



Library Hours

Mon-Tues 10-8

Tues-Sat 10-6

Closed Sunday

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

The library will be closed Thurs., Nov. 23 and Fri., Nov. 24 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Celebrate Your Freedom to Read

On September 19, the American Library Association (ALA) released new preliminary data showing that challenges to books and other library materials and services are on pace to set a record for the third straight year in 2023.

A challenge is defined as a formal, written complaint filed with a library or school requesting that a book or other material be restricted or removed because of its content or appropriateness.

Between January 1 and August 31, ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom reported 695 attempts to censor library materials and services, which included 1,915 unique titles. This represents a 20% increase compared with the

same reporting period in 2022, the year the highest number of book challenges was documented since ALA began compiling this data more than 20 years ago. However, while books have been and continue to be banned, in the majority of cases, most of them have remained available.

This happens only thanks to the efforts of librarians, teachers, students and community members who stand up and speak out for the freedom to read.

For more information, and to read the full statement, visit ALA.org: [Challenges surge to new record.](#)

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Welcome Librarian Jessica Lublin...



An Atlanta native, Jessica started her career with Fulton County Library System as a teen volunteer in 2011. She went on to work in her undergraduate library before returning to volunteering after graduation in 2019. She received her Master's Degree in Library and Information Science this past May and is very excited to now be working in her dream position as a Youth Services Librarian at the Roswell Public Library.

...Library Assistant Fouzia Fataoui...



Fouzia Fataoui worked at the Roswell Library for 5 years part-time. She was a teacher at ILM Academy for 8 years and then came back to the library field in 2023. She worked at a Cobb County Library for seven months, then returned to the Roswell Library as a library assistant beginning in August. Fouzia speaks Arabic and French. She has started a craft program and the "I Read Arabic" program.

...and Library Assistant Willie Oliver



Willie is a graduate of UGA where he majored in journalism and minored in French. After graduating, he went to work for the AJC's features department.

After retiring from journalism, Willie took up the life of the artist: singer, photographer, drummer, poet. Ten years ago, he began volunteering at the Northside Branch. When he found out paying jobs were available, he interviewed and was hired to work at the Buckhead Library but before he could start, the economy took a downturn and a hiring freeze took place. Four years later, he was hired for the Peachtree Branch, where he worked for five years. Now he is enjoying the life of the Library Assistant here at the Roswell Library.

[Indigenous Peoples' Day](#) is a holiday that celebrates and honors indigenous American peoples and commemorates their histories and cultures. The holiday takes place in the second week of October, on the same day that [Columbus Day](#) is also celebrated in many states. While Georgia does not officially celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day, 20 states, including Texas, Virginia, and Alabama, do.

Fall greetings from the President's Corner,

Now that the weather is cooler and the time has fallen back, we Friends hope you are ready to participate in some of the many programs funded by the Friends at the library. These include year-round children and youth programs like STEM and yoga and Legos; our [four book clubs](#); Arm Chair and Bone Health Yoga for adults; Atlanta Authors; Roswell Reads in-person national authors like William Kent Krueger; adult art classes; Thursday morning Children's Story Hour; and Miss Gail's Jumpin' Jam.

None of the programming, gifts and crafts would be possible without YOUR support. You play the most important role by attending our book sales, donating books, and frequenting our volunteer-staffed book store, each day, Monday through Saturday, when the library is open. You are the vital key to success for raising funds to pour back into the library programs.

Please consider taking advantage of the following as the weather gets cooler and you may spend more time inside:

+ You can access the County's research, adult learning,

music, etc. [here](#). Available 24 hours a day, it's also a good source for your children and grandchildren to obtain homework help and tutoring.

+You can get books, magazines, newspapers, movies, etc. through digital resources such as Hoopla, Libby, Overdrive, and more. They are always available [here](#).

Finally, a special shout-out to all the Roswell and Fulton County Library staff for providing the Roswell volunteers with hand-designed, handwritten thank-you notes in recognition of National Friends of Libraries Week, October 15-21. Volunteers also received a proclamation from the County Commissioners, our long-time supporter Bob Ellis included; some delicious candy and treats; and five window displays in the library, showcasing most of the Friends-sponsored activities that took place this year. Also included in the displays, were the Summer Reading Programs and all the prizes for the whole six weeks. What a delightful surprise!

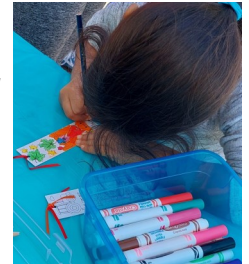
Happy reading,

Nancy H. Puckett



The Friends Take Part in Roswell's Youth Day

*Representatives of both the Roswell and East Roswell Friends manned a "booth" in the parking lot of the Roswell Cultural Arts Center on Oct. 14th to help celebrate Youth Day in the "Art Block," an area filled with entertainment and crafts. The children colored bookmarks and **chose a book** when they were done with their handiwork. A parent said how nice it was that this booth's craft was fun, useful **and educational**.*



News and Notable....

- ◆ We sold 2,315 books and made \$3,162 at the September book sale. A sincere thank you to those of you who donated, bought, and/or worked to make this sale a success!
- ◆ The run-off election has forced the cancellation of the anticipated December book sale. The next one is scheduled for the first weekend in February.
- ◆ Detailed information about the Notary Services librarian Cameron Hannon makes available at Roswell can be found on the County's Roswell page [here](#).
- ◆ A complete list of Roswell's children's story times can be found [here](#). Other programs' schedules are also available and updated regularly. Check it out.
- ◆ Have you noticed that books you've checked out that are due but not reserved by another patron are automatically renewed? Hurrah! Many thanks to someone, somewhere for arranging that!
- ◆ A list of the most challenged books of 2022 may be found [here](#).
- ◆ A Cricut electronic cutting machine has been purchased. You can look forward to some wonderful newly designed cut crafts as a result.
- ◆ Your sponsorship (previously called a membership) in the Friends will expire at the end of the year. Please consider becoming a Friend again.

TEEN POETRY CONTEST



During a meeting in mid "Teentober," the teens were invited to take part in a poetry contest; their submissions were to be 50-200 words long and "book-themed." The winning poem was written by sophomore Ryan Koporc.

Congratulations Ryan!