

National Friends of Libraries Week Oct. 19-25

Newest Library Hours

Monday 10-6

Tuesday 12-8

Wednesday 2-6

Thursday 10-6

Friday 1-5

Saturday and Sunday 1-5

Open seven days!! Yea!

This week comes around only once a year but it gives all of us who love libraries a chance to be proud of what our libraries have done in their communities across our country and what we have done, as Library Friends, to support them.

The AFPL is proud to acknowledge and celebrate twenty-two Friends of the Library groups who have volunteered in 2014. Nineteen Friends groups have hosted book sales and fund-raisers this year in Fulton County and there are three Friends interest groups starting.

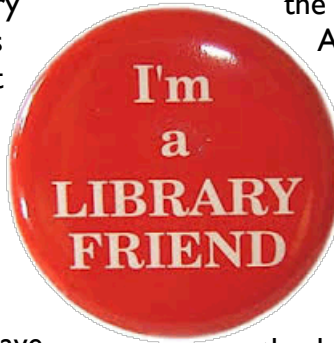
The Friends of the Roswell Library

have contributed the highest total number of hours this year with 54 Friends serving 3,881.98 hours. The highest number of Friends' volunteer hours in the system this year occurred in

August with 168 Friends serving 2,228.95 hours, 39 of whom were Roswell Friends members who collectively served 703 hours. (Book sales require that, don't they?)

Congratulations! and thanks to all the Friends who demonstrate the importance of the library and literacy by serving as active members.

Won't you join us?



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Meet New Branch Manager Val Hunt

Val Hunt joined the Roswell Library staff as Branch Manager this August. Following a five year career as a technical writer, Val completed her Master's Degree in Library and Information Sciences in 2003. While pursuing her degree, she began her career with the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System as a part-time Library Assistant Senior. Upon graduation, she began her Librarian career with AFPLS as a Youth Services Librarian, then Reference Librarian, and was later promoted to Manager of Bibli-



ographic Services. Val brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to Roswell and is excited to be part of one of the busiest libraries in Fulton County.

A native of Ohio, Val says that libraries have always been an integral part of her life. When she first saw the Roswell Branch, she said it re-

minded her of the libraries she often used growing up.

An Atlantan since 1993, Val looks forward to exploring the many activities and events in the Roswell area.

Welcome to our New Members

Marilyn Baron
Marguerite D. Harris
Sherry Harris
Julian Hood
Kurt Phillips
Mary Reynolds
Sallie G. Williamson
Fran YaSenka

A Report from the Treasurer

We have just completed four months of our fiscal year. We are having a good year so far due to the proceeds from our bookstore, book sales and the revenue from the Book Nook at the Canton Street Antique Market. We have spent just over 22% of our budget.

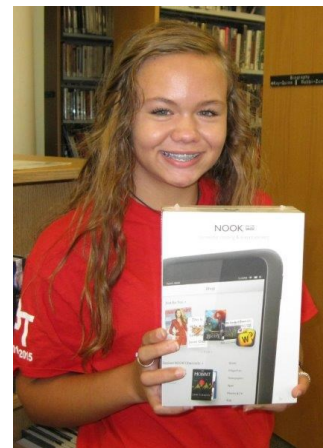
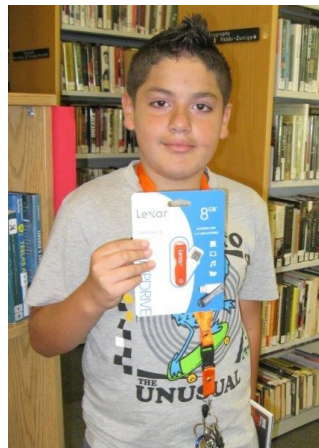
We are happy to have been able to add new or update existing library equipment and furniture such as a color laser printer, a heavy-duty paper shredder, a replacement lamp for the LCD projector, two steel book carts, and two reference desk stools. In the Children's Department we added a miniplay cube and six story hour stools. We also provided the programs and most of the prizes for Summer Reading: a paperback book for each child who completed the program, Barnes & Noble gift cards, flash drives and a Nook Reader. —*Louise Bullwinkel*

Thank You!

Chick-fil-A for your donation
of a stuffed cow for a
Summer Reading Prize

Publix Store #626, Kings Plaza
for your donation of cookies
for the READ program

WENEEDTOREAD Foundation
and Greg Street of V103/
WVEE Radio Station for
your donation of \$103. for a
Summer Reading Prize.



Three of the lucky Summer Reading winners: Felicia Jackson with her Barnes & Noble card, Saul Mercado with his flash drive, and Mary Wilkins with her Nook Reader.

Book Club Schedule for the Fall

Mystery Readers'

Oct. 28th
Death is Now My Neighbor
Colin Dexter

Nov. 18th
Thirteen Steps Down
Ruth Rendell

December 16th
The Widow
Carla Neggers

Noonday Nosh

October 21st
The White Queen
Philippa Gregory

Nov. 18th
Arrowsmith
Sinclair Lewis

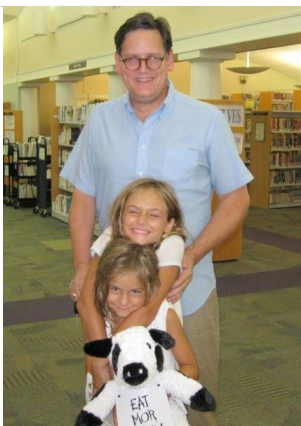
Dec. 16th
**The Unlikely Pilgrimage
of Harold Fry**
Rachel Joyce

The August Book Sale



The Paranormal Romance section. There's something for everyone!

Thanks to wonderful organization and permission to have the August book sale in the library once again, happy shoppers spent \$4,570.50 at the book sale, all to support the efforts of the Roswell library. Thank you to everyone who helped!



The Summer Reading Program Ends as School Begins

The summer was a very busy one. Fifteen hundred (you read that right—1,500) children signed up for the summer reading program and 900 of them completed the goal of reading ten books (and practiced the reading skills they had learned in school). As a result, each received a certificate and a paperback book, courtesy of the Friends. Meanwhile, 16 programs attracted an audience of 800 children and parents.

It should be pointed out that last summer, 1197 children signed up and 715 completed the program. With hours reduced by 38% and a workforce cut almost in half, the library staff deserves a big thank you for being helpful and pleasant with patrons under unusually difficult circumstances.

(Here is a photo of Camilla Crandell, her sister and her father, with Camilla's prize, a Chick-fil-A cow.)

Save the Date

Volunteer Recognition

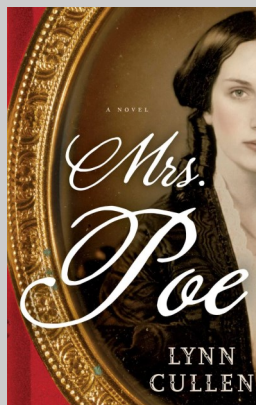
Saturday, November 15th

more details to follow



Give your books new life and support the library and literacy at the same time. Donate your books to the Friends.

Next Friends' book sale:
November 12—16



Save the Date Lynn Cullen

discusses **Mrs. Poe**, her latest work of historical fiction, a vivid and compelling novel about a woman who becomes entangled in an affair with Edgar Allan Poe—at the same

time she becomes the unwilling confidante of his much-younger wife.

Atlanta Authors Program
November 8th 2PM

Membership Renewal

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

Individual \$15

Student/Teacher \$5

Family \$25

Senior (55+) \$10

Sponsor/Business \$50

For information about volunteering, please either contact a Friends member or e-mail the Friends at roswellgafriends@gmail.com

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phones: Home _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

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

Message from the President

A big thank you to each and every Friend and patron who has donated time, books, services or money, or has made purchases at our book sales, Canton Street Antique Market, library lobby or book store. Every single cent stays at the Roswell Library in the form of programs, classes, book clubs, and purchases like stools, book trucks, shredders, tables, bags, prizes for Summer Reading, and more. We absolutely could not do all we do without your help!

Isn't it nice to know that **our voices were heard**? As a result of public outcry at all Fulton County libraries' doors being locked on Fridays, AFPL restored Friday hours, 1-5, at ten libraries, including Roswell. Although the restoration nowhere near equals the hours of service offered before the deep February cuts or Roswell's original Friday schedule, 10-6, it is a step in the right direction.

From author Isaac Asimov (1920-1992): "I received the fundamentals of my education in school, but that was not enough. My real education, the superstructure, the details,

the true architecture, I got out of the public library. For an impoverished child whose family could not afford to buy books, the library was the open door to wonder and achievement, and I can never be sufficiently grateful that I had the wit to charge through that door and make the most of it. Now, when I read constantly about the way in which library funds are being cut and cut, I can only think that the door is closing and that American society has found one more way to destroy itself." (Quotation from *I. Asimov: A Memoir*)

"Read. Read. Read. Just don't read one type of book. Read different books by various authors so that you [appreciate] different styles." — author R. L. Stine. This is as easy as visiting one (or both) of our **book clubs**: Noon Day Nosh on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 12noon; Mystery Readers Book Club on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. Both are free, open to the public, and fun.

Jane Swift

The Mockingbird Next Door: Life with Harper Lee by Marja Mills

Finally, an intimate portrait of Harper Lee! Marja Mills has written a love letter to the world so readers can gain some insight into the real Harper Lee.

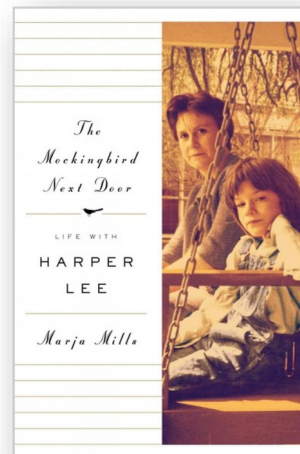
Mills became good friends with Lee and her older sister, Alice, after first writing about ***To Kill a Mockingbird*** when it was selected for a One Book, One Chicago reading program. A few years later, Marja Mills moved to Monroe-

ville, Alabama and lived next door to the Lee sisters.

Compelling for its rare glimpse into the Lees' world and beautifully written, this memoir reads like a light adventure story. Readers will keep turning pages as more of Harper Lee and Alice are revealed – their delight in the town's gossip, their concern for Mills as she struggles with lupus, and even Harper Lee at the laundromat.

The portrait that emerges is reassuringly simple. Famous or not, reclusive or not, even elusive or not, the author of one of the 20th century's classic novels is just an ordinary citizen in a little Alabama town. What a relief.

(These book reviews are a new feature in our e-newsletter. Each issue, we will endeavor to bring you one or more reviews by library staff members. This issue's reviews are by Julia Ratledge.—ed.)



Young Adult Books Too Good To Miss (for adults, too)

Two books that have been popular in libraries of late are poignant tales of illness, being different and learning how to survive in spite of sometimes great odds.

Wonder by R. J. Palacio tells the story of Auggie Pullman, a 5th grade boy. He is bright, funny, loves Star Wars and has a facial deformity that makes people cringe. After being home-schooled, he enters a private school and learns the intricacies and dynamics of changing classes, friendship, rivalry, and betrayal. A quick read, this novel dwells not on Auggie's face, but on his resilience. He learns, as do his family and friends, that appearance isn't everything. It's a life lesson one is never too old to learn.

The Fault in Our Stars by John Green tackles a subject that frightens most everyone: cancer. The novel centers on Hazel, a teen with terminal cancer. Hazel's struggles with her illness, her family, and friendship is warmly portrayed. Teens will appreciate the dialogue and rebellious behavior and cheer for Hazel and her friends to survive. We're kept in suspense about who might make it and who, sadly, will not. But Green doesn't dwell on sadness or loss; he treats these issues matter-of-factly and thus gives the reader the best gift of all: hope.



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