn  
 Martha Edington  
 Sharon Evers  
 Fountain City Study Club  
 Janice Hixson  
 Kathy Jennings-Johnson  
 Charlotte Klieman  
 Stephen Koella  
 Bill & Jan Larson  
 Sherri P. Lee  
 Elizabeth & Fred McBee in honor of Billie Ryan  
 Brenda Newman  
 Eleanor Nichols  
 Margaret Paulus in honor of Patricia Moy  
 Laurie Pearl  
 Mr. & Mrs. Don B. Preston  
 Mary B. Rayson  
 Rotary Foundation of Knoxville  
 Rusha & Bert Sams in honor of Pat Medley  
 Fran Scheidt  
 Sharon & Larry Smith  
 Ellen Spitzer  
 Harry J. Steuer  
 Jane S. Stroud  
 Julie Webb  
 Eileen Wilson  
 Joyce York

## *Empty Stocking Fund*

Anne Barre  
 Center for Children's and Young Adult Literature  
 Richard DeSelm in honor of Bee DeSelm

## *Summer Library Club*

Norma Bedelle  
 William Black  
 Buzz Buswell  
 Betty Catron  
 Anne & Joe Clarke  
 Peggy G. Comstock  
 Norma Cox Cook  
 East Tennessee Foundation (Dr. Catherine A. Gilreath)  
 Martha Edington  
 Judy A. Fleenor  
 Martha & James E. Gill  
 Jenny Glover  
 Bud (Horace) Hamilton  
 Sherri P. Lee  
 Dale Liles  
 Tom & Julia Rechenbach  
 David & Vim Silvus  
 James & Linda Yates

## *Non-designated Donations*

Amazon Smile  
 James Anderson  
 Peter Andreae & Dr. Suzanne Lenhart  
 Karen Ellis Bass  
 East Tennessee Foundation (Beall Family Fund: Mr. Samuel E. Beall, II)  
 Will & Candy Brownlow  
 Hope Cohn  
 Jen & Caleb Cooper  
 Kenneth & Lindsay Crockett  
 Beth Cusack (Mascot: Memoirs Royalties)  
 DAR Andrew Bogle Chapter  
 Dixie & David Damm  
 Martha Edington  
 Jamie N. Ellis  
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 Peggy & Jerry Faerber  
 Lynne & Walter Fain  
 Sarah Ford  
 Bailey Foster & Marcia Tobin  
 Martha & James E. Gill  
 Allan & Gail Grossman  
 Donna Hollis  
 Meredith & Paul James  
 Knox County Health Department Employees  
 Kroger Community Rewards  
 Karen Sundback & John Owens  
 Marilyn Kallet (Book Proceeds)  
 Anne R. Killefer  
 Dr. LeAnn Luna & John Luna  
 Lee McKinley  
 Kevin Murphy  
 Network for Good  
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 Laurie Pearl  
 Judy Penry  
 Elaine & Phil Powell  
 The Reading Club  
 William Reed  
 Jane Row  
 Rusha & Bert Sams  
 Carolyn Schwenn  
 Peter & Trudy Shea  
 Ashley Shields  
 Natalie Smith & Dr. Steven Smith  
 Sharon & Larry Smith  
 East Tennessee Foundation (Gregory M. Stein and Jeanette M. Kelleher Family Fund)

East Tennessee Foundation (Dr. Mary Kay Sullivan)  
 Steve Drevik  
 John Z. C. Thomas  
 United Way of Greater Knoxville  
 UT Campus Chest  
 Elizabeth Wall  
 Dr. Greg Wiggins & Tracey Wiggins  
 John & Crystal Williams  
 Your Cause Donation

## *Honoraria Gifts*

Susan Benner in honor of Bonny Naugher  
 Katherine Cameron in honor of Rusha & Bert Sams  
 Blythe Gulley in honor of Mary Ellen Smethells

## *Memorial Gifts*

Charles & Teresa Faulkner in memory of Mary Ann Hedge  
 Joseph Flessa in memory of Anna (Anne) Elizabeth Pearson Lugg  
 Bruce & Betsy Foster in memory of Lyn F. Scales  
 William Skaggs in memory of Woody Skaggs

## *In-Kind Donations*

Ball Camp Baptist Church  
 Andrew Blake  
 John Eldridge  
 Tom Grobicki  
 Joy Hauther  
 Donna Jackson  
 Ann Orr  
 Sandra Sanders  
 Scruffy City Books  
 David & Vim Silvus  
 Joey & Debbie Varnes  
 J. J. White



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## ***By the Numbers: Friends Book Sale***

**Before the Pandemic  
2019 Annual Book Sale**

**\$35,358**

**After the Pandemic  
Cancelled 2020 Annual Book Sale**

**0**

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**Eight Branch & Special Sales,  
April 1–July 31, 2019**

**\$15,328**

**Eight Cancelled Branch &  
Special Sales**

**0**

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**Donate online at [knoxfriends.org/keep-kcpl-strong](https://knoxfriends.org/keep-kcpl-strong)  
or mail your check to the Friends in the enclosed envelope.**

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