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Mayor Jacobs Highlights Knox County Public Library Workers

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The first week of April 2022 marks National Library Week, an annual celebration highlighting the positive impacts libraries have on our communities. Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs expressed his appreciation for nearly 200 library workers at 19 locations across the county.

"Our library workers make sure anyone in Knox County can experience great books, movies, and music. They strive to make Knox County one of the best-read communities with our Read City USA program. Their hard work all year long is the reason our libraries work," said Mayor Jacobs.

Knox County Public Library (KCPL) workers perform a wide range of duties. The roles include librarians, graphic designers, couriers, archivists, researchers, school outreach staff, marketing, custodians, and much more.

Information technology workers maintain all the computers in the library branches across Knox County. They also operate the new <u>KCPL website</u>, where you can see upcoming events, print documents remotely, chat with librarians, and stream or download books, movies, and music.

KCPL also includes two vital offices in the East Tennessee History Center. On the second floor, the Knox County Archives preserves the important records of the present and past. They maintain access to marriage licenses, court records, and other vital documents going back to when Knox County was founded in 1792.

The Calvin M. McClung Collection on the third floor of the East Tennessee History Center helps teach us about ourselves with rare materials, newspapers, photographs, and other records often used in genealogy research. The collection includes TAMIS, the Tennessee Archive of Moving Image and Sound, where films, videos, and audio recordings preserve a cultural record of Knox County and East Tennessee.

Library workers in Knox County also ensure children in the county have their own libraries at home. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Knox County sends free books to children from birth to age five.

YouTube Video: We're thankful for Knox County Public Library workers