



The library will be closed

Dec. 24th

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January 1st

Roswell Reads *Sweeping Up Glass*

by Carolyn Wall

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Sweeping Up Glass by Carolyn Wall was announced at the December Roswell City Council meeting as the 2013 selection for Roswell Reads. The Literary Luncheon with the author speaking will be March 16th.

Nineteen-thirty-eight is the coldest winter recorded in Aurora, Kentucky, but poverty has the greater grip. On a strip of icy mountain, Olivia Cross Raises her grandson Will'm, runs a declining front room grocery store, and tolerates Ida, her mother, who lives on back of her land in a tarpaper shack.

Other than the boy Will'm, the one bril-

liant star in Olivia's sky is her first and only true love, Wing Harris. However, for 25 years, she and Wing have exchanged nothing but howdies at Ruse's Café. And now, up on the mountain, someone is mutilating Olivia's Great Grandpap's silver-faced wolves. She knows who the hunter is - but then learns he is also tied to her family's darkest secrets. Worse, after fourteen years, Will'm's mother has come back for him.

This novel takes a number of twists and turns but ultimately, it's Olivia who must decide who to save in the damp belly of the earth.

Copies of the book are now available for check out at the library or purchase in our Friends' bookstore. Tickets for the luncheon will be on sale in the bookstore in January; brochures of the extended programs and the writing workshop by the author will soon be available both at the library and online at www.forl.net.

About the Author

Carolyn Wall worked for 20 years as a free-lance writer, serving as Fiction Editor for *Byline* magazine and Senior Staff Writer for the award-winning *Persimmon Hill* magazine. She lectures on university campuses and in conference centers across the country, conducting intense workshops in Fiction and Novel Writing and Journaling. She has taught writing for 25 years and is known for motivating writers everywhere.

A special treat in this year's program is a writing workshop the author will conduct on March 15th titled "Characters and Settings that Tingle the Spine."



Lu Conti, Roswell Branch Manager, Retires

Lu Conti is retiring. If her face is familiar to you, it's because she's been Roswell Branch Manager for 32 years. She began in the little white brick building across Alpharetta Highway from the current library, moved to the basement of Roswell Town Center Mall in 1981, and then moved to the current location in July, 1989. She has seen many changes and much growth in Roswell over the years. Now there is even another library planned for Roswell, near a place where cows grazed not so many years ago.

Lu has made many friends over the years at the library. She has especially enjoyed seeing children who came



to story hour now bringing their own children to the library.

Although the format of information, literature and entertainment may have

changed during Lu's tenure as manager, the library's commitment to service and to being an important part of the community has not. Still a center for culture and education, it is also a place for entertainment and gathering, and will continue to be.

Lu will miss her staff and the library patrons—the people who come to the library every day. She will take time to relax and travel. But she's a librarian, and librarians love books and information. It will be hard for her to stay away, for sure, but maybe, just maybe, she'll wander into another library that needs her touch someday.

Thank you, Lu. We'll miss you.

Save the Date!

Book Sale

Feb 1-3

(three days!)

More information coming in January.

What do you think?

Will you continue to read this newsletter if we send it out electronically (to your e-mail)? While we are interested in saving money, it will be a bad decision if we lose you as a reader. Please let us know your opinion. E-mail roswellgafriends@gmail.com or drop us a note at the library: 115 Norcross Street, Roswell, 30075.

Atlanta Author Series

Claire Cook

author of

Wallflower in Bloom, Best Staged Plans, and The Wildwater Walking Club (among others) will visit the Roswell Library Saturday, January 19 at 2:00 p.m.

Final County Budget Hearing January 9th

The Final budget hearing for the 2013 Fulton County budget will be **January 9th** and, once again, we find ourselves in the position where we must fight for our libraries. The rumors are rampant: reduced hours, days closed, fewer certified staff, additional reduced materials purchases.

During tough times, the library provides **economic, educational and social opportunity for all**. It is in the forefront for job seekers; it is a place of assistance for those unfamiliar with resume writing and navigating on-line resources; it may be the only source

of free internet access in the community. Add to that the resources we consider "traditional": children's programming, free entertainment (DVD's, CD's, books on CD, and in-library activities), interlibrary loans, reserved books, and the very important (and documentable) role libraries play in fostering literacy. **Do we really want to lock away access to these resources** either by cutting library hours or by limiting the number of certified librarians and staff members?

You are not powerless; if you feel strongly about this, you can help.

Contact your County Commissioner, either Liz Hausmann, (District 3--- liz.hausmann@fultoncountyga.gov), or Tom Lowe (District 4--- tom.lowe@fultoncountyga.gov) or, better yet, contact them all: (fultoncountyga.gov/commissioners). We can't expect them to vote **against cuts** for libraries if we don't stress the critical role they play in our community.

The proposed budget is available at fultoncountyga.gov/finance-budget-information

Thanks to our Donors and Volunteers



L-R from top: Cathy and Rey Vilar, Roswell Book Store owners, generous donors of about 30,000 books; Sherry and Michael Nabors, generous donors of a 17' truck for the day; some of over 135 boxes donated by Home Depot; tired workers Bill Barr and Jane Swift at Mary Mitchell's stuffed storage bin.

On August 31st, the Roswell Used Book Store on Alpharetta Hwy. closed it's doors and donated their remaining inventory to the Friends. On Sept. 1st, Friends, friends and relatives began the huge job of transporting all those donated books to the library and storage so that they could be organized and readied for the November book sale at the library. We made \$4,712 at the sale.



L-R from the back: Joe Creech, Ann Creech, Carol Harrison, Jane Swift, Linda Fuller, Virginia Harrison, Cathy Vilar, Rey Vilar; (middle row) Bill Barr, Whit Whittle, Deborah Childs, Nancy Speir; (front row) GayNell Kayali. Missing from the picture: Janet Laroway, Mary Mitchell.

Some special thanks are in order: to Sherry and Michael Nabors, 2840 Holcomb Br. Rd., for the UHAUL truck; to Home Depot Dist. Mgr. John Tuten and Store Mgr. Kenny McDaniel of the Woodstock Rd. Home Depot as well as the 1580 Holcomb Br. Rd. and 6400 P'tree Dunwoody Rd. stores for their total donation of over 135 boxes. We are so grateful!

Welcome to our New Members

Karen Adkins
Richard Bastidas
Ron Campbell
Amy Carey
Vicki Chastain
Norma Crist

Lynn Dodd
Sandra Gilliam
Camila Gonzalez
Stephen Hargrett
John Hathorn
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Cathy King
Merry Leggett
Dave Marchak

Claude and Barbara
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Laura DeRiemer

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Message from the President

Happy Holidays everyone! I recently saw a sign on a church that said "Change Can Be A Beautiful Thing" and I am holding that vision as we move into a new year without some of our favorite people at the helm.

We will especially miss Lu Conti since she has been with the Roswell Library for more than 30 years. There are changes in the Fulton County budget which will affect the entire library system so "change can be a beautiful thing" has become my new mantra!

While some things are changing, other things are not. A peek at upcoming events will give you plenty to add to your calendar: Atlanta Author Series Jan. 19th features Claire Cook at 2pm (and more authors to come throughout the year); Spring Book Sale Feb. 1-3 (3 days, not 2 days); and the Roswell Reads Luncheon, March 16th.

Now in its 8th year, Roswell Reads brings a variety of literature and accompanying programs to the community. The first such program was "If All of Seattle Read the Same Book" in 1998, started by Nancy Pearl at Seattle Public Library's Washington Center for the Book. The

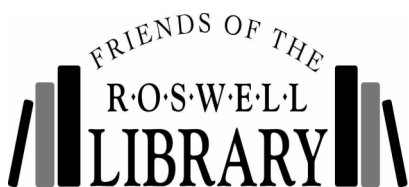
book chosen for the program was 'The Sweet Hereafter' by Russell Banks, written in 1991. Other cities copied the idea, and the Library of Congress listed 404 programs occurring in 2007. We know it has expanded since then.

Additionally, The Roswell Library is participating in The Big Read, a cooperative "one book/one community" with the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System and the National Endowment for the Arts. The book for this Big Read is **A Lesson Before Dying** by Ernest Gaines and we will be discussing the book on January 15th at Noon Day Nosh.

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 6:30 pm. Come visit!

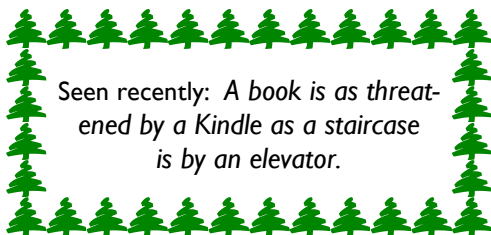
Save the date for our **annual meeting, May 5th, 2013**. All Friends and guests are invited. It is a great opportunity to hear a local speaker, learn about Friends' plans for the year, and meet the Board Members.

Jane Swift



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Seen recently: *A book is as threatened by a Kindle as a staircase is by an elevator.*

FOUND: At the close of our last book sale, a lone bag of neatly packed, paid-for books sat forlornly beside a cashier's desk. Are you missing a bag of books? We've saved it hoping the owner would stop by the bookstore and inquire about it. If you can identify it, we will gladly return it to you!