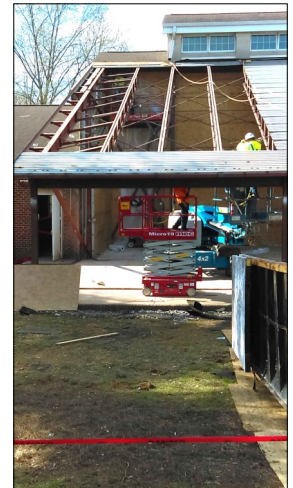


## The Renovation Has (Finally) Begun

For up-to-date information about new and relocated library programs, visit our web page [www.forl.net](http://www.forl.net) regularly.



Picture 1, far left, was taken on 3/31, peeking in the front door; the rest rooms are on the left; reading area straight ahead behind the wall. Picture #2, also 3/31, was taken outside in back of the library. You can see from the back corner of fiction, across the reading area, ending at the beginning of the reference section. The whole area was still under roof.



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These lower pictures, taken the morning of 4/2, show that demolition doesn't take long. The entire back roof should be gone in another day or two.



## April is National Poetry Month...

...and April 18th is [Poem in Your Pocket Day](#), a charming and imaginative way to celebrate poetry. The celebration was initiated in April 2002 by the Office of the Mayor in New York City, in partnership with the city's Departments of Cultural Affairs and Education. In 2008, the [Academy of American Poets](#) took the initiative to all fifty states, encouraging individuals around the country to participate. In 2016, the League of Canadian Poets extended Poem in Your Pocket Day to Canada.



For a printable collection of one-page poems by contemporary American poets, click [here](#). Some are delightful. (It starts on page 5.)

To see how the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library in Charlottesville celebrates Poem in Your Pocket Day, watch a youtube [here](#).

# Rick Bragg, Southern Author, Featured at 14th Annual Roswell Reads

Roswell Reads selected Rick Bragg as the 2019 Author honoree and, despite the fact that serious illness prevented him from attending the Literary Luncheon and Writers' Workshop, the program was a huge success. Nearly 200 people attended the event and 40 participated in the writing workshop, both groups seeing specially made videos interviewing Rick Bragg in Alabama. The



well-done videos provided their audiences with close-up, somewhat intimate encounters with the author. He was charming and delightfully entertaining.

Guests enjoyed lunch, purchased Rick Bragg books, and participated in a conversation about the impact of his books on readers. The writing workshop video gave Rick Bragg's advice on writing "in color," and dealing with family issues

when writing about them.

Roswell Reads also sponsored a family program at the Drake House and East Roswell libraries, helping youngsters learn the origin of their name through art and storytelling. Bookmiser donated copies of the book *Chrysanthemum* for all Drake House participants. The Publix Aprons Cooking School partnered with Roswell Reads to sponsor a cooking demonstration of foods made from Rick Bragg's mother's recipes, featured in his most recent book, *The Best Cook in the World*.

Roswell Reads sponsors this year include the City of Roswell, Friends of the Roswell and East Roswell Libraries, the Fulton County Library System, Roswell Rotary and Publix.



The Roswell Reads Steering Committee L-R: Annell Gerson, Julie Sewell, Kayron Bearden, Martha Powell, Simone Hanson, Debbie Weiss, Deanna Smith, Marilyn Baron, Kelly Frommer, Kathy Cioffi, Julia Padgett, Judy Stanton, Lisa Dossey, Deanna Boe, Beth Abbott



A family program artist at work, on a table, at Drake House. (Photo taken from above.)

## Book Clubs

### Noonday Nosh

April 16th

**Commonwealth** Anne Patchett

May 21st

**Dead Wake** Eric Larsson

June 18th

**Heart of Darkness** Joseph Conrad  
(Meeting at the Alpharetta Library)

### Mystery Readers

April 23rd

**The Late Show** Michael Connelly

May 28th

**Devil in a Blue Dress** W. Moseley

June 23rd

**The Good, the Bad, and the Emus** by Donna Andrews (Meeting at Milton)



## In Memoriam: Shirley Ann Koschella

Shirley began her library career after obtaining a Masters in Library Science from Emory University in 1987. At the age of 59, she accepted a job offer from Lu Conti, Manager of the Roswell Library. It was the beginning of a strong and trusted working relationship.

After a varied career, Shirley jumped into public library service and quickly forged relationships with library patrons and the community. Staff adored her and treated her as a confidant as well as supervisor. Known for her devotion to young children, Shirley began a series of story times and later encouraged and mentored others to reach beyond toddlers and begin story time programs for infants. She was instrumental in supporting a new monthly library book club called Noonday Nosh: a Feast with Books. "Nosh" continues and will soon celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> year.

Former Roswell Library manager Lu Conti said this about Shirley: *She was very capable as assistant manager and always did what was the good and right thing .... I trusted her to help figure out solutions to issues or just to advise on a good course of action.* " Click [here](#) for a link to Shirley's obituary.

### Save the Date!

#### Friends of the Roswell Library Annual Meeting

(with entertainment)

Monday, May 13th 2-4

Milton Public Library  
855 Mayfield Rd., Milton

Roswell librarian and musician  
Alan Siler will present  
"Literature and Music."  
Please join us.



### Thank You to Ross!

On March 9th, the opening day of the new Ross Store in Roswell Village, the Friends accepted a generous gift of \$2,500 from the **Ross Stores Foundation** to celebrate the opening of their new store. The money will be used for children's and community programs (once the library reopens).

#### Dress for Less at Ross!



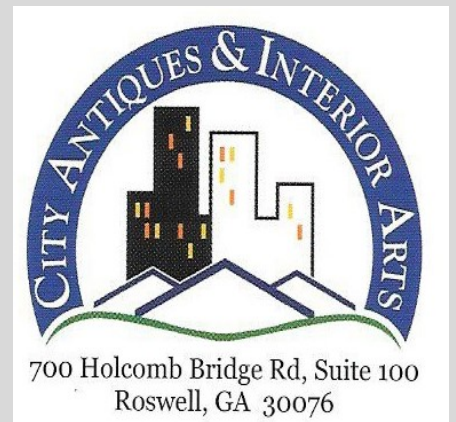
Accepting the check from Ross Store Manager Michael Moy are (L-R) Cora Cramer, Friends President; Nancy Puckett, Vice Pres.; and Louise Bullwinkel, Treasurer.

### Visit Our Booth at City Antiques

Located behind the strip mall with My Friend's Place in it, City Antiques is a treasure trove of surprises and our booth is one of them.

Currently featuring Easter books, baseball books, current novels, biographies, cook books (for all ages), art books, Outlander and Game of Thrones books, gardening books, local/Georgia/southern books and more. Sometimes we have DVD's and audio books, as well.

Come browse our booth (restocked weekly) and the shop.



# Message from the President

Dear Patient Friends,

Spring greetings! Each day, more and more flowers, trees and shrubs are coming into bloom.

As of this writing, our Roswell Library renovation is tentatively scheduled to be finished by late October, 2019.

Next comes refurbishing, reshelving, etc. all of which could take eight weeks or more after construction is finished. Then our Grand (re-)Opening. Yes!

In the meantime, have you been able to visit our neighboring libraries? Our Mystery Readers' and Noonday Nosh book clubs are meeting at Milton and Alpharetta, respectively. The FIN (Financial Information Network) that we sponsor along with city of Roswell, is available at East Roswell throughout our renovation. (On FIN, Non-profits can look for funding and students can search out college scholarships.) FORL will keep you posted about Summer Reading which will kick-off at Riverside Park and hold programs in the

Osage room at Bulloch Hall. For information on more new-and-relocated programs, consult the Friends' web page: [FORL.net](http://FORL.net). You will always find up-to-date information there and also a contact number, in case you need more information.

Four of our Friends volunteered at the Ocee Library book sale in mid-February; we also have FORL members who volunteer at the Spruill Oaks and Alpharetta libraries: Friends helping Friends.

Our FORL annual meeting is 2-4 PM Monday, May 13, at the Milton Library. All Friends are welcome. Our program is a real treat: Alan Siler, Roswell librarian and musician, will present "Literature and Music." Do come.

Do any of you participate in the Christmas or Valentine's weekend annual Great Back Yard Bird Count? I do. I grew up in Schuyler County, Upstate New York. My mother, a 4-H agent, was often over at Cornell University.

She would bring home 33 1/3 records of bird calls from the Sapsucker Woods Ornithology Laboratory and we'd listen to them during our family suppers. She and her friends often spent time together comparing notes on birds they had seen and heard. In 1980, when my husband and I cleaned out my parents' home, what should we find but a clipping from the local weekly newspaper reporting that my parents had entertained dinner guests at their home by playing records of bird calls! Unfortunately, I have a tin ear and never learned to discriminate bird's calls but by sight I recognize many birds. In the 500 section of the library, I often enjoyed lingering over the many bird books in the collection.

Perhaps, like me, you miss making a "quick run" to the Roswell library to collect books on hold, to participate in an activity, to browse the new books or to meet a friend. Each time I am in the area, be it night or day, I turn in the drive and look for signs of progress. Finally, work has begun! Yes... I know... patience is a virtue!

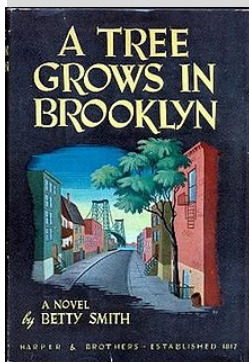
Enjoy Spring!

*Cora Cramer*



## Happy 76th Anniversary to Betty Smith's *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*

*A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* is a semi-autobiographical 1943 novel written by Betty Smith. The story focuses on an impoverished but aspirational adolescent girl and her family living in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, NYC during the first two decades of the 20th century.



The book was a huge success. It was also released in an Armed Services Edition, the size paperback that would fit in a uniform pocket. Armed Services Editions (ASE's) were small fiction and nonfiction paperbacks that were distributed in the American military during WWII. From 1943 to 1947, some 122 million copies of more than 1300 ASE titles were distributed to service members, with whom they were enormously popular.

**The Public**, a new movie, is opening this weekend. It stars Emilio Estevez as a librarian in the Cincinnati Public Library. It was shown at the American Library Convention in June. (Their reaction to it is unknown.) See the trailer [HERE](#).

