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LIBRARY

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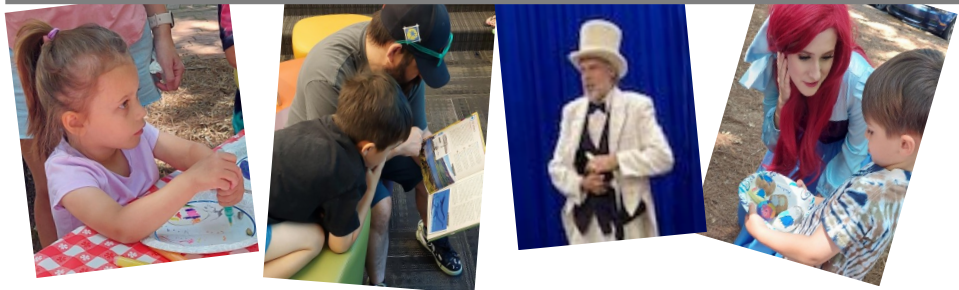
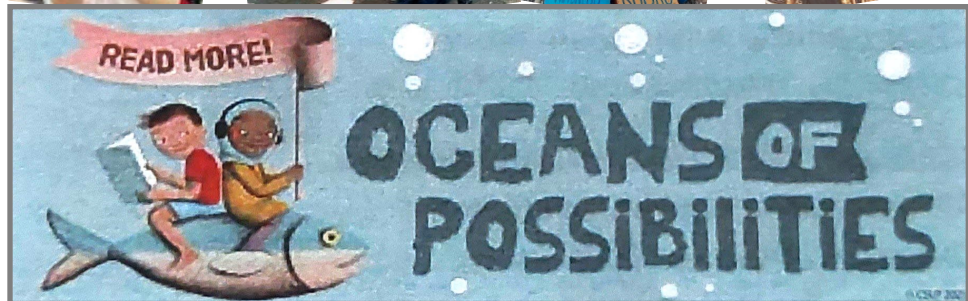
# Summer Reading is Going Swimmingly

## Library Hours

Mon-Tues 10-8  
Wed-Sat 10-6

The Friends' bookstore closes at 5:30 each day.

Yes, we gladly take donations. Please see [FORL.net/bookstore](http://FORL.net/bookstore) for more information.



*Vision to Learn*  
Free Eye Exams and  
Free Glasses for Kids

July 25th 9:30-3:00  
at the Roswell  
library.

**You must pre-register!**

Get more information and the registration form [here](#).

Fulton County  
Library System

The fun began June 1st with Roswell favorite Babatunde entertaining participants and continued into the summer with costumed characters, rock painting, a magician, storytelling and more. Programs continue until July 31st (see them all [here](#)), all designed to encourage reading and help avoid the well-documented [summer learning loss](#). Experts agree, the effect of reading as few as four or five books over the summer can be large enough to prevent a decline in scores from the spring to the fall and, in view of the current serious concerns about the effect of the pandemic on learning, this has become even more important.



Registrants sign up through [Beanstack](#) and earn badges and other credits throughout the summer. Roswell registrants who read five books also qualify for a Book Buck, which entitles them to choose a \$1 book from our bookstore. This is Caleb, 1st participant to qualify and to choose his book from the store; to date, 40 book bucks have been redeemed.

## Our Volunteers are Amazing....

### 30 Year Service Award

Nancy Puckett

### 25 Year Service Award

Kayron Bearden

### 10 Year Service Award

Louise Bullwinkel, Linda Fuller, Katy King,  
PW Olson, Fran Segars, Linda Sten

### 5 Year Service Award

Sue Harmon, Donna Hartings, Bonnie Miller,  
Joseph Miller, Esther Shultz

### Lifetime Achievement Award—4000+ hours

Louise Bullwinkel

### Volunteers with 800+ Hours 2020-2021

Carol Harrison

### Volunteers with 600+ Hours 2020-2021

Bonnie Miller

### Volunteers with 200+ Hours 2020-2021

Ann Creech, Sue Harmon, Mary Ann Hughes,  
Fran Segars, Donna Stokely

### Star Volunteer Award

Barbara Hill

Louise Bullwinkel, FORL's Treasurer, with her certificate from the President of the United States. It reads:

*Lifetime Achievement Award*

With grateful recognition the Americorps and the Office of the President of the United States Honors

*Louise Bullwinkel*

with the President's Lifetime Achievement Award for [her] lifelong commitment to building a stronger nation through volunteer service.



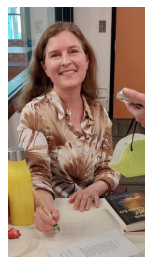
### Top Hours: Carol Harrison and Bonnie Miller

Julia Padgett, former Branch Manager, shared the following: "It is easy to say that Bonnie and Carol's efforts while the bookstore was closed were incredible. They still managed to raise hundreds and hundreds of dollars while [the library] was closed...by selling books to regulars, maintaining their offsite store, and...[providing] books for everything from film sets to art projects.... [T]hey have shown that in the face of great changes, they can adapt and exceed expectations. I am awed by their dedication and commitment to FORL's mission of supporting the Roswell library. The whole of the Fulton County community benefits from their daily actions of service."



## Highlights from the Year, some Thank-you's and Two (Sad) Goodbyes

- ◇ At our Annual Meeting, May 9th, we celebrated our volunteers, elected Board members, and were entertained by Christy Baker Knight, talented author and artist, who also treated us to a book signing. Christy is the artist who painted the lovely mural in our Children's department. Thanks to everyone!
- ◇ We made donations of \$500 to each of 13 Fulco libraries without Friends groups in the form of a \$200 gift card for general branch use and a \$300 credit for books with library vendor Baker & Taylor.
- ◇ We welcomed four new Board members: Deanna Boe, Lauren Kelly, Mary Paley and Laurie Swift.
- ◇ Thanks and kudos to Fran Segars who, for the last 2 1/2 years, along with her other responsibilities as Board Secretary and both Noonday Nosh and Mystery Book Club leader, managed to keep us a vibrant, connected Friends group, thanks to her expertise with Zoom.
- ◇ To Ann Creech, Friends' Board member for over thirty years, we wish a happy retirement. We will miss her.
- ◇ To Julia Padgett, our Roswell Branch Manager since August of 2016, a reluctant goodbye as she leaves to take on new responsibilities as an Administrator in the DeKalb County Library System, in charge of the Decatur Branch. She saw us through the lengthy renovations and the pandemic closings with charm and grace and now is working less than two miles from her home. Happiness always!



Christy

[Next Book Sale: July 29th, 30th and Aug 1st \(10 to 12 only\)](#)