

## *Summer Reading Kicks-off with Babatunde in the Reading Garden*



On June 2 the library welcomed back the beloved story-teller Babatunde the Griot. In staying with the traditions of the indigenous natives of the Americas, Babatunde tells his wonderful stories incorporating the spirit of animals, and call-and-response through singing and dancing accompanied by the rhythms of his drummer. The children love his stories and are ready to jump in, learn, and then play the many different drums in response to his stories, to imitate the various animals and respond to the keen principles offered in the stories.



[Click here to sign up for Summer Reading](#)

[Click here to view the many Roswell Summer Reading Programs](#)

## *100 Years of the Newbery Medal*

The Newbery Medal is awarded annually by the ALA for the most distinguished American children's book published the previous year. Celebrations begin this summer and will extend through 2022. The Newbery was the first children's book award in the world.



Here are some titles you may recall: *The Giver*, *Bridge to Terabithia*, *Holes*, *A Wrinkle in Time*, *Island of the Blue Dolphins*, *The One and Only Ivan*.

For a walk down memory lane, have a look at the list of winners from past years: [ALA.org](http://ALA.org) (with honor books), [the Public Library](#) (with covers).

## *Books, Benches, History and Friends*

On June 1st, 2021, the Friends dedicated a replacement bench to honor the late James Lister Skinner, the civic-minded man who made a generous donation for part of the site of the then yet-to-be-built Roswell Library. The new bench, placed in the location of the original, is along Josephine Skinner Drive, to the west of the library, and replaces the one dedicated there by the Friends in 1989 at the completion of the construction of the library. The original was well worn and needed replacement.

This is the wording on the plaque: Presented to the Roswell Historic District by Friends of the Roswell Library in Honor of James Lister Skinner.



L-R: Lu Conti, Louise Bullwinkel, Nancy Puckett, Jeanne Pais, Nancy Halsema, Mary Ellen Kubis, Topsy Landham, Katy King, Carol Harrison and Deborah Childs

## President's Letter

**WELCOME BACK AND CONGRATULATIONS** to you loyal patrons of the Roswell Library and the FORL bookstore; you have stayed the course twice for long stretches over the past four years! The initial closure began in August, 2018 for the highly anticipated renovation after which many of you joined in the grand re-opening on January 3rd, 2020, only to have COVID close all the libraries just a few weeks later. Now **BIG CHEERS**, Roswell and all Fulton County Libraries reopened June 1st for six days a week.

During the COVID closing, the newly renamed Fulco Library System continued to provide many on-line services. I hope you have found and taken advantage of the electronic materials for check-out through Hoopla, RB Digital, Libby, and other apps using your library card. Other resources you may find useful may be found here: Fulcon

County Library System: [www.fulcolibrary.org/resource](http://www.fulcolibrary.org/resource).

I hope you have also found our Friends' webpage informative and helpful as well: [www.forl.net](http://www.forl.net). There you'll find information on and links to our on-going popular (currently virtual) Noonday Nosh and Mystery book clubs, a new Writers' Workshop, Atlanta Authors, Roswell Reads, and--a new addition--BookPage, a monthly book review publication, formerly available from the library only in print. Also available is a link to other Roswell Book clubs, all the County virtual book clubs—just in case you care to “shop around,” a link to sign up for Summer Reading Programs and the current weekly schedule of programming.

I hope you will have a safe and happy summer and, once again, enjoy regular visits to the Roswell Library.

*Nancy H. Puckett*

**Good news, Friends: Your membership has been extended until 2022!**

*Save the Date!*

Atlanta Authors Presents

[Anissa Gray](#)

discussing her first book

***The Care and Feeding of Ravenously Hungry Girls***

Join us for an online/ Zoom presentation  
Saturday, July 10, 2021 @ 2 p.m.

For more information and a printable flyer,  
go to [FORL](#) [Register here](#)

## Our Friends are Tops

June has traditionally been the month when Fulton County acknowledges the efforts of Friends with a gathering and presentation of certificates to the top volunteer-hours achievers. There's no formal recognition this year, but we'd be remiss not to recognize the efforts of two of our Friends, Carol Harrison and Bonnie Miller, who have been busy since March 2020 stocking the Antique Market, selling (donated and stored) books and magazines to vendors, and taking care of other book-related chores on our behalf.

Carol Harrison....903 hours

Bonnie Miller....718 hours

Quite an achievement during the pandemic library closure!

*Thank you for your dedication, ladies, and thank you to all you other Friends who made a contribution, too.*

**Book Clubs:** In the past, the newsletter always contained the upcoming books and schedules for Noonday Nosh and Mystery, but now, since there are six of them, we need a link to include them: [All Roswell book clubs](#)

## The Friends' Bookstore

**Yes, we are open!**

Unfortunately, we do not know when the next sale will be. (We are waiting for word from the County.)

Yes, we are accepting donations, but please, please, please, be mindful of the guidelines:

No encyclopedias.

No elderly business, computer, health, politics or textbooks. You know how quickly most of that becomes obsolete.

No magazines except National Geographics. If you have some specialty magazines to donate, please contact the bookstore to ask about them. (We have a buyer for the National Geographics and for some specialty magazines.)

And please look at the condition of the books critically. If it is tattered, torn, falling apart, heavily underlined or highlighted, we will not be able to sell it.

Thank you very much for considering a donation to the Friends. *Come see us !!*