

# Knoxville Public Library

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Summer 2025

## Library Hours

M-Th: 10a.m.- 8p.m.

F: 10a.m.- 5p.m.

Sat: 10a.m.- 3p.m.

## Summer!

*"Come with me," Mom says. "To the library. Books and summertime go together."*

~ Lisa Schroeder 'I Heart You, You Haunt Me'

## Summer Reading Program

**CSLP 2025:** "Color Our World" invites young readers to embark on a fun journey of literacy, art, and creativity. The Summer Reading Program at the Knoxville Public Library "is designed to inspire and engage readers of all ages through a diverse array of artistic expressions."

The Summer Reading Program is off and running at the library! All patrons from babies to children to teens to adults have picked up their summer reading logs. The children's reading logs ask that kids read for 30 min a day for 30 days to get a prize at the end of the summer. Summer Reading Programs help kids retain the literacy built up in the school year to keep them ready for the next grade. Adults can complete a summer reading log BINGO sheet to be entered to win a multitude of prizes.

The library is offering a lot of free programming to the community! Some programming that has already taken place includes a visit from Twisted BoKay, an interactive balloon-centric story

time; an outdoor Fabulous Foam Party sponsored by YourLifeMatters; and a couple of themed story-times and crafts! Coming up, there is still a double-header Game Show for kids and Murder Mystery for adult program on June 23 at 1:30 and 6 p.m., respectively. The library is still having their monthly events such as book club, Trivia night, and DIY.

## Story Walk

There is a new story "The Animal Picnic" for summer posted on the Story Walk! The Story Walk is located behind the Knoxville Hospital leading towards the Butterfly Garden.



## Dixie's Garden

Dixie's Garden had some of its first programs over the past few months. There was a nature writing workshop with Iowa author Natalie Ogbourne then the library had over 100 kids on the lawn for a Fabulous Foam Party. There is one more summer reading program for children is scheduled for the park on July 7th at 10:30 a.m. Singer and one-woman show Celia will be performing (weather-dependending) on the stage in Dixie's Garden.



## Program

Iowa Scenic Views by Foot will be stopping by the library on July 10 at 6 p.m. Tyler Sullivan, a poet, author, and runner, has amassed over 23 thousand followers on Facebook by sharing his adventures and views captured as he runs across all 99 counties of Iowa. Iowa Scenic Views by Foot aims to share his adventures, the beauty of our state, and the hidden gems that can be found. The program is open to all and free to the public.

## Iowa Scenic Views by Foot

presentation and poetry by Tyler Sullivan

Thursday, July 10

6:00pm

Weiler Room



## Sleepover



Stuffed Animal Sleepover Drop-off for the Stuffed Animal Sleepover at the library is Friday, July 18th from 3:00pm-5:00 p.m. Drop off your stuffed friend for them to have a fun night at the library. Stuffed animal pickup is the next morning from 10:00am-Noon!





## Adult Book Club

The library has two book clubs available to all patrons. The daytime book club meets at 1:30 p.m. every second Monday of the month. This month's book is "There, There" by Tommy Orange.

The nighttime book club meets every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. this month's book is "My Murder" by Katie Williams.

### Past Book Club Books

#### Day Time / Monday

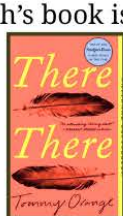
**May:** Nothing to See Here  
by Kevin Wilson

**April:** How to Age Dis-gracefully by Claire Pooley

#### Night Time / Tuesday

**May:** Long Bright River by Liz Moore

**April:** The Woman in the Library by Sulari Gentill



## New Programs

The library is continually seeking new programs and events for our community. This year, our Adult Services Librarian, Cari, introduced \*Sit 'n' Stitch\*, a gathering where creative individuals can knit, crochet, and more alongside fellow community members. This event takes place every third Saturday of the month!

Did you know that we also offer a Geri-fit class? This fitness program is tailored for individuals aged 60 and older, but everyone is invited to participate. Join us weekly (Tuesdays at 4:00pm in the Weiler Room)—don't forget to bring a bottle of water and wear comfortable clothing & shoes to enjoy the fun!

Our Assistant Director, Shannon, a local film enthusiast, will be launching a new Classic Movie Club starting in July. The inaugural film will be the 1949 musical/comedy *On the Town*, starring Gene Kelly and Frank Sinatra. Feel free to bring a friend or two, pack some snacks, and even bring a portable chair to sit back and enjoy the movie with other film lovers in the community! The plan is to showcase a classic movie at the library each month.

## Gifts & Memorials

### Summer Reading Donors & Sponsors

Blank Park Zoo  
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Xi Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi  
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### In Memory of:

\* Kathleen Taylor  
from Craig & Leslie McClure

### Donations:

Jerry Beary  
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Elaine Jordan  
Cindy Nielsen  
Mike Wilson

Xi Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi

## July

Be sure to review the July calendar to discover the exciting offerings from the library! There are numerous events that you won't want to miss. Miss Holly, our Youth Services Librarian, along with Miss Cari, puts in tremendous effort to organize fantastic programs for both children and adults in our community, and we would love for you to join us! If you have any questions about the upcoming events, please don't hesitate to reach out to the library.

## Holiday Hours

Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> : Closed

Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup> : Closed

Happy Independence Day!

## A Note from the Director:

*My first full three months at the library have been some of the best months of my life. I am grateful for all of the patrons who have been so welcoming and friendly. I am especially grateful for the staff at the library for showing me the ropes and being some of the best people in the world. I hope to get the library filled with new faces, initiate new programming, and make partnerships with other organizations in the community. Libraries are an integral part of the community, and as someone who has been to many libraries, I can confirm that the city of Knoxville has one of the best libraries in the state.*

*~ Director, Ashley Miller*