

Friends of the Roswell Library 115 Norcross Street Roswell, GA 30075

Summer Reading Has Begun New Program for Adults in Place

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Once again, the popular Summer Reading Program has begun with a bevy of activities for children and teens. (See www.forl.net/libraryprograms.html for a

complete list.) This year, however a new program for adults has been introduced by the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library.

Although our Roswell branch has had a program for adults in the past, the Adult Programming Committee of

AFPL is now sponsoring one system-wide. The objectives are: to increase adults' participation in library programs and services; to support the reading needs of the whole community; to support adult book clubs in the community; and to provide reading incentives for adult readers.

The program begins June 1st and ends August 1st. Participants may read or listen to any book. (This might be the perfect time to try listening to audio CD's; they are enjoyable, especially for road trips. The time flies when you're listening to a good book.) There is no limit to the num-

ber of books you may enjoy as a program participant.

Participants should submit a book review for each book completed, either at the library or online at www. afpls.org. (Forms will be provided.) At the end of the program, all

participants names will be entered into a drawing for prizes. Winners will be notified by e-mail and telephone.

The organizing committee hopes the drawing will be an incentive for participation and will underscore the importance of reading and life-long learning among all age groups. Friends' groups, ours included, will be contributing Amazon gift cards for prizes.



Atlanta Authors Series Presents Haywood Smith

Haywood Smith, who has been on stage as a stand-up comedienne, is the author of *The Red Hat Club* and *Queen Bee of Mimosa Branch*. We are pleased to bring her to the library on June 9th, at 2:00. The author, now a blonde (check out her entertaining web site at haywoodsmith.net), is hard at work on her sequel to the very popular *Queen Bee...*, titled *Queen Bee Goes to College*. Her next book, due out early 2013, is *Out of Warranty*. The afternoon promises to be fun.

Our Volunteers Win Awards

Years of Service Awards

15 years of service— Barbara Knapp and Janice Tedford 10 years of service—Sonia Gurbaxani, John Knapp and Dace Sheffield

5 years of service—Dorothy Janusewski

2011 Volunteer Hours of Service

Millennium Award—Carol Harrison 800+ hours of service—Carol Harrison **500+ hours of service**—Pamela Mason 300+ hours of service—Mary Mitchell, Janice Tedford 200+ hours of service—Julie Neal

100+ hours — Virginia Baethke, Cora Cramer, Ann Creech, Joe Creech, Lynda Fuller, Dorothy Janusewski, Barbara Knapp, Janet Laroway, Nancy Speir, Jane Swift



Some of our award-winning volunteers, from left to right: Ann Creech, Joe Creech, Linda Fuller, Janet Laroway, Janice Tedford, Mary Mitchell, Giny Baethke, Nancy Speir, and Carol Harrison.

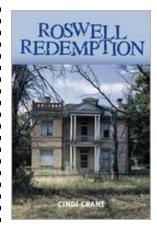
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Local author Cindi Crane was the entertaining guest speaker at our Annual Meeting on May 6th. She was inspired to write her book, Roswell Redemption, by her husband's family genealogy: he is part Cherokee.



Cindi Crane, author

Thank you to all our volunteers and especially those who worked so hard to make the Spring Book Sale such a success. We really appreciate your dedication!

How Do I Download Library Books to my E-Reader?

So you have an e-reader and **e-Books.** When you click want to take advantage of the digital books that the library offers for checkout. What now? On the library's home page, afpls.org, on the lower right side, you will see a blue and green button that says download audio books and

this button, you will be taken to the OverDrive page. Over **Drive** is the name of the program that libraries use to download digital books.

Look to the left, under **Get**ting Started, and click on **Digital Help.** Here are two

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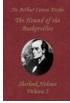


Book Club Update

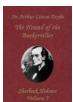


Noonday Nosh, June 19th: One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

> Mystery Book Club, June 26th: The Hound of the Baskervilles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle



Noonday Nosh, July 17th: Falling Home by Karen White. The author will join in the discussion. Her appearance is made possible by the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library Foundation.





Is he sleeping? No, he's concentrating. Meet Julian, one of our delightful Spring Book Sale customers.

Welcome to our New Members

James Adcock Patricia Arrants Josh Bridges Susan Buzzard C. & M. Decker Linda Dixon Lee Lynch Marian Mohr Marcia Oliver

Lee Olsen Michelle Paul Rose Pope Sue Quinby Bill Ryan Kathy Thiede Don Thompson Patricia M. Webster Machelle Wesner

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The My Help link, to me, presents exactly the same information and is equally helpful but it's presented differently. Have a look and see which you prefer. (These are two really helpful pages.)

A word about formats, if you have a choice: with EPUB, you can change the font size of your eBook and the text automatically reflows within the display screen. EPUB is perfect for creating an instant large print eBook or for reading on an eBook reader. In PDF, the text and graphics remain fixed. For larger print, you can zoom in on the text. PDF is ideal for eBooks with many images such as picture books and graphic novels. In most cases you'll want to stick with EPUB.

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Message from the President (and Annual Report)

The mission of the Friends of the Roswell Library is to provide financial assistance to the Roswell Library, to promote the library as a learning center for all the citizens of the Roswell community and to advocate for improved library services. We are very excited about our accomplishments of the past year and want to share them with you.

The Friends provided more than \$54,000 in financial assistance to the library during the year May 2011 to the end of April 2012.

- We helped finance the children's, youth and adult Summer Reading Programs, two book clubs, the Atlanta Authors Series (4th year) and Roswell Reads (7th year).
- We purchased 24 new chairs (\$12,000) to provide comfortable seating for library patrons; they have arrived and are in the newspaper area in the center of the library. We hope you enjoy using them!
- We had a banner year for book sales: we raised over \$52,000, which is \$11,000 more than last year. We were blessed with more large donations than usual, from estate sales, garage sales and special bequests.

We make our money, for the most part, by selling used books, CDs, etc. Our book store just celebrated its 10th anniversary.

Our volunteers make our successes possible. Thirty volunteers help the library staff and another 30 help sell books and work in the bookstore, head or participate on committees like Roswell Reads, Atlanta Authors, Staff Appreciation, Membership, plant care, etc. We also participate in the Friends Council, organized by Fulton County Library System Volunteer Services, where representatives of Friends groups across the county come together to share ideas and stay informed.

It is also important to note that the library staff and the Friends work together, fulfilling staff needs and requests. A special thanks to Lu Conti, Library Manager, and Julia Ratledge, Library Associate. Julia is our web wizard – updating the FORL website, blog, Facebook, book club info., etc. They are both on the Roswell Reads committee as well.

The Friends board has approved a budget of \$51,000 for fiscal year 2012-2013. We look forward to the continuing leadership of our officers and to providing the Roswell Library with the materials and services it needs to continue to be a vibrant part of our city and library system.

Come volunteer with us!

Jane Swift



WWW.FORL.NET



"It's called 'reading.' It's how people install new software into their brains."