

EVERYDAY ADVOCACY

'Did You Know' Points about the **Library** and its **Friends**

KNOX COUNTY FRIENDS

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: 1,000+

WHERE OUR FUNDS COME FROM

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

Partnerships & 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
- ♥ Nonprofit fiscal agent for KCPL's auxiliary funding
- ♥ Author events
- ♥ A wide-ranging system of communications that includes our website, e-newsletter, social media, printed newsletter, & 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, & seniors
Total library card holders: 140,000
Items circulation: 2.8 million times per year
- ▣ **Addressing community needs**
Job assistance
Technology
Local history
Lifelong learning

FUNDING

- ▣ \$14,512,265 by County Commission FY20
- ▣ \$51,900 from state & federal funds
- ▣ Major source of revenue: wheel tax

SERVICES

- ▣ 19 locations including East Tennessee History Center & central library, Lawson McGhee
- ▣ Dedicated reference librarians for business, reference, genealogy, & children's services
- ▣ Early childhood literacy (Storytimes; Baby Bookworms; Imagination Library)
- ▣ Teen programs
- ▣ Services for the homebound
- ▣ Computer access & classes
- ▣ Special collections for music, movies, & archives
- ▣ Downloadable magazines, books, & audio books
- ▣ Book clubs including two sponsored by the Friends: All Over the Page & Books Sandwiched In
- ▣ E-media services: Lynda, Kanopy, Safari, and TEL

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