

FRIENDS NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF THE JOHNSON CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUPPORTING THE JOHNSON CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY



THE LIBRARY IS OPEN!

After over a year of closed doors, the JCPL staff was thrilled to welcome patrons back to the library on April 19! The Library is open with limited hours and services for the time being. The building is open Mondays – Fridays, 11 AM – 6 PM, and Saturdays, 10 AM – 1 PM. Below you will find details about what to expect when you come in.



Once again, you may personally browse the shelves and check out materials, and the computers are available for 20-minute sessions.

Based on CDC COVID-19 Guidelines, masks are required to be worn while in the building; you may pick up a mask at the door if needed. Initially, the number of people permitted to be in the building is limited to 50 people, and toys and seating areas are not available. Group events will continue to be conducted online.

The highly popular Curbside Pickup will still be available for anyone who prefers to check out books online. Personalized Book Bundles selected by the Library staff will also continue to be an option for Curbside Pickup. Online or in-person, our Library is a great asset to our community and a wonderful place to be!

COME VISIT OUR EXPANDED ONGOING BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Library are excited for the opportunity to host a greatly expanded Ongoing Book Sale!

The Library's Polly Peterson Room (the area directly to the right when you come in the building) has been transformed into a boutique book mart for you to browse through a select collection of adult and children hardback and paperback fiction books.



Plans for a full Book Sale event are on hold for now, but the Friends are actively sorting and preparing the donated materials so to be ready as soon as it is possible to conduct a book sale. Due to limited storage space and the overwhelming generosity demonstrated at last donation event in August 2020, we are unable to accept further donations at this time. We will announce the date when we will resume traditional Book Sales!



Many of the Library's first patrons headed directly to the sale. The Friends sold as many books the first day as our ongoing sale usually does in one month! The collection is refreshed daily. The books may be purchased at the library checkout desk, Adult hardback fiction books \$3, paperbacks \$1, Children's picture books 4 for \$1, and chapter books 2 for \$1. All proceeds go directly to the library.





When children enter their area, they will immediately see tempting “reading nooks” that combine an attractive display for books with a comfortable place to curl up to read. A new feature is a unique River Table, with a colorful graphical design of a winding River, and Mushroom Stool seats sized just right for school-age children. The Youth Services staff are excited for our community families to have the opportunity to enjoy the new woodland-themed Children's Library, and then go across the street to the Natural Adventure Playground at King Commons Park, for an enriching and fun-filled trip downtown!



CHILDREN'S AREA RENNOVATIONS

A major renovation of the Children's Library, the first since the building opened in 2000, is expected to be complete soon. Big improvements are in progress! A new entrance has been built, with glass doors to be added, that will provide a more secure and contained space for young children to explore their Library. Inviting areas are being constructed to encourage hands-on activities, including Legos and crafts, with lots of storage space built in. The design of murals and other decor will have a woodland theme, reflecting our beautiful East Tennessee mountains, trees, flowers, and especially bees!



SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Stay tuned for a news release in May with details for the 2021 Summer Reading Program, which will run from June 1 – July 25. Miss Betty shared a preview hint that the theme this year will build on Tales and Tails, with programs on pets and other animals, including wolves, whales, sharks, water bears, and snakes! As in previous years, there will be online registration for readers of all ages to track the books or minutes they read this summer, with prizes, recognition awards, and fun activities. Although large group activities such as Story Time and special programs with guest speakers must be conducted virtually this summer, there will be a couple of inhouse small group activities as well.

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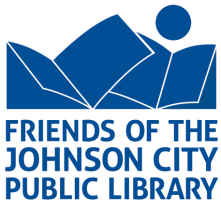
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