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FRIENDS NEWS

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JOHNSON CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY



Friends Sponsor 2nd Annual Scholastic Book Fair!

It was impossible to know who was having more fun at the 2nd Annual JCPL Scholastic Book Fair, the children, their parents, the librarians, or the Friends! The Jones Rooms were filled with tables and shelves displaying inviting, colorful, brand new books, journals and other educational items for all youth ages. This August Book Fair was the capstone to a highly successful Summer Reading Program which rewarded children for their reading achievements with Scholastic Book Bucks. The Scholastic Book Bucks could be used like cash at the Book Fair, pleasing children and parents alike. The Friends of the Library sponsored the Scholastic Book Fair by contributing \$6,245 to fund the Book Bucks, and by staffing the 4 days of the Book Fair with Volunteers to assist the children and parents as they made their selections. In addition to the Scholastic Book Bucks, parents invested additional funds for a total of over \$13,000 in sales over the four days. Scholastic provides for JCPL to use a portion of these proceeds to be applied to purchases from Scholastic to expand the children's library book collection. Sponsoring the Scholastic Book Fair is a WIN-WIN for children, families and JCPL!

Fall Book Sale

Fall is in the air with cooling temperatures, the first hint of leaves changing color, and that means it is time for the Friends' FALL BOOKSALE! Mark your calendars for the last weekend of October! Our community has been generous with donations of high quality, gently used books, media, puzzles and games. You get a great bargain, and your purchases enable the Friends to support JCPL events such as the recent Scholastic Book Fair, as well as other library services and programs, including staff recognition and professional development. The October Book Sale weekend will kick off with a Friends "Members Only" Appreciation event on **Friday, October 25, 5:30-7:00PM**. There will be music and refreshments, a chance to meet and mingle with fellow Friends, as well as the opportunity to preview and purchase books and other materials available for sale. Can't find your membership card or perhaps your membership has lapsed? No problem! We will have a list at the door, and if needed you can renew your membership on the spot. Bring a friend! What a wonderful way to introduce someone new to the community to our beautiful library and a great group of Friends! They may purchase a membership at the door, or you may purchase them a one year gift membership. If you prefer to renew your membership or purchase a gift membership online prior to the day of the sale, you may use this link to [JCPL.Org/Friends](https://www.jcpl.org/Friends). The sale will be open to the public on **Saturday, October 26, 10:00AM - 3:00PM** and on **Sunday, October 27, 1:00 - 3:00PM**. Sunday will be the Friends' famous SACK SALE where you may bring ANY size bag (or pick up a bag at the door) and fill it full of books for only \$5! We look forward to seeing you soon at the October Book Sale!

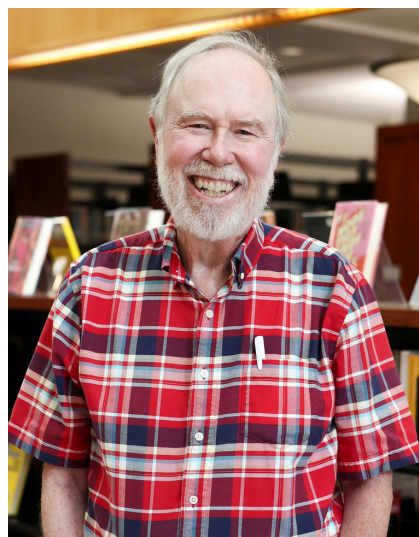
Also, don't forget to check out the Ongoing Book Sale every time you visit the library. This collection is continuously refreshed with newly donated books. The Ongoing Sale was recently relocated to the library's Holston Mountain Room (the first floor alcove behind the fiction section). You may pay for your picks at the Circulation Desk. As with all money raised by the Friends, the proceeds support the work of JCPL.

Book Donation Drop-off Events

The Friends are conducting a Book Donation Drop-off event the first Saturday of every month, and EACH October Saturday leading up to the Book Sale weekend. (October 5, 12, and 19). Bring items you wish to donate to the library's parking lot near the curbside pickup spots between 11:00AM - 1:00PM. You will see a Friends Volunteer there who will unload your donations. Please place items in bags or boxes that one person will be able to carry. Acceptable items include books, puzzles, audio CDs, and LPs, Audiobooks, DVDs and Blue Rays. (please, no textbooks, Reader's Digest books, magazines, or any item that is not in good condition or moldy)

Why be a Friend of the Library? with Charles Moore

I have a couple of distinct memories of my membership in the Friends of the Library. One is when in the late 1990's the Johnson City Commission voted to approve funds for the new building we enjoy today. As members of the Friends Board, we were encouraged to attend the meeting to influence the vote. The mayor looked around the crowded room, smiling, he knew the score, and asked, "Who is in favor of the library?" A whole lot of hands shot up! I recall he chuckled at the sight. Five minutes later, the citizens of Johnson City had a new library! I had never been a part of a citizen's action group. That evening was rather amazing.



The second memorable experience was my first ever Board meeting of the Friends. I was surprised to be drafted into the role of the new Treasurer! I was taking the reins from Dr. David Benner, someone I knew and regarded as a good person. Moving to East Tennessee many years ago has been an adventure of new experiences. But, being a longtime Friend is like wearing a badge. It just feels right.

Johnson City Public Library Historical Footnote

The Johnson City Public Library building we know and love today was opened to the public August 10, 1999. Gail Campbell, a librarian when the new building opened, wrote a History of Johnson City Public Library, published by the TN Library Association in 2009. The following is quoted from this history:

In 1904, when the first library was located in an upstairs room of the Hart Building with unpainted pine shelves, a small cast iron stove for heat, and split bottom kitchen chairs as seating, Mrs. Walter H. Harman, President of the *Monday Club, stated in her annual President's report: "Any story ... must start at the beginning, so perhaps our humble efforts while sometimes ludicrous and sometimes a little pathetic, may at least serve as a small part of the beginning of a story of real accomplishment in later years, one in which we all feel a sincere and justifiable pride, humbly claiming a small part of the honor because we were a small part of the beginning." Today YOU, too, can be a part of the continuing story of the Johnson City Public Library, by becoming a Friend! Visit [JCPL.Org/Friends](https://www.jcpl.org/friends) to join online.

*The Johnson City Monday Club was originally called the Monday Reading Club. Their inaugural project in 1895 was to open the first public library in the city.

Ghost Stories with Megan Wells FOL Officers 2024-25

The Friends are pleased to sponsor an evening of Ghost Stories with storyteller and actress Megan Wells, Tuesday, October 29 at 6:30 PM, in the Jones Meeting Center of JCPL. Ms. Wells will perform enthralling ghost stories from literary greats like Ray Bradbury and Edgar Allan Poe, as well as folktales and original material. This event is free to library patrons and the public. Ms. Wells states, "I am deeply devoted to libraries, and I delight in sharing stories in the very spaces that hold stories sacred."

Join us for what promises to be a special evening of storytelling!

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