

Houston County Friends of the Library Newsletter

Spring 2017

Message from the President Georgette Lipford



“Shopping with the Friends”

There are now two ways to support the Houston library system when you shop! By selecting the Houston County Friends of the Library as your favorite charity with AmazonSmile (at Amazon.com) and Kroger Community Rewards, those two organizations will donate a small percentage of what you spend to the Friends. The two services do not cost you anything extra at checkout and the Friends reap the benefits from your shopping at Amazon.com and Kroger.

The easiest way to designate the Houston County Friends of the Library as your charity on AmazonSmile is to link to Amazon from the Houston Friends Facebook page. The post dated November 21, 2016 containing the Amazon Smile logo is a link to the AmazonSmile website. When you follow that link, Amazon will recognize that you have selected the Houston Friends as your charity. Amazon then remembers your charity each time you shop on the website.

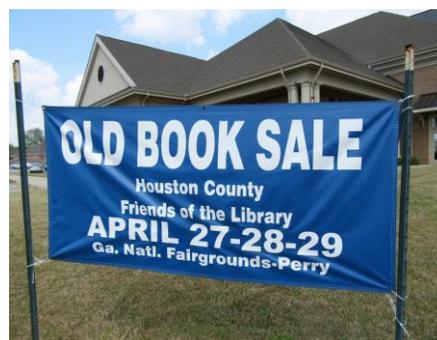
Another way to sign up with the AmazonSmile program is to go directly to smile.amazon.com and select the Houston County Friends of the Library. There are thousands of products that qualify. Watch for the “Eligible for AmazonSmile donation” badge on the right-hand side of the page near “Add to cart”.

Although 0.5% of the purchase price on Amazon is a small amount those small amounts will add up when many Friends participate. So, get your shopping list ready! Remember the Houston Friends on AmazonSmile when you shop for Christmas, birthday, graduation, baby shower, wedding shower, music and more. And, of course, AmazonSmile has books!

To participate in the Kroger Community Rewards program, you will first need a Kroger Plus card (available at the customer service window). Then with your Kroger Plus card handy create an online account/identity with Kroger at <http://krogercommunityrewards.com>. You then will be prompted to select a charity. Enter our number 18951 so that the Houston County Friends

of the Library pops up for selection. Once you are signed up with Kroger Community Rewards your grocery dollars can benefit the Friends and in turn Houston libraries.

Thirteenth Annual Old Book Sale April 27-29, 2017



The 2017 Houston County Friends of the Library old book sale is scheduled to take place April 27-29 in the Georgia Building, near the clock tower, at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry. The sale will be held Thursday, April 27, from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. The admission price will be \$5.00 all day. Hours on Friday, April 28, will be 9 a.m.-8 p.m. On Saturday, April 29, the hours will be 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and all items will be half price. There are no admissions charges on Friday or Saturday.

Officers for 2017

Houston County Friends of the Library officers for 2017 are Georgette Lipford, President; Pam Yates, Vice-President; Christine Hoskins, Secretary; and Sharon Sullivan, Treasurer.



From left – Christine Hoskins, secretary; Sharon Sullivan, treasurer; Georgette Lipford, president; Pam Yates, vice-president.

Directors of FOL

Each year, the Houston County Friends of the Library elect three Directors to serve three years on the Friends' Board. Current members of the board are Fran Bedard, Carolyn Bonner, and Rebecca Johansen, 2015-2017; Sylvia Harvey, Christine Hoskins, and Patsy Rooks, 2016-2018; Gary Blackburn, Georgette Lipford, and Pam Yates, 2017-2019.

To learn more about the Friends of the Library, attend our monthly meetings, check us out on our website at houpl.org/?page_id=773, or like Houston County Friends of the Library on Facebook.

Historical Clues on Book Ownership

By Pam Yates

I have been active in the Friends Old Book Sale for 13 years. And I like old books, no, really, I like the truly, very old ones. I collect some of them that touch me in special ways and I wonder about where any vintage book dated 1890 might have traveled. Who were the owners? Sometimes there are clues.

First Clue on an old book entitled, The Treasure Finders by Mary Rowles Jarvis. A beautiful ink colored book plate is pasted on the inside cover made out to a little girl, Audrey Edge, as a prize for Regular Attendance to her Sunday School Girls Class V by St. Paul's Kershal in Manchester, England. The book has been read many times (by the worn pages) and marked in pencil and crayon. No date is found. Audrey was no doubt proud of her book prize and no doubt passed it on to friends or family who also enjoyed it and now the book ends up in the Old Book Sale to go with another family.

Book 2, Kipling's Boys Stories, by Rudyard Kipling, is published in 1899 by Dodge Publishing Company, New York, New York. Written inscription says, "Jerrold Smith, from his Mother & Daddy, 1944." An embossed stamp reads, "Murphy Stationery Co., Augusta, Georgia. 1899 to 1944 is a lot of years. This book must be a later reprint. New York to Augusta, Georgia is a lot of miles.

Book 3, The Characters by Charles Dickens Pourtrayed in a Series of Original Water Colour Sketches by Kyd. This is actually a collection of unbound drawings of chromolithographic plates of many of the Dickens characters, such as Mr. Micawber and The Artful Dodger. It was published by Raphael Tuck & Sons in London. No date on the book, but an inscription reads, (Jessie Elizabeth Fonters from "Judge", Xmas, 1890) This book will be at the sale and needs to be handled carefully. Even though it is dated 1890, the drawings could yet be viewed or framed and enjoyed in our time.

Book 4 belongs to me. It is a First Edition of Charlotte's Web by E.B. White, copyright 1952. The book is in horrible shape as you would imagine a much-loved library book would be of this favorite story. I don't care how worn it is. It came to Georgia somehow from the Green Vale School Library in Glen Head, New York. It still has the library pocket card that says, "Do Not Remove This Card From Pocket." It was last checked out by 39 children from February 1960 until May 1971 before it was retired from the school library. I have no idea how many hands held this book until I found it. I hope to read it to my grandchildren as my mother read it to me.

Book 5 also is one of my treasure books. It is a copy of Mary Poppins by P.L. Travers, dated 1962 and originally published in 1934. The inscription on the inside front cover is, "Jennifer, To Enjoy in Good Health for many Years, Judy, 1976." But the best inscription is written with black marker on an inside page that says, "nobody better still this or their going to be killed." And yes, "to be killed" is underlined.

You never know what words of joy or warning you might find inscribed in a book.



Volunteers Needed

Before the Sale

- To assist with setup at the fairgrounds.
 - Remove books from boxes onto the tables.

During the Sale

- To work the cash register tables.
 - Add up the purchases.
 - Bag or box the purchases.
 - Take the money and make change.

After the Sale

- To help with take down.
 - Collect all signs, book shelves, etc., that need to go to storage.
 - General clean up tasks.

To Volunteer

- Contact any of the three libraries.
- Contact Georgette Lipford, Friends president, at 987-7260.



Dino Derby

The annual Dino Derby found each library infested with dinosaurs. The money collected each year goes to support the children's departments in the three branches. The branch receiving the most money each year gets custody of the Dino Egg trophy. Perry is the proud recipient of the trophy for 2017 thanks to a generous donation from the Perry Rotary Club.



Perry Library

Centerville Library



Nola Brantley Library



And the winner is...

Websites of Interest

Houston County Public Library houpl.org
Houston County Public Library Facebook Page
www.facebook.com/pages/Houston-County-Public-Library/12679625060?fref=ts
Houston County Friends of the Library
houpl.org/?page_id=773
Houston County FOL Facebook Page
www.facebook.com/pages/Houston-County-Friends-of-the-Library/295771031643
Georgia Public Libraries www.georgialibraries.org
Georgia Center for the Book
georgiacenterforthebook.org
Friends of Georgia Libraries
www.georgia-friends.org
Book Sale Finder booksalefinder.com
Library Blog houpl.wordpress.com
World Book Night www.worldbooknight.org

FOGL Friends of Georgia Libraries

In 2016, the Friends of Georgia Libraries presented the Houston County Friends of the Library with their "Fabulous Friends" award.



The FOGL annual meeting will be held Friday, April 28, 2017, at the Decatur Public Library. This year's theme is "Building a Better Library." The luncheon will feature Georgia authors Thomas Mullen and Terry Kay. Cost is \$20 for members, \$30 for non-members. Go to www.georgia-friends.org to register.

Houston County Library System News



J. Sara Paulk, director of the Houston County Library System, reports that the STEAM and STEM kits have

arrived and are very popular with the children. The STEAM kits were purchased with a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Georgia Public Library Service under the Library Services and Technology Act.



Mrs. Paulk reminds us that for the past several years, public libraries in Georgia have received no state funds for materials. So, for the past few years, the local library system has depended on the Friends as the major source for materials money. Thus, best sellers, e-books, and children's books have been the focus of purchasing. This year, public libraries materials money is back in the state budget. Mrs. Paulk is asking for suggestions of what to buy to strengthen the circulating collection.

The SPLOST passed. It will go into effect January 1, 2018. The library's portion of the SPLOST money will be spent on "Bites, Buildings, & Books." The technology portion will go to upgrading computers, phone systems, etc. The maintenance portion will be used to upgrade heating and air systems, make building repairs, etc. The materials portion will be used to add to the circulating collections in the three branches.

All three libraries now have Self-Checkout.

In addition to passes to Go Fish, Zoo Atlanta, the Center for Puppetry Arts, and Georgia State Parks, the library now has passes for the Michael C. Carlos Museum at Emory University. Individuals and families with a valid Georgia library card can now check out a Family Pass to the Carlos Museum for six people. For information about the museum, check out <http://carlos.emory.edu/>.

Spanish story hour is now available once a week in each of the libraries. The story time is being

funded through a grant and partnership with Houston County Family Connection. In addition, Spanish language STEAM-themed events are being planned for older children.

Reading to Dogs is once again available through the libraries but it is not a regularly scheduled event so you need to check the individual branch calendars for times.

Perry Library News



Perry Public Library branch manager, Judith Malone, reports on many events taking place in the library (and elsewhere in the community). In March, the Georgia Reptile Society gave a demonstration with live animals. Also in March, Miss Marie of the circulation department led a session in "Dino Yoga." April 21 the library will hold a "pop-up" story time on the courthouse lawn in Perry. At 6:30 p.m. on April 25, a financial investment club will be presenting a session entitled Investment 101. In April and May, the library will partner with the Houston Healthcare Pavilion to present "A Matter of Balance," an exercise program for seniors to help them with balance and basis fitness.

Each month, Miss Angela, assistant to the library system's business manager, draws chalk pictures on the entry way to the library. The pictures are of characters from children's books. Children who can identify the character and the book may go to the children's specialist, Miss Yolanda, and receive a prize. In April, the chalk pictures focused on dinosaurs in honor of the Dino Derby.



The Perry Library is currently ordering books and audio books.

Ms. Malone says that the library is looking for volunteers to shelve books this summer during the Vacation Reading Program.

Centerville Library News



Centerterville Public Library Children's Specialist, Penny Stanescu, reports that, in March, they Centerville Library held a "Mad Hatter Party." There were 48 people in attendance all of whom wore hats. One attendee took a cue from Dobby the House Elf and wore a stack of hats.

On March 30, the children had an opportunity to throw pies at Miss Penny. In April, she will be making slime with the youth. My question: "What are they going to do with the slime after they make it?" Her response: "They are going to take it home and annoy their parents with it."

1,000 Books before Kindergarten is still going strong. The 1000 Books Foundation is a non-profit public charity providing services beneficial to the public interest. The objectives of the organization are (1) to promote reading to newborns, infants, and toddlers and (2) to encourage parent and child bonding through reading. The goal is to have read 1,000 books to your child before they start kindergarten. For more information about how to become involved, contact Miss Penny at the Centerville library.

Another popular service of the library is the availability of STEAM kits. Miss Penny reports that the children are checking out "A Lot" of STEAM kits. The children's department has been very busy during spring break with children coming for story times and to use the STEAM kits in house.

Nola Brantley Memorial Library News

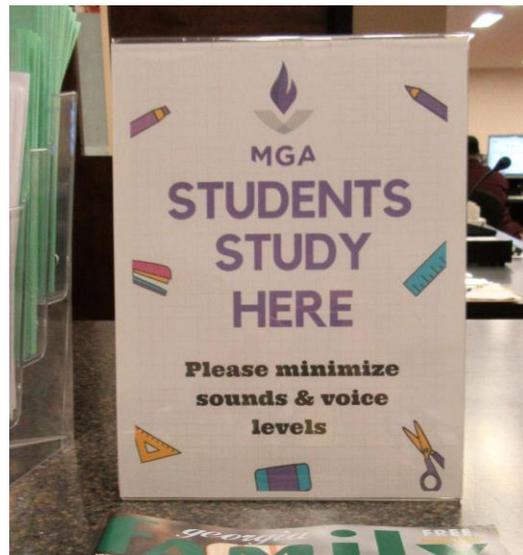


Branch Manager Mark Bohnstedt reports that the Nola Brantley Memorial Library has a new children's/youth specialist, Regina Smith, who began in June of 2016. Miss Regina is doing a craft time following every story time. The crafts are usually related to the stories the children listened to that day. After one story time, the children created dinosaur masks in honor of Dino Derby. Mr. Bohnstedt reports that the story times have many repeat customers who often come to more than one story time a week.

Mr. Bohnstedt states that the Book Club for Adults is still going strong. They have approximately fifteen semi-regular attendees with an average attendance of eight at each meeting. This is the only adult programming being offered at Nola Brantley this spring.

Nola Brantley Memorial Library has a new partnership with the Perry Vocational Rehabilitation Program. The program provides the library with a worker twenty hours a week for a period of six weeks. The worker shelves books and reads shelves. This gives the worker an opportunity to have real life work experience. He or she learns to be prompt, to be productive, and to feel a sense of accomplishment as he or she completes the assigned task. When a worker completes the six-week program, a new worker is assigned.

Mr. Bohnstedt reports that he has been selected to participate in the Robins Regional Chamber of Commerce 2017 Leadership Robins Region. The purpose of the program is to help prepare and encourage emerging leaders to seek leadership positions within the community. There are a series of classes throughout the year with a class project to be planned and completed during the year. The leadership classes are limited to twelve participants selected by the Education & Leadership Development Committee of the Robins Regional Chamber of Commerce. Well done, Mark.



Nola Brantley Memorial Library is an academic as well as a public library.

Vacation Reading Program

The theme for the 2017 Vacation Reading Program is "Build a Better World, Construye un Mundo Mejor." This



year there are four levels of summer reading: The Early Literacy Program, the Children's Program, the Teen Program, and the Adult Program. All four levels have the same theme.

Registration for the Vacation Reading Program will begin on May 30 with the kickoff event being held Thursday, June 1. Readers will be able to register online at the library website, <http://houpl.org>.

In January, the three children's specialists attended a performers showcase. There they saw many performers that they have invited to appear at the Houston County Libraries this summer. The kickoff performer will be a balloon artist who will teach the children to make their own balloon animals.

Other performances include "Cirque du Todd," a juggling act, and "Drummin' Songs & Jam Alongs," with drummer Dave Holland. The three children's specialist will present their annual puppet skit in June at all three libraries.

Also in June, the libraries will sponsor a teen event, "Escape Rooms" at the Nola Brantley Memorial Library.

Miss Regina reports that during the summer, Nola Brantley will host a vehicle day with construction vehicles, an ambulance, a police car, a fire truck, etc. She is also planning a farm day with live animals.

Library Advocacy

the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Library Services and Technology Act are being defunded under the current national administration. Library and Friends groups nationwide are lobbying their congressmen to put libraries and museums back in the national budget.

Representative Austin Scott
2417 Rayburn HOB
Washington DC 20515

Senator Johnny Isakson
131 Russell SOB
Washington DC 20510

Senator David Perdue
455 Russell SOB
Washington DC 20510

At the state level, we need to thank our legislators for adding materials to the budget.

Representative Heath Clark
305 Tarrasa Drive
Warner Robins GA 31088

Representative Shaw Blackmon
PO Box 729
Bonaire GA 31005

Representative Robert Dickey
PO Box 10
Musella GA 31066

Representative Bubba Epps
4511 Old Gordon Road
Dry Branch GA 31020

Representative Buddy Harden
458 Lakeshore Way
Cordele GA 31015

Senator Larry Walker III
1110 Washington Street
Perry GA 31069

Senator David Lucas
2594 Saratoga Drive
Macon GA 31211

Senator John Kennedy
231 Riverside Drive
Macon GA 31201

And locally, our county commissioners need to be thanked for including the libraries in the SPLOST which recently passed.

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FOL Photo Essay

Which one is your favorite?

I vote for Harry Potter. Although the alien is cool.

