

The Summer Reading Program is Underway!

Library Hours

Mon-Tues 10-8
Tues-Sat 10-6
Sunday 2-6

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

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Pictures taken at Summer Reading Kickoff, Mobile Dairy Classroom, Catch-a-Craft with Miss Christina, and the Stranger Danger Program from the Fulton County Sheriff's Office.

Kids and 'Summer Learning Loss'

Simple as it sounds, reading books can reverse the summer slide in literacy skills for children. Richard Allington, a professor at UT, Knoxville, and his colleagues, found that reading twelve books over the summer was as effective as summer school in raising students' reading scores. The result was especially pronounced for those who were economically disadvantaged.

Another study, this one by James Kim of the Harvard Graduate School of Ed., found that regardless of family income, the effect of reading four to five books over the summer was large enough to prevent a decline in scores from the spring to the fall.

"So [the author concludes], seasonal alarm bells aside, the best way to push back against the summer slide is with your library card." (Condensed from [Do Kids Really Have 'Summer Learning Loss'](#) by A. M. Paul)

Janice Tedford Honored

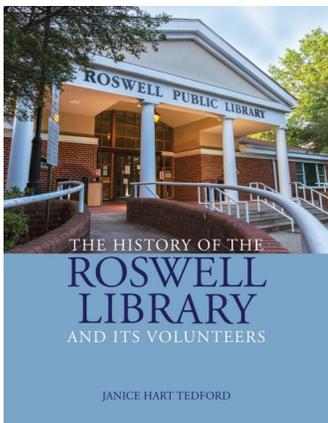
At our Annual Friends' Meeting this Spring, Heather Staniszewski, AFPLS Volunteer Services Manager, presented Janice with a lovely, engraved, crystal vase to commemorate her twenty years of service to the library.

Janice retired from teaching in 1997 and became a volunteer and a Friend of the Library shortly thereafter. In 1999, she became president of the Board of the Friends for five years, became treasurer of the group, and then became president for another two years. She facilitated the beginning of the Friends' Bookstore and both community - author programs that the Friends sponsor:



Roswell Reads and Atlanta Authors.

Janice has also been the Friends' historian, an informal position that has yielded a treasure: *The History of the Roswell Library and its Volunteers*. She perused minutes and scrapbooks from the Friends, examined archives that included newspaper clippings from local and Atlanta papers, and interviewed former Friends and employees



of AFPLS to gather information for her book. It is available for purchase in the Friends book store.

Thank You to our Volunteers

15 Year Service Award

Janice Tedford

5 Year Service Award

Katy King, Mary Devers, Sandy Gilliam

Millennium — 1,000+ Hours

(Career total at the end of Service year 2016)

Louise Bullwinkel, Katy King

Volunteers with 1,000+ Hours 2016

Carol Harrison

Volunteers with 500+ Hours 2016

Pamela Mason

Volunteers with 400+ Hours 2016

Louise Bullwinkel, Cora Cramer, Donna Stokely

Volunteers with 300+ Hours 2016

Katy King

Volunteers with 200+ Hours 2016

Kayron Bearden, Mary Mitchell, Nina O'Connor

Volunteers with 100+ Hours 2016

Deborah Childs, Ann Creech, Mary Devers, Sandy Gilliam, Donna Hartings, Sue Horner, Mary Ann Hughes, Edgar Ted Jones, Katherine Kilgore, Vicki Miller, Julie Neal, P.W. Olson, Nancy Puckett, Sydelle Silberman, Nancy Speir, Janice Tedford, Whit Whittle

Congratulations!

Talk about busy! In June alone, the Roswell branch library staff renewed 983 library cards and handled (checked-in, checked-out, reserved, etc.) over 50,000 items!

Welcome to our New Members

Mike Burney
Nancy Gore
Joyce Lowell
Bunn Martin
Cheryl McSweeney
Gail Reid

FORL Officers 2017-18

President:
Cora Cramer
Vice President:
Nancy Puckett
Secretary:
Fran Segars
Treasurer:
Louise Bullwinkel

Library Renovation Update

Representatives from the general contractors (Hogan Construction) and the architecture firm (McMillan Pazdan Smith in conjunction with Chasm) asked pertinent questions and then fielded questions and suggestions from the audience. The redo will probably be 1st quarter 2018. You may still comment: librarycomments@fultoncountyga.gov
Be sure you mention the **Roswell Library**.

Report from the Treasurer

We had a good two months start to the new fiscal year. June sales in the book store were over \$1000 per week. Membership renewals totaled \$465. Summer reading programs that we financed have almost concluded with only three more in July.

Our donation to Summer Reading Program materials for the two libraries without Friends groups totaled \$1,544. To say that these librarians were pleased and thankful is a gross understatement. We are fortunate to be able to share our resources with them.

The staff appreciation account has been used to say goodbye to two employees we didn't want to lose: Memta Sinha and Todd Williamson; to send Todd to the ALA Conference in Chicago; and for the Staff Appreciation Luncheon in July which we Friends enjoyed sharing with the staff.

These two months incurred some of the larger expenses of what will be an interesting year. While our income so far is not as high as usual, we have a healthy bank account.

Louise Bullwinkel



Meet Austin Dalbo

Austin, who is new to AFPLS, is the Roswell Branch's new children's librarian. He is happy to be working at the library and the busy staff is delighted to have him. Please say hello to Austin when you see him.

Among many other things, Austin is looking forward to doing a new storytime for ages 3-7 every Monday morning at 11:00.

Book Club Updates

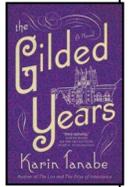
Mystery Readers'
Meets at 6:30

Noonday Nosh
Meets at noon



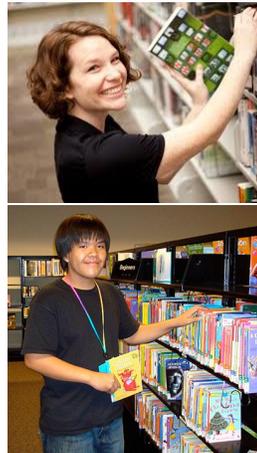
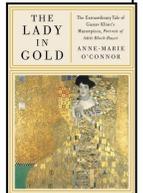
July 25th
Mr. Mercedes
[Stephen King](#)

July 18th
The Gilded Years
[Karin Tanabe](#)



Aug. 22nd
Too Bad to Die
[Francine Mathews](#)

Aug. 15th
The Lady in Gold
[Anne-Marie O'Connor](#)



Teen Library Volunteers Needed

Do you know a teen whom, you think, would be a good library volunteer? Do you know a teen who wants to volunteer for service hours during the week, who may never have thought of the library? Over 900 teens, aged 13+, volunteered at AFPLS last year and donated over 10,000 much-appreciated hours to the library system.

If you know someone who would like more information, please have him or her call 404-730-1965, email [Volunteer](#)

[Services](#) or go online to [afpls.org](#) for more information and, perhaps, an application.

Summer Reading Update

At the half-way point, 550 people have registered for summer reading. One hundred fifty participants have already completed ten or more books.

Membership Renewal

You will be notified by e-mail when your membership expires. We appreciate your support.

Individual \$15
 Senior (55+) \$10

Student/Teacher \$5
 Sponsor/Business \$50

Family \$25

For information about volunteering, please either contact a Friends member or e-mail the Friends at roswellgafriends@gmail.com

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phones: Home _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

Please mail to Friends of the Roswell Library (or [FoRL](#)), 115 Norcross St., Roswell, GA 30075

Message from the President

When asked, "How do you get your news?" the comedian answered, "Telegraph, telephone, tell a woman." Those were the days--no offense intended.

My friend asked our Atlanta newspaper for a senior discount. The reply was: "There is none. You seniors are the only ones who take the print copy."

In today's world, our news and information comes flying at us from the internet, twitter, Instagram; via computer, iPhone, iPad. The daily newspaper comes on the internet with updates. I marvel as my iPhone buzzes with the latest BBC headline. Often the buzz of information comes before my radio or television broadcasts it. There's television news coverage for all persuasions.

In depth radio news coverage is ideal listening when driving the car or cooking meals, but how disconcerting it is to drive high into the Georgia Mountains and out of radio coverage! Best then to enjoy the vistas and mind the traffic. Motorcycles come

out of nowhere; pickup trucks filled with workers are in a mad dash.

Thus, in today's world, we need a clear head and a thoughtful mind to carefully sift through the barrage and noise of information and news. Our Roswell Library has print copies of local and national newspapers. Daily, we have faithful readers of both. Daily, we also have faithful patrons who come to our computers for their

Save the Date!

Atlanta Authors presents

Brian Panowich

whose first book

Bull Mountain

has won numerous awards,

Saturday, August 26th

2PM

at the library.

newspapers and news coverage, local, national, and international.

June 13th was the first community meeting to discuss renovations to our library. Replacement and updating of the wiring, the a/c, and the roof are all overdue. Once finished, our renovated library will also have up-to-date technology. We Friends will keep you posted.

Our 20-year FORL Board Member and historian, Janice Tedford, has written a history of the Roswell Library. This lovely book is for sale in our book store for \$2.00.

Thank you for your continued donations; they make it possible for FORL to fund, among other things, many Summer Reading events. The Friends also provide books and prizes for Summer Reading.

Our next book sale is July 20-23. I hope to see you there.

Please check the bulletin board in our library for additional happenings and times.

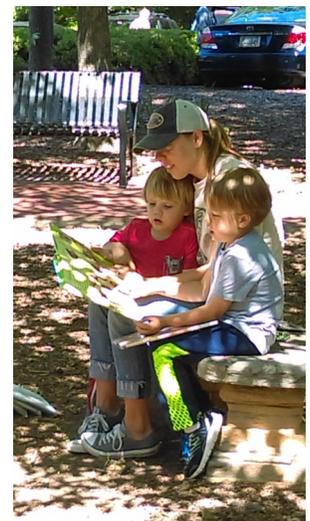
Cora Cramer

Red Hot Summer Book Sale! Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, July 20th - 23rd!

ALA and Sarah Jessica Parker Launch Book Club Central

The American Library Association has officially [launched](#) Book Club Central with Honorary Chair [Sarah Jessica Parker](#)'s inaugural book selection, [No One is Coming to Save Us](#), by Stephanie Powell Watts.

[Book Club Central](#), a brand-new initiative of the ALA, was designed in consultation with expert librarians to provide the public with the very best in reading. The online resource will be a one-stop shop for engaging content and helpful information for book clubs and readers of all types, including author interviews, book recommendations and reviews, as well as discussion questions and information on how to start and moderate a book club. "As on online resource, [we hope] Book Club Central will connect people to a new and engaging world of reading and books," said ALA President Julie Todaro.



Cheryl Swoops and her boys enjoy reading in the park.