

# EVERYDAY ADVOCACY

‘Did You Know’ Points about the *Library* and its *Friends*

## KNOX COUNTY FRIENDS

[www.knoxfriends.org](http://www.knoxfriends.org)

### Our Mission

Friends of the Knox County Public Library is dedicated to fostering a love of libraries, books, and reading in the Knox County area by community outreach, advocacy, and support of the Knox County Public Library system and staff.

### Membership

- ♥ Activities range from paying dues to full engagement in a number of volunteer-led activities
- ♥ Number of members: 700+

### Where Our Funds Come From

- ♥ Used book sales
- ♥ Membership dues
- ♥ Grants
- ♥ Donations
- ♥ Legacies

Partnerships and help from sponsors also strengthen specific Friends’ programs

### How we achieve our mission

- ♥ Grants to support library programs not covered by the system’s budget
- ♥ Support of Imagination Library
- ♥ Author events
- ♥ A wide-ranging system of communications that includes our website, e-newsletter, social media, printed newsletter, and other materials related to Friends’ activities

## KNOX COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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### Values embodied in the library

- ▢ Open to all Knox County without charge  
Young children, teens, adults, and seniors  
Total library card holders: 168,087  
Items circulated FY 21: 2,655,996
- ▢ Addressing community needs  
Job assistance  
Technology  
Local history  
Lifelong learning

### Funding

- ▢ FY21-22: \$14,126,550 by County Commission  
Major source of county revenue: wheel tax
- ▢ \$10,000 federal funds
- ▢ \$706,000 state funds, which includes \$650,000 plus \$52,000, the usual state allocation\*

\*In 2021, the State Legislature approved a one-time allocation of \$650,000 for metro library materials (Chattanooga, Knoxville, Memphis, Nashville). KCPL will receive \$650,000 this year, and half of that amount will be recurring funds from the state thereafter.

### Services

- ▢ 19 locations including East Tennessee History Center & main library, Lawson McGhee
- ▢ Dedicated reference librarians for business, reference, genealogy, and children’s services
- ▢ Indoor programming is suspended for the time being. Outdoor and online programming, curbside pickup, Books for the Homebound, and downloadable magazines, books, and audiobooks continue.
- ▢ Computer access
- ▢ Special collections for music, movies, and archives

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