



Library Holiday Hours

Closings for Christmas:
Friday, Dec. 23rd—
Monday, Dec. 26th

Closings for New Years':
Friday, Dec. 30th—
Monday, Jan. 2nd

The Friends' bookstore
closes 1/2 hour before
the library does.

Art Around Roswell at the Library

Don't Be Gone With the Wind
by Wenxia Zhang

Completed by my husband and me in 2016, the sculpture was inspired by the famous Atlanta writer Margaret Mitchell's Gone with the Wind. Today, new technologies are rapidly shifting people's reading habits away from paper books toward non-paper gadgets. We wanted to create a piece of art that encouraged people, especially the younger generation, to continue reading and experiencing the joy of holding a book.



For the 7th season of Art Around Roswell, artists were asked to explore the theme of tradition. What made us who we are? How can we learn from the past? What do we celebrate as a community? Since 2016, Roswell's "museum without walls" has become a beloved tradition in our city – sparking conversation, delighting visitors and activating public spaces throughout our parks and historic downtown.

For more information about ArtAround Roswell and to see more temporary and permanent sculptures, click [here](#).

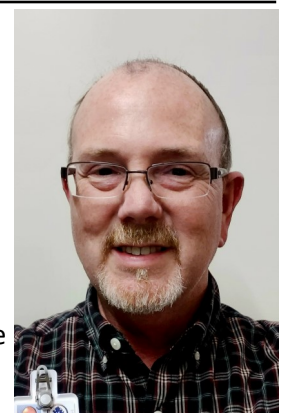
Next 2 Book Sales:
January 27, 28, and 30
March 24, 25 and 27
Mark your calendars!

Do you need to renew your membership in the Friends?
If so, you may go to [FORL.net](#) to print and mail it in or you may stop in the bookstore the next time you're in the library.

Hensley Roberts — New Roswell Branch Manager

Hensley has been with the Fulton County Library System for 14 years and brings with him a total of 22 years of library experience in public libraries. He has worked with 15 directors across four systems in two states, so he has been exposed to a wide variety of leadership styles.

Hensley started in FCLS as the Circulation Services Manager, a system-wide position that involves working with policy and procedure for all things circulation-related, as well as the technical side of the library circulation software. In this position, Hensley also oversaw the newly installed credit card software, the Unique materials recovery service, and worked with vendors for ordering items such as library cards and loss prevention items. Other positions he has held include department manager for Central Circulation (two years), branch manager for the Peachtree library (eight years), and assistant branch manager for Roswell (1 year).



Congratulations Hensley!

New Year's Reading Resolutions? Why Not?

When it comes to resolutions for the New Year, most people focus on their physical health – lose weight, exercise more, eat healthy food. What about your reading health? Are you an avid reader or an occasional one? Do you read only newspapers? Do you read only non-fiction? Only biographies? Only romance?

Now is a good time to shake up your reading habits and expand your horizons. Set realistic reading goals to keep your mind and spirit active in the New Year. Here are some suggestions:

Read the classics. Did you skip some of the classics in school in favor of more popular titles? This is a good time to catch up.

Try out a new genre. Branch out. Read a mystery instead of a romance novel. Read a non-fiction title about one of your favorite (or least favorite) subjects. Read outside your comfort zone.

Create fun monthly or yearly challenges. Read a book about each of the U. S. Presidents this year or all of Agatha Christie's novels – even all of Shakespeare's plays. Search the Internet for things like "[50 Novels Featuring Famous Authors as Characters](#)" or "[Around the World in 80 Books](#)" to find fun, yet different types of books to read.

Write brief reviews of what you read. Share your thoughts with others. Join www.goodreads.com and write one or two sentence reviews about the books you've read. Book reviews can be as long or short as you want them to be; the important thing is to share.

Join a book club – in person or online. The Roswell library offers four: [Noonday Nosh](#) (general fiction and non-fiction), [Mystery Readers' Book Club](#), [Non-fiction Friday Book Club](#) and [Midday Book Club](#). Or find a neighborhood book group. Join www.goodreads.com and search for groups that read similar genres (or challenge yourself to find a new genre to explore).

Read the best books of 2022. At year's end, websites, magazines and newspapers all recommend the best books of the year. Search the words "best books of 2022" and see what appears. Take a look, read a few and see if you agree with the reviewers.

The suggestions above are just a few ways to begin your reading year with a new twist. Remember, library staff are always happy to help you find books to read. Just ask them.

(Thanks to staff-member Julia Ratledge for this article.)

In Memoriam: Janice Hart Tedford 1935-2022



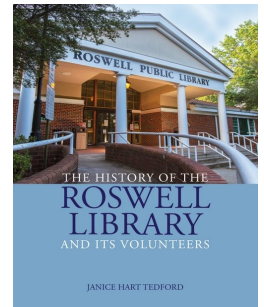
Janice retired from teaching in 1997, became a volunteer and joined the Friends. In 1999, she became president of the Board of the Friends, a position she held for five years, became treasurer of the group, then became president again for another two years. She facilitated the beginnings of the Friends' bookstore and both community-author programs that the Friends sponsor, Roswell Reads and Atlanta Authors, and was an active member of both.

Janice was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Corp. for National and Community Service and

the Office of the President in 2014 and a Twenty-year Volunteer Service Award by AFPLS in July 2017.

Janice was also the author of two books: *A Peach Tree and a Railroad: a Children's History of Atlanta* and *The History of the Roswell Library and its Volunteers* which is available for purchase in the Friends' bookstore.

In a gesture typical of the Janice we all knew and loved, she requested that her family donate her entire collection of books to the Friends' of the Roswell Library and that donations in her honor be sent to the Friends' as well.



News and Notables

- ◇ Wanda Morris' Atlanta Authors event was very successful; a list of authors for next year will be published soon.
- ◇ In a recent NYT survey asking for the readers' favorite all-time book, *To Kill a Mockingbird* won by a slim margin.
- ◇ Our Facebook page has 731 followers. Are you one of them?
- ◇ Book club flyers with the book selections for next year are available at forl.net/book-clubs.
- ◇ Recently, in a random act of kindness in our bookstore, a volunteer observed a patron, who was purchasing books for students in an orphanage, being helped by another patron whom she did not know, with some additional funds.