

# April is National Poetry Month

## Library Hours

Mon, Tues  
10-8

Wed - Sat  
10-6

Sunday  
2-6

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This April marks the 20th anniversary of National Poetry Month which, over the years, has become the largest literary celebration in the world; schools, publishers, libraries, book-sellers, and poets celebrating poetry's important place in our culture.

National Poetry Month is a celebration of poetry organized by the Academy of American Poets as a way to increase awareness and appreciation of poetry in the

United States. The Academy of American Poets' website, [poets.org](http://poets.org), serves as a hub for information about poetry events during the month. The organization also provides free educational resources to teachers for classroom celebrations and activities, and commissions an annual festival poster.

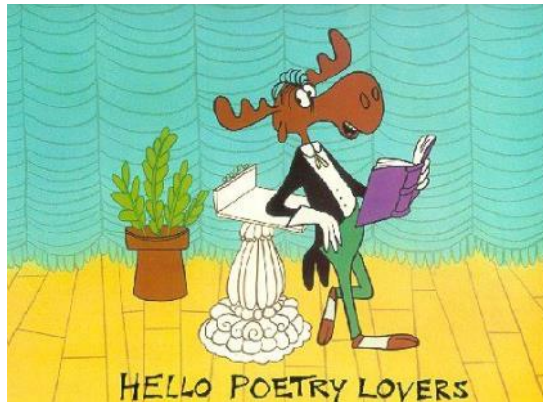
The organization sponsors **Poem-a-Day**, the original and only daily digital

poetry series featuring over 200 new, previously unpublished poems by today's talented poets. On weekdays, poems are accompanied by exclusive commentary by the poets; on weekends, the series highlights classic poems. Launched

in 2006, **Poem-a-Day** is now distributed via email, web, and social media to 300,000+ readers free of charge. Sign up at [poets.org](http://poets.org) to receive a new poem in your inbox every day.

In 1999,

UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) declared March 21 to be **World Poetry Day**. The purpose of the day is to promote the reading, writing, publishing and teaching of poetry throughout the world and, as the UNESCO session declaring the day says, to "give fresh recognition and impetus to national, regional and international poetry movements."



## Dr. Gabriel Morley Appointed Director of AFPLS

Dr. Morley comes to us from his position as director of the Calcasieu Parish Public Library System in Lake Charles, LA. He will assume his new position at AFPLS on April 20th.

Prior to the Calcasieu Parish position, Dr. Morley was director of university libraries at Lincoln Memorial University in Tennessee and director of a three-county library system in southwest MS; he began his library career in the Washington Parish (LA) Library System. In addition to a master's degree in library science, Dr. Morley holds a doctorate in adult education and specializes in informal and non-formal learning.

## Kim Cross, Author of *What Stands in a Storm* Featured at Roswell Reads Luncheon

Nearly 250 readers heard author Kim Cross talk about her book *What Stands in a Storm* at the 11th annual Roswell Reads Literary Luncheon on March 12th at the Roswell Adult Recreation Center.

The book skillfully weaves together the science of tornadoes and the human stories of the people involved in the biggest tornado outbreak in recorded history. Kim told about the writing of the book—how she was wary of exhausting readers with nothing but fear and fast-paced action—and how she alternated short action-filled chapters with information chapters laying out the scientific context of the storm.

The result is non-fiction that reads like a novel.

If you missed the luncheon or are interested in more about how Kim wrote the book, go to Kim's web page titled "[The Story Behind the Story.](#)"

Roswell Reads promotes the value of reading, literacy, and lifelong learning through the shared community-wide experience of reading and discussing a common book. The Roswell Reads Steering Committee is made up of volunteers who select the book and plan the programming. The City of Roswell and the Friends of the Roswell and East Roswell Libraries provide funding.



*During the presentation.....*



*Judy Stanton, Roswell Reads Steering Committee Chair; Roswell Mayor Jere Wood; author Kim Cross.*

**The Roswell Reads Committee** with the author. From left to right: Deanna Smith, Marilyn Baron, Janice Tedford, Nancy Gore, Lisa Dossey, Debbie Weiss, Jenny Hagauer, author Kim Cross, Katherine Jones, Valerie Petit, Linda Smither, Louise Conti, Kayron Bearden, Judy Stanton, Deanna Boe.



### Would You Like to be on the Roswell Reads Committee?

The Steering Committee is a group of 15 volunteers charged with selecting a book, bringing the author to town and planning community events, including a literary luncheon, around the theme of the book. The committee meets monthly on a Wednesday evening at the Adult Recreation Center for about 90 minutes to 2 hours and each member takes on responsibilities according to his or her interests and abilities.

The next meeting is April 27. At that time, applications for openings on the Steering Committee will be reviewed.

If you are interested, please contact Judy Stanton, Steering Committee Chair, at [jstantonpr@hotmail.com](mailto:jstantonpr@hotmail.com) for details.

### Best Buy Teen Tech Centers to Open in Atlanta

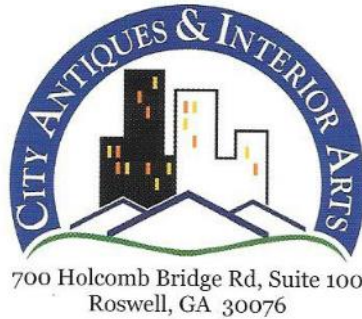
This spring, the [Best Buy Teen Tech Center network](#) will open four new centers in Atlanta. AFPLS has been selected as a partner. The new centers will offer year-round after-school programming for teens. The Atlanta locations will join 8 existing centers in Chicago, Denver, Jersey City, Miami, Minneapolis, San Antonio, Seattle and Washington, D.C.

From May through September, more than 6,000 students will attend [Geek Squad Academy](#) (GSA), free, two-day summer camp sessions across the country. Teen Tech Center and GSA curricula encourage teens to explore technology through training in music, film production, photography, coding, 3D design, robotics and more.

Geek Squad Academy will kick off in Atlanta in May and include a total of 30 camps. Watch for the summer camp schedule; it will be announced some time this month.

## Welcome to Our New Members

Al Battle  
 Marilyn and Elmer Cerny  
 Linda Conway  
 Linda S. Eddins  
 Jeanne and Ted Heeley  
 Andrea Nelson  
 Liz Rains  
 Lynne Rea



The Friends have a new booth at [City Antiques](#), a “unique, original, authentic, outrageous, fine, funky, and fun” place! At our new booth you will find a continually changing collection of new and vintage books (and occasionally other items) that you just might need to have!

Come see their traditional and eclectic mix of home furnishings and interiors. Something for everyone, every season, every aesthetic, and every design challenge.

Open 10-6 Mon.– Sat., 12-6 on Sunday

Thank you, City Antiques, for this opportunity!

## Results from the February Book Sale

**\$6,245.95!**

Thanks to those who donated books,  
 those who organized and worked,  
 and those who bought!



**Noonday Nosh**  
[The Prince of Frogtown](#) by Rick Bragg  
 May 17th  
 Noon

**Mystery Readers'**  
[Bangkok Tattoo](#)  
 by John Burdett  
 May 24th  
 6:30



## Book Clubs

## Save the Date!

### Join us for the *Friends' Annual Meeting*

*Sunday, May 1st, 2:00-4:00, at the library*

**Mary Williams** is our guest speaker!

Mary, a genuine Renaissance-type personality, became a storyteller after a very successful career in information technology and management with AT&T. She's told stories at **Roswell's Magnolia Storytelling Festival**, the **Peach State Storytelling Festival** and other important regional venues.

As President of the Board of Directors for the Southern Storytellers, she both promotes and practices the art she loves.

# Membership Renewal

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$15   | <input type="checkbox"/> Student/Teacher \$5   | <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (55+) \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor/Business \$50 |                                      |

For information about volunteering, please either contact a Friends member or e-mail the Friends at [roswellgafriends@gmail.com](mailto:roswellgafriends@gmail.com)

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

## Message from the President

Spring in Roswell - what a wonderful time of year! The bulbs have bloomed, the flowering trees followed. Roswell is in full bloom and "wearing her ball gown."

Spring signifies a new beginning and a fresh start; we can air out our homes, soak up the sunshine, tidy up the yard, plant a spring garden with English peas, sit in a folding chair at a youngster's soccer or baseball game, play a round of golf.... How do you celebrate spring?

As children, during our spring break, we'd fly paper kites purchased for less than 50 cents from the local corner grocery store. We'd unwrap them carefully then lick the glue to "paste" the edges down along the string between the slender balsa-wood frames.

My dad liked kites and would often help us make our own from newspaper, sticks, and paste from a jar. Dad's kite always went high and waved its long cloth tail against the beautiful blue, spring sky.

And, after a long, snowy winter, I knew where the first hepaticas, wild purple violets and stinky trillium bloomed in early spring. I would tromp across the wet, muddy fields to the woods to pick handfuls of each to go into a mason jar on the kitchen table.

Here in Roswell, the library has books that deal with all aspects of spring: gardening--from planning to planting; weather; playing baseball and soccer; and coaching sports, for involved and/or interested adults.

These sunny spring days I like to go

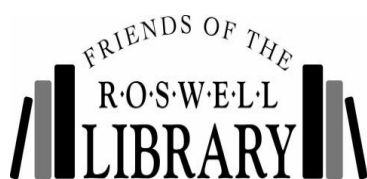
out on my deck or front porch to read; the temperature is just right.

In the warm spring rain, the flowers are bright under the gray sky. There's excitement in the air surrounding the spring religious holidays and spring break. Our library has a full collection of books on crafts and cooking, on most of the religions of the world and how to celebrate them, and travel.

Thank you for being a Friend of the Roswell Library and donating books, DVDs, CDs and vinyl records. Thank you, too, for patronizing our book store and coming to our book sales. All of the funds raised go back into programs, materials and new books for the library. Happy spring!

*Cora Cramer*

Pictures taken during **Spring Break Garden Week** at the library. Librarian Todd Williamson is helping the kids plant sunflower seeds.



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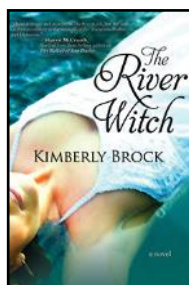
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*Atlanta Authors Presents*

**Kimberly Brock**

Saturday, April 16th, 2PM  
at the library

Kimberly Brock was named Georgia's "Author of the Year" in 2013 for [The River Witch](#), an Amazon #1 bestseller. A former actor and special



needs educator, Brock is a sought after speaker and trainer, offering dynamic writing and transformational creativity workshops to individuals and organizations around the country.

She lives in the foothills of North Atlanta with her husband and three children, where she is at work on her next novel.

Visit her website at [kimberlybrockbooks.com](http://kimberlybrockbooks.com) for more information.

