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# Footnotes

Friends of the Library - Kingsport, Tennessee

February 2013

## 2013 Book Fair Volunteers Needed

2013 Book Fair is just around the corner . . . March 7-10 . . . again at the Kingsport Civic Auditorium. Because of previously successful Book Fairs, for the 2012-2013 FOL year, the Annual Gift to the Kingsport Public Library by FOL . . . by YOU . . . was \$25,000. That felt so good, I would love to do it again! Membership dues and Book Fair sales are the inputs for the Annual Gift to the Library.

The three significant changes for 2013 Book Fair is:

- We will accept credit cards for purchases of \$25 or more
- Book Fair will end at 5 pm on Sunday
- Addition of a new category: ReBookIt - books & other items that have limited (or no) value for the content, but are great for arts & craft projects. These items will start at 25 cents and the more one purchases, the cheaper each item becomes. To get an idea of how one might ReBookIt: <http://pinterest.com/gpreslar/crafts-recycling-books-magazines-music/>

Each year, there are several factors for a successful Book Fair. First is the *donation of books* and other items. The local community has again been so generous. There are plenty of books, etc. (priced & sorted & awaiting unboxing on Thursday, March 7). Second is the *location*. The Civic Auditorium is almost perfect for this event. The Civic Auditorium staff is fabulous and very cooperative. Third are *volunteers to staff* the unboxing/reboxing and sale days ... more on this, later in this article. *Advertising and promotion* of the event to book vendors has been ongoing since October. You should begin to see notices around the area soon. If you would like Book Fair flyers to post in your "areas of influence", just drop a note to [kingsportbookfair@gmail.com](mailto:kingsportbookfair@gmail.com) or call 423-967-7135. WORD OF MOUTH is the

most powerful way to spread the word. Tell your friends, esp. any newcomers to the area. Finally, *the weather* is beyond our control, but can make or break this event. I do not believe it would be wasted to seek Divine Providence for decent weather for March 7-10.

Unboxing and Staffing the Book Fair. VOLUNTEERS are needed at the Civic Auditorium.

- Thursday, unboxing the books, starting at 8:30 am - 3 pm  
The more volunteers the shorter this span of time will be for ALL of us. If you cannot lift boxes of books, but CAN lift individual books, we can find a job for you. If you can only work an hour or two, please plan to help. If you are not up and out by 8:30 am, we can use you at 10 am or 11 am!
- Thursday, PreSale Sale, 4:45-9 pm - This is the Admission Event: \$10/person
- Friday & Saturday, March 8 & 9 - 4 shifts - need AT LEAST 6 volunteers for each slot  
A1 (Fri) & B1 (Sat): 8:30 - 11:15 am  
A2 (Fri) & B2 (Sat): 11 am - 2:15 pm  
A3 (Fri) & B3 (Sat): 2-5:15 pm  
A4 (Fri) & B4 (Sat): 5-8:15 pm
- Sunday, March 10 - 2 shifts to sale, plus reboxing any unsold books  
C1: 12:30-3 pm  
C2: 2:30 pm - end  
C3: 4:45 pm - until all unsold books are reboxed and loaded onto trailer. This is a GREAT volunteer opportunity for students in Middle School or High School.

Contact [kingsportbookfair@gmail.com](mailto:kingsportbookfair@gmail.com) to volunteer. If you need to TALK about the schedule, contact Gail Preslar, 423-967-7135.

### Kingsport Library Quick Reference

#### Kingsport Public Library & Archives

J. Fred Johnson Memorial Library  
400 Broad Street  
Kingsport, TN 37660

#### Library Phone Numbers:

Information: 229-9489  
Archives: 224-2559  
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Circulation: 229-9465  
Director: 229-9488  
Reference: 224-2539

Email: [kptlib@wrlibrary.org](mailto:kptlib@wrlibrary.org)

Website: [www.kingsportlibrary.org](http://www.kingsportlibrary.org)

### Friends of the Library

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# Friends of Library Host FunFest Speaker

During 2013 FunFest, FOL will host Jay Erskine Luetze author of STAND UP THAT MOUNTAIN: The Battle to Save One Small Community in the Wilderness Along the Appalachian Trail for a lecture and book signing.

One reviewer (<http://meditationonmoneymanagement.blogspot.com/2012/12/stand-up-that-mountain-book-review.html>) reflects on the "value of this book: "This book is a case study. Whether your cause is the homeless, veterans, financial reform, or the environment, Jay's book offers insight into the tactics and perils of fighting for a cause. On the other hand, if all you're looking for is a good story told by a great storyteller, this book is well worth reading."

The details for this event are still being finalized. However, it will be either Tuesday (July 16) or Wednesday (July 17), probably around 6:30 pm. Mark your calendars now.

Many in Kingsport, esp. those involved with Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy or the AT trail clearing volunteers of Eastman Hiking Club, will know of Jay's landmark work to save Belview Mountain, Avery County, NC. This is his first book. The paperback edition will be released in June and copies of his book will be available for purchase at the event.

**Jay Erskine Luetze** was born in Virginia in 1964. He now lives in the Southern Appalachian mountains of North Carolina. Trained as an attorney, he has become a leading voice for state and federal conservation funding for investment in public lands. He is a Trustee for Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy, one of the nation's most established land trusts.

## FOL Endowment Fund

An endowment fund is an investment fund set up by an institution in which regular withdrawals from the invested capital are used for ongoing operations or other specified purposes. Nonprofits, universities, hospitals and churches often use endowment funds. They are funded by donations, which are tax deductible for donors.

We invite you to make a donation to the Friends of the Library endowment fund. It's an excellent way to

remember or honor someone who had a love for books. All donations are tax deductible and are used for the betterment of our local library.

## 2013 Great Decisions Discussions

Great Decisions, a series of discussions on our nation's foreign policy issues, will be led by a knowledgeable facilitator and offered at the Library in weekly 1-1/2 hour sessions on Wednesday afternoons, 1:30-3:00, March 20 through April 24, 2013. Many FOL members have participated in this program in past years and have enjoyed gaining a more in-depth knowledge of some of the top concerns in the world facing our country.

Kingsport Alliance for Continued Learning (KACL) and FOL will co-sponsor the series, and it will be an integral part of the KACL spring term of classes. Those wishing to participate in the Great Decisions discussions, including KACL scholars, are asked to register at the Library beginning February 11, and purchase (at the Library) the text provided by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA), a national non-profit, non-artisan group whose goal is a more informed citizenry. Cost of the text is \$20; no other cost is involved. Participants are expected to read several pages of the text each week and come prepared to discuss the topic. Discussion leaders are provided by FOL and KACL.

Great Decisions topics for 2013 are: Future of the Euro; NATO; Intervention; Iran; and China in Africa. Dates for discussion of each topic will be announced.

KACL brochures with curriculum and class descriptions will also be available in the Library starting February 18. The KACL spring term (March 19 to April 25, 2013) includes five other class series of six weeks of 2-hour presentations. Course highlights this spring include Histories of USA, Scotland and Railroads; The Economy of Today; Art Appreciation; Mineralogy; Innovation Failures; SW VA Coal; Hong Kong - Osaka Afloat; Lutheranism; Medical Myths and Lies; Health and Disease; and Native American Literature.

KACL, a partnership with East Tennessee State University, was established in 1993 to provide adults, regardless of educational background or age, with opportunities to attend stimulating courses, lectures, discussions and special events.

## Library Manager Thanks FOL for Gift

Thank you for the wonderful, super generous annual gift to the library this year. With this gift:

- The Kingsport Public Library was the first public library in the state to develop their own app. Patrons can now use their mobile devices to place a hold on a book, renew a book, download a free ebook or audiobook, check the library's events or scan the barcode of a book in a bookstore and see if the library owns that book - and then place a hold on it.
- We purchased a self-check station which helps people in a rush to get in and out of the library quickly and frees up staff time to help people with the computers or to find materials.



- We replaced a broken microfilm reader with a modern microfilm scanner with a 24" computer screen which allows patrons doing genealogy research/newspaper research to not only view material, but to download it to a thumb drive or email it to themselves or others. The large screen provides a very crisp, full-page newspaper view with viewing enlargement features.
- We replaced 4 public computers that were six years old, using a matching grant.
- We hired a promotional firm to create a DVD to help us promote our expansion/renovation project (still in process). This DVD will appear on our website, will air on Channel 16 and will also be provided to donors.

I sincerely appreciate this annual gift. Several staff members remarked that the microfilm scanner is the best thing the library has purchased in years. We thank you.

## Survey Reveals That Future for Printed Books is Bright

Book lovers, it's time to rejoice. A recent Wall Street Journal article reported that the forecast is looking bright for hardcover books. There's a place for both print and electronic books in today's world. They each serve a different need and complement each other well.

Pew Research Center released a survey that showed that the percentage of adults who have read an e-book rose from 16% to 23% last year. It also showed that 89% of regular book readers had read at least one printed book during the last 12 months while 30% reported reading an e-book.

Maybe it's time to look at e-books as just another format. It's another option for "Read How You Want" that goes with paperback, large print and other types of books. There are book options to meet many different preferences that span all age groups. Kingsport Library is keeping up with the trends and new technologies to meet the preferences. FOL works with KPL to keep people reading, and each person gets to choose the book format that works for them.

You can find more statistics and read about the recent survey at <http://online.wsj.com>.

It's time for the FOL annual membership drive, and we'll be sending out renewals to all our members in the next few weeks. Membership in Friends of the Library makes a difference. Help us continue our work to keep people reading by sharing this application with a friend or colleague.

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### Annual Membership Fees:

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Avid Readers (Family) .....	\$20
Author (Sponsor) .....	\$30
Collector (Patron) .....	\$50
Scholar (Benefactor) .....	\$100+
Publisher (Organization) .....	\$200+

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or drop it off at the Library desk