

Summer Reading Begins!

Get those
 beach books
 lined up
 for the lazy,
 hazy days
 of summer!



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Amidst all the activity, Lisa Jose and her girls, Madelyn and Lauren, found the time to share a good book.



Welcome to our New Members

Bill Berger
 Florence Anne Berna
 Jay Blanton
 Jeff Cranford
 Amy Giusto
 Terri Jacobson

David H. Lindsay
 Christina McMillian
 Linda McMillian
 Ken Nam
 Bill Ogan
 Elizabeth Ostrowski

Sandra Lee Owenby
 Suzanne Perrin
 Carole Ressa
 Lester L. Smith-Keen
 Linda S. Sten
 Joan Thompson

The President's 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.

The Friends spent \$38,197 to provide financial assistance to the library during the preceding year May 2010 to the end of April 2011. The staff gives us a wish list of things over and above what's provided by Fulton County each year. This last year, the County budget was \$1 million short of what was needed for materials and unable to fund any programs. This year the Friends spent \$9,440 in books and materials for the public to check out. We gave our library \$11,091 for summer programs and programming for all ages during the year. In addition, we sponsored our two book clubs, Noonday Nosh and Mystery Readers Book Club; the Atlanta Authors series; and Roswell Reads--the sixth time the town has enjoyed the popular program--with the reading of *My Name is Mary Sutter* and the appearance of its author, Robin Oliveira.

This year we bought new furniture for the staff room and spent \$2500 on new CD and DVD cases, rubber bands, and other odds and ends that help the staff serve patrons better.

We also provided the many book marks that patrons love as well as a subscription to *BookPage*, a periodical that gives patrons suggestions for their reading pleasure.

Our income for the year was \$40,385. We make our money, for the most part, by selling used books. Our book store continues to grow each year. It has been open for nine years and has become a major part of our success. All of our used-book sales amounted to \$34,567. This includes the books that we sell from the shelves in the lobby; at our book sales; at the Canton Street Antique Market; at a hair salon; and in the book store in the lobby of the library, open for several hours every day but Monday. Our other income is from contributions, memberships, the sale of Roswell Reads tickets, and special gifts like memorials.

A special part of the Friends and of this library is our volunteers. We have over 80 people who volunteer in a variety of ways. Forty-five help the staff most by reshelving books, taking surveys, or mending books. Another 45 volunteers sell books. Others head committees or are on committees like Roswell Reads; Atlanta Authors; Staff Appreciation; Membership; do the newsletter; take care of plants, inside or out; or go before the Board of

Commissioners to advocate for the library. (Please note that this does not add up to 80 because so many do more than one thing.) We appreciate all of them; their contributions add much to the success of this library.

It is also important to note that the library staff and the Friends work together. Lu Conti, the Branch Manager, is a major player on our board of Directors and a wonderful liaison between the two groups. Julia Ratledge is also a key player. She does our website, blog, and Facebook page, and makes sure we are well publicized through those sites. Both Lu and Julia serve on the Roswell Reads Committee representing the library. Roswell Reads is sponsored by the library, the City of Roswell, and the Friends.

This year we concentrated on membership. We produced new membership brochures, developed a new-member packet, and actively encouraged people to join us. About 75 new members joined this year, increasing our memberships to almost 300.

For next year, the Board has approved a budget of over \$50,000. We look forward to the leadership of our new officers and to assisting the Roswell Library staff in their continuing endeavor to provide wonderful service to our community.

Janice Tedford

Legos Needed!

Deliver those neglected Legos from their Puff-the-Magic-Dragon-esque feelings and give them a second life at the library!

Yes, the library will have a Lego Club, starting August 23rd. It's for ages 6-10 and will meet on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 4:00. Each meeting will have a theme (ocean vehicles, robots, flying machines, etc) around which the children will build something. They can work in teams or individually. At

the end of the hour, they'll be able to show off what they made.

According to Ginny Collier, Head of the Children's Department, "[The library's] had a couple of donations so far, but we need a lot more. The interest in the program has been overwhelming. I'm expecting there may be 30-40 kids at the program, so we'll need enough Legos to accommodate them." Please note: Lego **Duplo** blocks are not needed, only the smaller, true Legos.



Meet the Newest Member of the Friends



Linda at her retirement luncheon.

Our newest member, Linda Sten, had been a Library Senior Associate and Head of Circulation at the Roswell Library since 1996. No wonder she looks so familiar!

After receiving her BS in Elementary Education, Linda began her career teaching sixth grade in Pennsylvania. She got her Master's in Library Science and worked as a traveling media specialist at three elementary schools. After her family moved to Georgia, Linda worked in the WaldenBooks store in Roswell Mall then started work in the Atlanta Fulton Public Library System in 1990 at the Northside Branch. In 1991, she transferred to the Roswell Library and worked there until her

retirement in April of this year.

Linda is the face of the Roswell Library, and therefore the Library System, to many, many people. An expert at circulation, she was admired and respected by her staff who nominated her for a Spirit Award in 2009 which she received. Linda was also chosen as Library Employee of the Quarter in 1997.

In her retirement, Linda plans to spend more time with her mother in Pennsylvania and lots of extra-special time with her grandchildren, who will be moving to Atlanta in April. Linda and her husband plan to travel more, and she is already active with the Friends of the Roswell Library.

Linda Sten has contributed much to the library system and has earned a restful retirement. She will be missed at the circulation desk. But, look around! You just might find her volunteering around the corner in the Friends' lobby book store!



Book sale pictures.



Bernie and Jane going batty from alphabetizing thousands of books.



Membership Renewal

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

- Individual \$15 Student \$5 Business \$50
- Family \$25 Senior \$10 Benefactor \$250
- Sponsor \$50 Non-profit assoc. \$25 Corporate \$250
- Donation Amount: _____

You will receive the quarterly newsletter, distributed electronically, with your renewal. If you prefer to receive your newsletter by US Mail, please check here.

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- Children's programs
- The Friends' Board of Directors

Friends of the Roswell Library Board

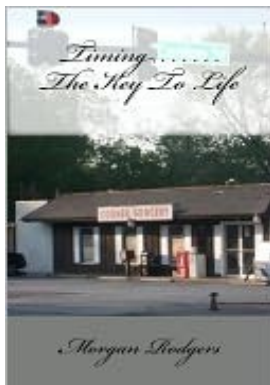
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*New Members of the Board



Local author Morgan Rodgers was the entertaining guest speaker at our Annual Meeting, May 3rd. His new book, Timing...the Key to Life, is a mystery that takes place in Roswell.



And speaking of authors, don't forget Renea Winchester will be at the Library Saturday, June 18th at 2:00 discussing her book, In the Garden with Billy: Lessons about Life, Love & Tomatoes.

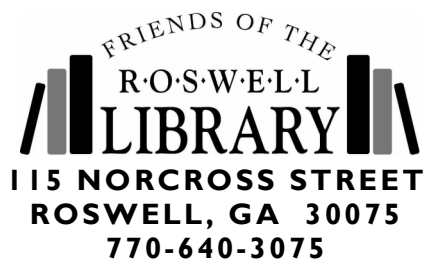
Noonday Nosh

June 21st: *The Stone Diaries* by Shields
 July 19th: *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand*

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Mystery Readers' Book Club

June 28th: *Deep Shadow* by Randy Wayne White
 July 26th: *The Princess of Burundi* by Kjell Eriksson



WE'RE ON THE WEB!

Never judge a book by its movie. —J. W. Eagan