



## (A somewhat different) Summer Reading Program Begins



Tuesday, June 4th, at Roswell River Landing (courtesy of the town of Roswell), our annual tradition began again, although not in circumstances anyone would have predicted a year ago. The activities were familiar: face-painting, button-making, music, entertainment (David Floyd's Out of This World Music & Magic Show!), laughing, and group participation in a special story. Enthusiastic children and parents were there, though nowhere near the usual number of them.



A weekly Summer Reading program will continue on Tuesdays at 11:00 at the Osage Room at Bulloch Hall. The programs will change; see [FORL.net](http://FORL.net) each week. Please RSVP: [Roswell.Branch@fultoncountyga.gov](mailto:Roswell.Branch@fultoncountyga.gov)

Back again to Summer Reading this year is Beanstack, a customized online portal designed to engage families with young readers and to facilitate the library's Summer Reading Program. Readers can track their progress and complete challenges to earn points, prizes and raffle entries all summer long. Register at [www.afpls.org](http://www.afpls.org) or [fultoncounty.beanstack.org](http://fultoncounty.beanstack.org)

## *Our Volunteers are Out of This World!*



Carol Harrison—  
top hours in  
2018

### **2018 Total Volunteer Hours:**

Millennium Volunteers—*career total of 1,000 hours or more at the end of service year 2018—*  
*Bonnie Miller, Nancy Puckett, Donna Stokely*  
900+ hours..... Carol Harrison  
600+ hours..... Bonnie Miller, Shirlee Stewart  
500+ hours..... Louise Bullwinkel  
300+ hours..... Pam Mason  
200+ hours..... Cora Cramer, Katy King, Nina O'Connor, Donna Stokely  
100+ hours..... Sue Harmon, Donna Hartings, Topsy Landham, Mary Mitchell, Patty Morrison,  
Nancy Puckett, Esther Shultz, Deanna Smith

Twenty-five year Service Award...Mary Ellen Kubis  
Twenty year Service Award....Katherine Kilgore

Five year Service Award....Marilyn Baron, Ted Edgar Jones, Vicki Miller, Debbie Weiss



...and then there's Julia  
Ratledge who won the staff  
award for working with  
volunteers! Wonderful!

## President's Letter

Dear Friend,

Summertime greetings!

Where and when do you read? If my to-do list is finished, I like to sit on my front porch or back deck and immerse myself in a book for a couple hours before dinner time. Do you have a favorite place and time?

I am encouraging all our Roswell friends, adult as well as youth and children, to sign up through Beanstack on the main library web site to enroll in Summer Reading. Each person lists the books he or she has read and collects points as they continue. We Friends have prizes to award to participants at the end of July!

And yes, there is a Universe of Stories to read and enjoy!

*Cora Cramer*

## Pop-Up Libraries in the Park

Are you missing your usual visits to the library? The staff is missing you, too! As a result, they are partnering with the City of Roswell and bringing libraries to a different Roswell Park each Thursday morning from 10:00 until 1:00. There'll be a story time, internet access, library card registration and more.

The schedule of parks can be found on the Friends' web page ([FORL.net](http://FORL.net)). We hope you and your family will be able to join them!



Setting up at Roswell Area Park, April 25th.  
Austin Dalbo and Branch Mgr. Julia Padgett



"Mr. Austin" at work: East Roswell Park, April 18th.

## Book Clubs

### Noonday Nosh Book Club

Meeting at the Alpharetta Library at noon

July 16: *Under the Wide and Starry Sky* - Nancy Horan

Aug. 20: *The Invisible Bridge* - Julie Orringer

Sept. 17: *East of Eden* - John Steinbeck

### Mystery Readers' Book Club

Meeting at the Milton Library at 6:30

July 23: *The Good, the Bad and the Emus* - Donna Andrews

Aug. 27: *The Highway* - C. J. Box

Sept 24: *Night Passage* - Robert Parker

## Save the Date!

Roswell Reads 2019:  
Special Edition

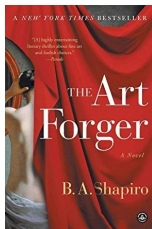
An Evening with Delia Owens

author of

*Where the Crawdads Sing*

Sunday, September 22, 2019  
Roswell Cultural Arts Center

More information coming soon at  
[www.forl.net/roswellreads](http://www.forl.net/roswellreads)



*The Art Forger* by B. A. Shapiro

A complex tale of deceit, ambition, and betrayal involving a surreptitious Degas painting stolen from the Gardner Museum heist in 1990. Using the heist as a backdrop, this suspenseful tale is multi-layered and slow at first, but winds up with great speed towards the end. Memorable characters and Boston scenery highlight a descriptive narrative that overwhelms at times, but satisfies the reader, especially at the end.



*The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn

Going back and forth between the World Wars, author Kate Quinn weaves a complex tale of an unlikely friendship between Charlie (Charlotte) and Eve, two women whose ages and backgrounds are as different as night and day, but whose devotion to friends or family (or a cause) is equally deep. The underlying dedication to what is right creates a determined story of family - and what really defines it. (Book reviews courtesy of Julia Ratledge.)