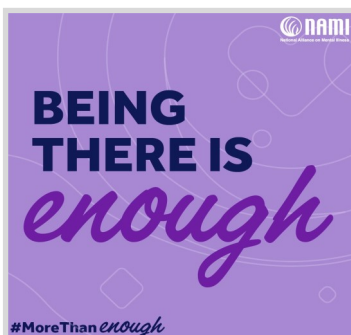


## May is Mental Health Month



### Library Hours

Mon.-Tues. 10-8  
Weds. - Sat. 10-6  
Closed Sundays

The library will be closed May 29th in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

The [Friends' bookstore](#) closes at 5:30 Monday thru Saturday.

The next book sale will be July 28, 29, 31. Mark your calendars!

Friends' May Book Sale: Friday, Saturday, and Monday, May 19th, 20th and 22nd, at the library. Come have a look at all the bargains!

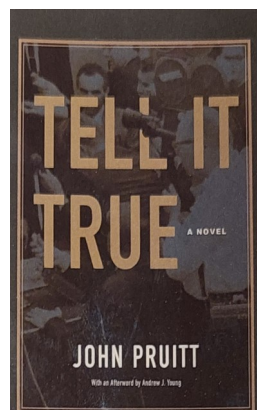
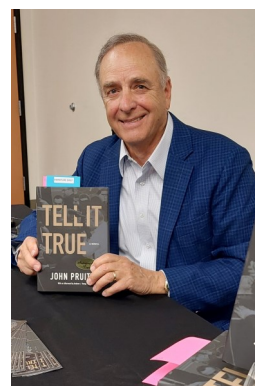
## John Pruitt Entertains at Friends' Annual Meeting.

At our Annual Meeting, May 8th, we celebrated our volunteers, elected Board members, and were entertained by [John Pruitt](#), a familiar personality who covered the news of Atlanta and Georgia as television anchor and reporter for WSBtv for almost half a century. John retired at the end of 2010 but he continued to make periodic appearances on WSB to comment on politics and other important stories. He also wrote a book.

John's first novel, [Tell It True](#), based on his experiences covering the civil rights movement in the Sixties, was published in October 2022. We had the privilege of hearing John speak about his life in the news world and its influence on his authorship of the book.



At the conclusion of the meeting, he generously signed copies for his admiring public.



"Although the characters and events have been altered, *TELL IT TRUE* does in fact "tell it true," and in as compelling a way as you're likely to find."

—**ANDREW J. YOUNG**  
former Mayor of Atlanta  
and U.S. Ambassador to  
the United Nations

"Pruitt put me right there in the story. Gripping from beginning to end and hard to put down."

—**MONICA PEARSON**  
journalist and former  
WSB-TV news anchor

## Our Volunteers Are The Best!

### Anniversary Awards:

Deborah Childs, Carol Harrison: 15 years  
Mary Ann Hughes, Joan McAniff: 10 years  
Beth Abbott, Martha Powell, Julie Sewell,  
Terri Spiegel: 5 years

**Millennium Award:** Frances Segars

### 2022 Hour Awards:

Bonnie Miller: 800+ hours  
Nancy Puckett: 500+ hours  
Katy King, Darla McKenzie, Martha Powell,  
Frances Segars, Judy Stanton: 200+ hours

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## *Letter from the President*

Can you remember your first visit to your public library? I was 7 when my mother, a trained school librarian, took her oldest 4 children to the Maud Burrus Public Library in Decatur, GA, and signed us up for our own library cards, complete with our names on them. I felt so grown up, being allowed to choose 3 books, keeping them at home for two whole weeks, then returning them to choose 3 more. Then, what fun it was to sign up for the Summer Reading Program, read 10 books, get our "Books Read" list displayed at the library and a certificate to take back to school in the fall.

Fast-forward to Spring 1978 and, one week after moving to Roswell, taking my 3 grade-school children to sign up for their library cards. Soon they, too, were signed up for the Summer Reading Program (SRP), checking out 3 books a week and completing their "10 Books Read" lists. Each summer they enjoyed placing their names on the SRP window, just as I had.

Happily, traditions continue, and now I have the genuine pleasure of taking my grandchildren to the Roswell library and watching them use their library cards to check out books, fill out their SRP lists, and put their names on the window, too.

In celebration of the joy of reading and the privilege of free library services, why not come and join the Friends in assisting the library staff to kick-off the SRP? You would then take renewed pleasure in visiting the "10 Books Read" window as it fills with names throughout the summer.

Speaking of reading, what's on your list for the summer? Need suggestions? Check out our four book clubs and what they're reading. The archive of past books is available, as well, at [forl.net/book-clubs](http://forl.net/book-clubs).

Happy reading, *Nancy Puckett*

## *Amazing Volunteers, cont.*

**Presidential Volunteer Service Award:**  
Bonnie Miller (Presidential Lifetime Award  
4,000 Hours.)

**2022 Top Hour Awards**  
Carol Harrison (#1) Louise Bullwinkel (#3)



Three hard-working volunteers pictured: Carol and Bonnie, on the left, at work in the bookstore; Louise, our bookkeeper, on the right.

## Friends Officers for 2023-2024

President: Nancy Puckett

Secretary: Donna Stokely

Treasurer: Louise Bullwinkel

Co-treasurer: Nancy Whithear



*Save the Date!*

**Terri Parlato**

will discuss her thriller novel

***All the Dark Places***

Saturday, June 24th @ 2 p.m.

Roswell Cultural Center Register [here](#).

## *News and Notables*

- ◇ The March book sale netted \$3141.50; 2200 books were sold. Thank you to everyone who assisted with set-up, sales, and break-down and a huge thank you to all those of you who donated and who bought books.
- ◇ Donations for Jan.-Feb. were \$525.00 with \$500 of that in memory of long-time Friend Janice Tedford.
- ◇ Summer Reading Program preparations are off to a good start. This year's theme is *All Together Now*.
- ◇ We welcomed two new Board Members: Alan and Nancy Whithear.
- ◇ To renew your Friends' membership, you may go to FORL and print a form that you may mail with your check, or you may renew with cash, check or charge in the Friends' book store.
- ◇ The American Library Association reported that a record 2,571 unique titles were targeted for censorship last year, a 38% increase from the 1,858 targeted in 2021. Of the reported challenges, 58% took place within schools and 41% within public libraries.
- ◇ To show our patrons they are appreciated, the Friends assisted Librarian Cameron Hannon to become a Public Notary, available to assist the community.