

Carolyn Wall Inspires Crowd at Author's Luncheon

Library Hours:
Mon-Tues 10-8
Weds-Sat 10-6
Sunday 2-6



“Sweeping Up Glass is fifty percent truth, and fifty percent based on fact. The other fifty percent (which speaks of my math skills) is flat made-up.” – Carolyn Wall

The eighth annual Roswell Reads luncheon was a sell-out, and those who attended were entertained by author and teacher Carolyn Wall. She was accompanied by her 12-year-old grandson, Ben.

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Sweeping Up Glass was told in the striking voice of Olivia Harker Cross, who struggles to keep a small grocery store going in rural Kentucky during the Depression, while she raises her grandson, looks after her mentally ill mother, and tries to protect the silver-faced wolves that are being killed by hunters on her land. Olivia's poor, segregated community hides devastating secrets, and when the silence is broken, the truth threatens to destroy Olivia unless she finds the strength to fight for herself and for the very people who have betrayed her.

When asked if her novel required much research, Ms. Wall related that she had mainly relied on family history and stories she'd heard. She uses the stories of people who struggle and the "evil people visit on one-another" to make her writing imaginative. She also relishes the freedom that writing fiction allows and her colorful characters and situations are testimony to that freedom. As an example, she explained that wolves are not normal inhabitants of Kentucky but, after finding out that they could actually live there—though they don't—she did not hesitate to make them a vital part of the novel.

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April 14-20 is National Library Week

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries -- school, public, academic and special -- participate. Caroline Kennedy is this year's honorary chairperson.

April is also Nat'l. School Library Month. Interesting information about Georgia's libraries may be found on page 2.



Did You Know?

Georgians rely on public libraries for education, job and career information, research, training and entertainment.

The 33.4 million annual visitors to Georgia's public libraries in FY2012 far exceed the number of visitors to many of the state's other attractions—combined!

- Overnight visitors to the City of Savannah: 6.5 million
- Centennial Olympic Park: 3 million
- Atlanta Braves home games: 2.5 million
- Georgia Aquarium: 2.3 million
- UGA and Georgia Tech home football games: 956,000
- Zoo Atlanta: 866,000
- Atlanta Hawks home games: 502,000

33.4
MILLION
visitors to Georgia
public libraries in 2012

Public libraries are accessible to virtually every community in Georgia.

In Georgia there are:

- 400 public library branches and service outlets
- 212 communities with a public golf course
- 207 Starbucks stores
- 180 Publix grocery stores
- 133 Walmart stores
- 63 state parks
- 60 Holiday Inn Hotels

400
Georgia's public library branches

Georgians value the benefits their public library cards provide.

- Georgia's population: 10.5 million
- Georgians with library cards: 4.5 million

4.5
MILLION
Georgians have library cards

Thank you for being a Friend of Libraries!

Source: FOGL (2013). *Did You Know. Between Friends*, 5 (1), p6. (Article condensed by editor)

Support the Friends at the Canton Street Antique Market

The Friends of the Roswell Library have a booth at the Canton Street Antique Market. *The Hole in the Wall Books* is located on the lower level of the store, on the right, between Booths 110 and 111. We have lovely sets of books that will enhance your library shelves—nice turn-of-the-century novels, old textbooks, decorating books, records, and more—all unique and special. Our children's section features *The Bobbsey Twins*, *The Hardy Boys*, *Nancy Drew*, and other vintage children's selections. All of our books would make nice additions to your own library or lovely gifts. Everything we sell is donated and all proceeds go to the Roswell Library.



The Antique Market is located at 970 Canton Street, Roswell, Georgia. Please come by and see what we have.

Building for the Future-- Library Building Program

For an update on the plans for new and renovated AFPL branches including artists' renderings of new buildings, go to afplweb.org and click on **Building for the Future--Library Building Program** right in the center of the home page.

Profits from the recent book sale were **\$3,430**.
Good work everyone! And thanks to those of you who visited and shopped!

Message from the President

Happy Spring everyone. Perhaps by now you are enjoying some typical Spring weather; it certainly took its sweet time getting here!

We had a wonderful, sold out crowd for our 8th Annual Roswell Reads Luncheon. Factoid – our first luncheon had 80 attendees and this one had 230! As Lu Conti said, “Wow!”

The Friends' Book Store continues to be the recipient of large book donations and we all benefit from this at book sale time with great deals on wonderful books. Our next book sale will be July 12 and 13th. We'll be selling books for children, young and old, and lots of parent/teacher resources. The big general sale (3 days!) will be August 16 – 18th, and our final sale of the year will be December 12th – 15th. Be sure to mark your calendars!

Have I mentioned recently that all the wonderful things we do and the money and services we donate to the library would not happen without our volunteers? You, and hundreds of others like you, donate: with your membership dues, with your hours at the library shelving books, by working in the bookstore and at book sales, attending board meetings, leading book discussions, and other like-minded activities. In 2012, Roswell Friends volunteered over 5,198 hours---more hours than any of the other twenty-five Friends groups. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Looking for a book club? We have two every month – Noon Day Nosh on the 3rd Tuesday at 12 noon and The Mystery Book Club on the 4th Tuesday at 6:30pm. Check the flyers in the lobby to see what books we are reading or go to our homepage; the schedule of books is always available at www.forl.net. Come visit, even if you haven't read the book!

Save the date for our **Annual Meeting, May 5th, 2013 at 3pm**. All Friends and guests are invited. It will be a great opportunity to hear and ask questions of Stephanie Moody, Chairman, Board of Trustees for the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System. We will also share information about upcoming Friends' plans for the rest of the year.

Jane Swift

Welcome to our New Members

Jan C. Alvero

Marco Braga

Mercy Chaudron

Cindi Crane

Louise Conti

Steve Copland

Cameron Galway

Chet Holt

Vickie Miller

Stephanie Moore

Chuck Randall

Gazi Rashid

Mary Ellen Y. Scoma

Frances Segars

Francis and Lauren

Sheridan

Membership Renewal

Your address label shows when your membership expires. Thank you for your support.

Individual \$15

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Sponsor \$50

Non-profit assoc. \$25

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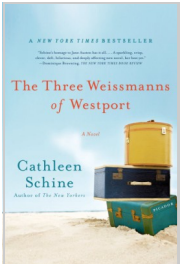
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Concerning her visit to Roswell, Ms. Wall posted the following on Facebook:

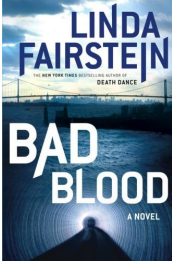
“A few words here -- and probably for weeks -- about the fabulous trip to Roswell/Atlanta, GA, for the [Roswell Reads--A City Reading] celebration of *Sweeping Up Glass*. What a wonderful lot of people! I taught a class in the City Hall under the dome; was extensively toured through Atlanta and the whole MLK museum/plaza/grave/neighborhood/Ebenezer Church area as research for this new book; The Varsity...for lunch; Oakland Cemetery, Margaret Mitchell's home and grave, on and on. Oh, yes, and I was the speaker at the Saturday luncheon. Ben [her grandson] was with me -- so much help and good company! Thank you, Roswell! No matter where you step, you're in the woods, and I love love loved that!”

The Purpose of the **Friends of the Roswell Library** is to provide financial assistance to the library, to promote the library as a learning center for all citizens in the community, and to act as an advocate for improved library services.


At the library, in April...



Noonday Nosh: *The Three Weissmanns of Westport* by Cathleen Schine.
April 16th, noon. Yes, bring your lunch.



Mystery Readers' Book Club:
Bad Blood by Linda Fairstein.
April 23rd, 6:30pm.



Free Tax Assistance
in the activities room.
Mondays through April 15th, 12:30-4:00

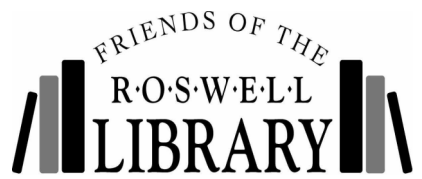
Save the Date!

Friends' Annual Meeting

May 15th
3pm
at the library

Guest Speaker:
Stephanie Moody, Chairman
Board of Trustees
for the AFPL System

Did this edition of your newsletter arrive in better shape because it was folded in three or was it just as banged-up as usual? Drop us a line and let us know, please, at the address below or roswellgafriends@gmail.com. We're working on the problem.



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