



FRIENDS
OF THE
HALL COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM



FRIENDS FOOTNOTES

Winter 2023 Friends of the Hall County Library System

Dark and Stormy Night 2022 a Success!

The Friends of the Library hosted their 4th Dark and Stormy Night Ghost Storytelling fundraiser at the Gainesville Library. The event again sold out! The Friends of HCLS invited Barry Stewart Mann as the feature storyteller this year. He told two sets of stories which included creepy classics such as Edgar Allan Poe's *Cask of Amontillado*, a tale from Japan, and a haunting story of a beloved necklace with a ghost attached to it. In the middle of telling one tale, all of the computer equipment turned itself off and restarted.....it gave the audience a fright! Could it have been the Lady of the Library Ghost? At intermission, guests enjoyed desserts from Diletto Bakery such as Oreo cheese cake, espresso cookies, strawberry shortcake, and much more. Funds from the event went to support library and literacy programs in Hall County. Plans are already underway for Dark and Stormy Night in October 2023. The committee plans on bringing in new stories and fun for the night.



A book club for everyone!



The Friends of the Library is a non profit group that loves the library and loves its books! After the Covid Pandemic, patrons requested more book clubs to reconnect with others, make new friends, and explore exciting books! The Spout Springs Library offers a monthly fiction book club, historical books club, and a Sci Fi club! The Blackshear Place Library hosts a monthly "As Seen on Book Tok!" Book Club so patrons can read and discuss extremely popular new books. The Gainesville Library is starting a monthly Jane Austin book club and also offers the "Better Read than Dead" Book Club for patrons who love horror books. For those who love military history, the Murrayville Library hosts a Military book club with bestselling books and even local military authors. Kids can also join in! There are tween graphic novel clubs at most branches. So if you are looking for a new book club.....Hall County Library System has plenty to pick from!

Meeting Dates for 2023

January 17th
Gainesville Library Conference Room
3PM

April 11th
Gainesville Library Meeting Room
3PM

August 8th
Gainesville Library Meeting Room
3PM

November 14th
Gainesville Library Meeting Room
3PM

Dear Friends,

President's Message

A happy new year to all! 2023 is going to be an exciting year for the Friends of the Hall County Library. The library system has a calendar full of wonderful programs for kids and adults. The shelves are full of new books. We hope you will join us at our meetings to discuss ways we can continue to support the library system as they expand their services. The library will need volunteers for their many outreach events. Also, we need volunteers for the Friends Annual Used Book Sale at the end of April. This is one of our biggest fundraisers, and it is always appreciated by the community.

Once again, a special thanks goes to Jim and Mari-Ann Wise, who have worked extremely hard on sorting weekly book donations for the Friends Store or packing to be sold to Thrift Books. Thanks to their hard work, the Friends raise a lot of money from this program. The Friends will also be instrumental in support for the updates to the Blackshear Place Library this year, the construction of the East Hall Library, and state/local support for Hall County Library System from our government officials.

As always, we want to increase our membership. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join the Friends of the Hall County Library System. We need your help and your dues and donations to assist the library staff in all the good things they do. We also solicit book donations, so spread the word!

With gratitude,

Ruth Bruner



Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale



Stop by the Spout Springs
Library and enjoy lunch
at Diletto at the Friends
Cafe

Saturday April 29th
Sunday April 30th

Gainesville Library

Volunteers will also be needed:

Set Up Help
Monday April 24th-28th daytime

Clean up help:
Monday May 1st daytime

If you can volunteer email:
ajunius@hallcountylibrary.org



*Some of the proceeds from the cafe go to the
Friends of the Library!*



Friends Members 2023

Joyce Branch
 Anne Chenault
 Bob Conner
 Carlyle and Bernice Cox
 Leslie and Chip Frierson
 Kathy and Lamar Gailey
 Gainesville Phoenix Women's Club
 Gainesville Newcomers Club
 M. Jane Goodrich
 Virginia and Jim Hale
 MyGeorgia Credit Union
 Barbara J. Hermann

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 Sandra Martin

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 Liberty Utilities
 Lifestyle Real Estate by Dominai Reeves
 Jim and Carolyn Mahar
 Abit and Kayanne Massey
 John and June McPherson
 Irene Michaud
 Adrian and Susan Mixson
 Cara Mitchell



NE GA Health System
 Rushton Accounting and Business Advisors
 Chris Sanders
 Laura Sheperd
 Turner, Wood, and Smith Insurance
 Sandy Wilbanks
 Grover and Janice Young

Patrons

Individuals

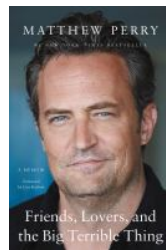
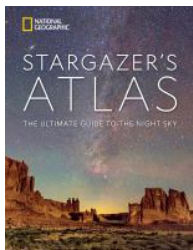
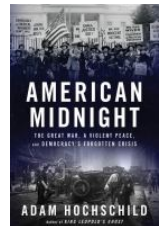
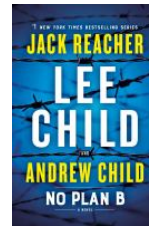
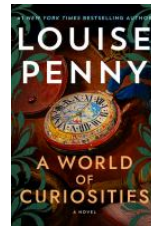
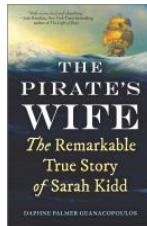
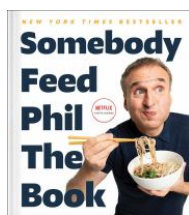
Maryellen Cosgrove

It is time to renew your Friends membership for 2023. Our membership/renewal form is located on the back of the newsletter. If your name is not listed, we have not recorded your renewal for 2023. If you feel we have omitted your name in error, or if we have misspelled your name, please call Adrienne Junius at 770-532-3311 ext. 126. All membership renewals are based on the calendar year and due in January.

Friends Board 2022

Ruth Bruner--President
 Jim Wise-Vice President
 Janet Ordway-Treasurer
 Mari-Ann Wise-Secretary

New Books!





127 Main Street NW
Gainesville, Georgia 30501
(770) 532-3311

Join Friends of the Hall County Library System and enjoy your membership through the year 2023.
With your help, we can expand our library activities and services throughout Hall County.

Individual \$25 Family \$50 Patron \$100 Sponsor \$150 Lifetime \$500

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

Please send me the newsletter by U.S. mail _____ Please send via email only _____

I would like to help with: Library book sales _____ Author programs _____

Fundraising _____ Service on the Board _____

My check for \$ _____ is enclosed.
Pay to FOHCLS, 127 Main Street NW, Gainesville. GA 30501