

## Connecting



People, Places, & Ideas

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### Library Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday:  
10 am – 5 pm  
Tuesday & Thursday: 10am—8pm  
Saturday & Sunday: Closed

### Public Art @ the Public Library

Thanks to a grant from the Knoxville Heritage Community Foundation, the library was able to commission two local artists. Beginning in May, Kim DeSocio began designing a mural upstairs, depicting a fairytale setting with elements included from recommendations from the public. The mural is completed and available for viewing in the children's area.



In June, ceramic artist Amy Uthus hosted a series of online art classes for children, teens,



and adults. Each week, a new project was posted to the website: painting a mug, canvas pour paint, library creatures,

and faceted stars.

Amy teaches classes out of her Light Within Studio.

Visit her website for more info:

[www.lightwithinstudio.com](http://www.lightwithinstudio.com)



### Summer Library Program

Participants for this year's summer reading program were encouraged to "Imagine Your Story" by celebrating the different cultures, fairytales, and folklore found around the world.



Performers this year included a magician, juggler, polka musicians, and a laser scientist. Stories and crafts, craft kits, and other activities were available for all ages. This year, we had the added flexibility of viewing and completing activities at home. Reading logs were available online and at the front desk, so participants could keep track at home.

All performances and activities were broadcast virtually, including stories and crafts with Miss Holly. We also held a Storywalk® and scavenger hunt for families to enjoy. An obstacle course in front of the library keeps little ones hopping and skipping!

### Free Shred Service

During Money Smart Week, the library has offered a free shred bin for patrons to get rid of sensitive documents securely. Due to popular demand, the library now offers a shred bin on-site through the year. The bin is located by the elevator, where papers can be fed through the slot. The bin is emptied and its contents are shredded every month.

### Online Resources

**AtoZ World Cultures/USA:** History, People, Culture, Government, Geography

**Brainfuse (Help/Job/VetNow):** Resources for students, jobseekers, and veterans

**Bridges (Libby by Overdrive app):** Download ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines to your computer or mobile device

**Credo Reference:** Research Guide

**Freegal:** Songs, playlists, and videos from the Sony Music catalog

**Gale** offers 24/7 access to everyday research, car repair, health information, small business resources, K-12 homework help, readers' advisory, gardening, history, home improvement, and more.

**Kanopy:** Stream movies, films, documentaries, and more. Includes unlimited access for children.

**Transparent Language** is a language-learning platform.

### National Library Week

During the quarantine, everyone was encouraged to use the library at home with the online resources available



24/7. We also added a weekly reading on the radio during the month of April.

Libraries have a history of bridging the digital divide and the Knoxville Public Library is now offering U.S. Cellular WiFi hotspots to checkout.