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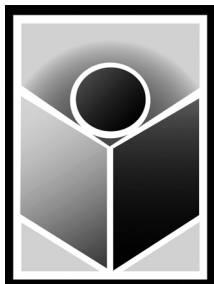
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Looking Back at Our Book Sales

Once upon a time, 1993 to be exact, the Friends staged the Annual Book Sale in the Candy Factory, rent-free. John Z. C. Thomas, who managed the sale then, remembers those sweet days.

John recalls that from 1993 until 2004, the Candy Factory was the setting for annual book sales, and because the county owned the building, Friends paid no rent for the use of the facility. "I do not think we even had to pay for the time that the Candy Factory staff provided us security and janitorial service," John said. In spite of the Great Snowstorm in 1993, the sale, held on the first floor where the Chocolate Factory is now, grossed over \$8,000 in three days. For the first time Friends could sell books withdrawn from the library.

In 1994 the sale moved to the sixth floor, lasted for a week, and brought in over \$17,000. That year, John recalls, he introduced uniform pricing not unlike the prices that shoppers will find at the Jacob Building on April 1-4. "From then on, our take from the sale increased annually, from over \$21,000 in 1995 to \$36,000 in 2000." The Public Building Authority took over the Candy Factory "about 2002 and in 2004," John recalls, "the sale moved to the Convention Center where it stayed through 2014." In 2005, the sale brought in \$47,000, and "near if not over \$50,000 in 2007," John continues. An era ended that year when John retired as the mastermind behind the annual event. He was succeeded by Maggie Carini.

So in spite of change, some things are constant. Maggie, currently president-elect, co-chairs the Sales and Distribution Committee today. Jean Idell

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ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE—JACOB BUILDING, CHILHOWEE PARK

SATURDAY, APRIL 1: MEMBERS ONLY DAY, 10 A.M.-6 P.M.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2: SALE OPENS TO THE PUBLIC, 10 A.M.-6 P.M.

MONDAY, APRIL 3: HALF-PRICE DAY! OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, 10 A.M.-6 P.M.

MONDAY, APRIL 3: EARLY BIRD \$5 BAG SALE FOR TEACHERS, 4-6 P.M.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4: \$5 BAG SALE DAY!, 10 A.M.-3 P.M.

DATES TO REMEMBER MARCH

- 13** All Over the Page:
Jennifer Horn leads a discussion of *Vinegar Girl* by Anne Tyler
- 23** An Evening With Amy Greene: 2017 Wilma Dykeman Stokely Memorial Lecture, 7 p.m.
- 24-25** FOTL Annual Meeting, King Family Library
- 28** Books Sandwiched In: Dr. Michelle Commander leads a discussion of *Kindred* by Octavia Butler, 6:30 p.m.
- 29** Books Sandwiched In: Dr. Rebecca Klenk discusses *Bad Feminist: Essays* by Roxane Gay., noon-1:00 p.m.
- 30** Imagination Library's *Under the Big Top Gala*, 6:30 p.m.

APRIL

- 1** Annual Used Book Sale, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- 2** Annual Used Book Sale, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- 3** Half-price Day at the Annual Used Book Sale, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- 4** \$5 Bag Day at the Annual Used Book Sale, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 7-8** Farragut Branch book sale, 10 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- 9** An Evening With Anne Lamott, 7 p.m.
- 13** All Over the Page: Amy Steadman discusses *Hillbilly Elegy* by J. D. Vance, 6:30 p.m.
- 22** Rossini Festival book sale, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 28-29** Halls Branch book sale, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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- 4, 6** Karns Branch book sale, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- 13, 15** Burlington Branch book sale

Friends to Host Three Spring Author Events

Spring will be abloom with author events, with appearances by Amy Greene in March, Anne Lamott in April, and Nathaniel Philbrick in May.



Amy Greene



Anne Lamott



Nathaniel Philbrick

On March 23, **Amy Greene** will present the 2017 Wilma Dykeman Stokely Memorial Lecture at 7 p.m. at the East Tennessee History Center. This year's free lecture is the fourth to be presented in partnership with the Library Society of the University of Tennessee. Greene, the author of *Bloodroot* and *Long Man*, has deep roots in Appalachia that are reflected in her writing. Her books will be available for purchase, and she will sign copies after she speaks.

Bestselling author **Anne Lamott** will arrive in Knoxville less than a week after her newest book, *Hallelujah Anyway*, is published. Lamott, who is known for her ability to bring wit, wisdom, and a touch of irreverence into her books, which include *Small Victories*, *Stitches*, and *Help, Thanks, Wow*, will appear at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Knoxville on Sunday, April 9, at 7 p.m. Tickets for this event can be purchased on the Friends website for \$20 each; the price includes a copy of *Hallelujah Anyway*. Copies of several of the author's other books will also be available for purchase, and she will sign books in the church's fellowship hall after she speaks.

Plans are also underway for the final event of the season, which will feature National Book Award-winning historian **Nathaniel Philbrick**, who will visit Knoxville on May 16 to talk about his most recent book, *Valiant Ambition*, which recounts the relationship between George Washington and Benedict Arnold during the American Revolution. The *Wall Street Journal* has called Philbrick "one of America's foremost practitioners of narrative nonfiction."

Friends partnerships continue to make it possible to bring authors to our community. We're grateful to the Knox County Public Library, the East Tennessee Historical Society, the Library Society of UT, Union Ave Books, and First Presbyterian Church for helping make these evenings with authors happen.

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coordinated volunteers for the sales under John's administration, and she still does. John's devotion to the Friends is also constant. A Rothrock volunteer, he worked the Annual Sale last year in the Jacob Building at Chilhowee Park. That event featured hundreds of Modern Library editions which John had donated to the Friends. Even in retirement John Thomas remains a staunch Friend.



Marnie Page, Maggie Carini, and John Thomas (l. to r.) on duty at the 2016 book sale

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Friends' Rossini Festival Debut May Make Readers Sing

Friends is making its debut at this year's Rossini Festival International Street Fair in downtown Knoxville on Saturday, April 22. But don't look for your Friends on one of the performance stages. Instead, look for a small book sale featuring nonfiction books on opera and classical music, European travel, foreign languages, art, cooking, and wine and beer in the auditorium at the East Tennessee History Center from 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Friends Jen Cooper and Al Horn are responsible for organizing this new opportunity to expand our audience and make new connections in our community.



Imagination Library Gala Fundraiser

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Knox County is going Under the Big Top, and you're invited! This spectacular evening of entertainment, food, and music will take place Thursday, March 30, at 6:30 p.m. at the Mill and Mine in downtown Knoxville.

Crissy Haslam, Tennessee's First Lady and guiding light of the Read20 Book Club for Tennessee families, will be the guest of honor. Details are available at <http://www.knox-lib.org/calendar-programs/programs-and-partnerships/imagination-library/under-big-top>.



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