



Library Hours

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

**The library will be closed
Feb. 20th to observe the
Presidents' Day holiday.**

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

The next book sale will be
March 24, 25, and 27.

Presidents' Day: February 20th

1955

The year Congress passed the Presidential Libraries Act, establishing the Presidential Library System. Before that, many presidents' archives were lost, destroyed or separated.

887,000

Number of copies of Barack Obama's 2020 memoir, [A Promised Land](#), that sold in the US and Canada within the first day of publication—a record for publisher Penguin Random House.

166,573

Square footage of the [John F. Kennedy Library](#). The library, located in Boston, is the Presidential Library System's largest in terms of area.

16

Number of Pulitzer Prizes awarded for biographies written about presidents. The most recent was 2011's [Washington: A Life](#) by Ron Chernow.

4,042

Number of reels that make up the notorious Nixon White House Tapes collection held by the [Richard Nixon Presidential Library](#) (Yorba Linda, CA). As of 2018, the entire collection had been digitized.

6,400

Number of books housed at the [National First Ladies' Library](#) in Canton, Ohio. The library is part of the First Ladies National Historic Site, located at and around the family home of former First Lady Ida Saxton McKinley.

Welcome New Assistant Manager Brandi Resendez...

(I asked Brandi to tell us about herself — ed.)

I am 50 years old and I am from Savannah, GA. I have a BA and an MA in History and my Master of Library and Information Science Degree is from Florida State University.

I have been in Georgia Libraries since 2002. I started out in Savannah, at the Live Oak Public Libraries in 2002 working in their main branch downtown until the branch I later managed (Carnegie) was finished renovating. Once that branch opened, I became the manager there and was there until 2007 when I finished Library School and got my first professional position in Albany. I was only there for a short time when, in 2008, I was offered a position managing the Ellijay Branch (Gilmer County) of the Sequoyah Regional Library System (out of Canton). I stayed there for about 5 years until I was offered the Assistant Directorship of the Sara Hightower Regional Library. I stayed in Rome for 4 years and was offered a position with the Gwinnett County Library System where I worked for 4 years before arriving here. I have been in nearly every area of the state, and plan on staying here in Atlanta until I retire in about 10 years or so. I am living in Cherokee county commuting here daily, and am enjoying the peaceful pace of the Roswell branch, and the people that we serve.

I think that Friends groups are a staple for local libraries and without them, we would not be able to serve the people the way that we do. Thank you for all you do.



...And New Staff Member: Kimberly Hilsee!

Hello, I'm Kimberly Hilsee, and I'm the new Library Associate at the Roswell Library.

A little about me...I graduated from the University of Virginia with a BA in Math and first worked for a property-casualty insurer as an actuary and underwriter. I then moved to Orlando, Florida (which I still consider home) where I raised a family and had a career doing consumer research for Walt Disney World. I recently moved here from Maryland, where I worked in the library of a K-12 school for the past couple of years.

While working at the Roswell branch, I'm also in grad school pursuing my Master of Library and Information Science degree. I am the library contact for the Mystery Readers Book Club.

In addition to reading, I like to be outdoors, so stop by to say hi and, maybe, recommend a good book or hiking trail!



Roswell Roots:

Festival of Black History and Culture

- * [Black History Brain Bowl: Virtual Event](#) — Feb. 11th
- * [Revolutions in Rhythms and Movements: East Roswell Recreation Center](#) — Feb. 12th
- * [Black Health and Wellbeing: Roswell Adult Recreation Center](#) — Feb. 25th
- * [Student Art Exhibit: Roswell City Hall](#) — thru March 20th
- * [Juried Art Exhibit: Roswell Cultural Arts Center](#) — thru March 24th



What is [BookPage](#)? It's a "discovery tool for readers, highlighting the best new books across all genres" according to the publisher; according to Linda and Shawn, it's a reason to visit the library at the beginning of each new month. (Here they're shown with the new February issue in hand.) The Friends' provide BookPage for patrons, free, each month. It can be picked up in the lobby.

There are several other things the [Friends'](#) provide in support of library programs: yoga instructors, replacement mice and wireless keyboards, brochure holders, Valentine's Day craft materials, and many other things and people. It's what we do with the money we make at our book sales. Thank you so much for your donations and your purchases: you make it all possible!

Do you need to renew your membership in the Friends?

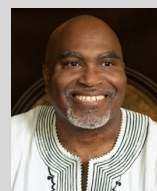
If so, you may stop in the bookstore the next time you're in the library (cash, check or charge) or you may go to [FORL.net](#) to print a form and mail it in.

News and Notables

- The birthday of President George Washington (February 22) was first celebrated as a federal holiday in the United States in the 1880s. In 1968 the holiday was adapted to also honor the birth of President Abraham Lincoln (February 12) and moved to the third Monday in February.
- Feb 11th is [National Make a Friend Day](#). Wouldn't this be a good day to ask a friend to become a **Friend of the Roswell Library**?
- The Library System plans to continue its One Book, One Read program; their selection will be announced soon. The program is sponsored by the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library Foundation.
- We made \$2,108.99 at the January book sale. Thanks everyone!



Save the Date!



*Atlanta Authors
presents:*

Daniel Black

**Saturday, Feb. 25th
at 2pm.**

See this event live or online.

*For more information, a flyer, and
to reserve your live or online spot, go to*

forl.net/atlanta-authors