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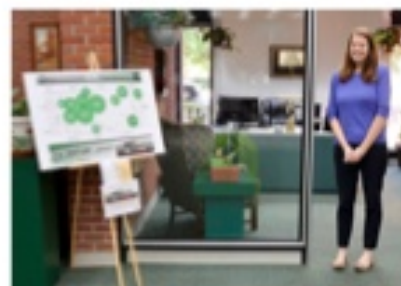
SUMMER 2017

GREETINGS FROM KARL OSMUS, FOL BOARD PRESIDENT



Welcome to the Summer Edition of the Friends of the Library Newsletter! As you will read, construction of the new SGRL location is moving along and at the same time, Friends of the Library events are more popular than ever. Thanks to all of our long-time customers for continuing to support us, and thanks to all of the new friends we have made this year. In addition to becoming a Friends of the Library member (the application is attached to this newsletter - hint!), one of the best ways you can help us support our library system is to continue to tell your friends and family about us. In addition to great deals on that perfect summer book, you can find many other items in our store - children's books, CDs, records, movies, audio books, video games, board games, puzzles, calendars - if you can think of it, we probably have it for sale. Be sure to stop by on Tuesdays between 10 and 1 pm and Saturdays from 11 am - 2 pm. Please stop in and find great deals!"

GREETINGS FROM JEANNA ALLUMS, COMMUNITY LIBRARIAN



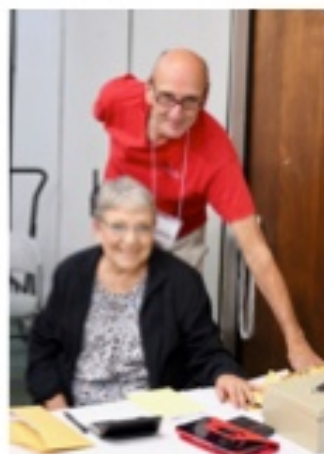
Phase one of the Julia Drive relocation project, which included interior demolition, is complete, floor plans are finalized, and finishes and furnishings are being selected. For phase two, the SGRL Board of Trustees accepted the bid from SC Barker Construction at the May board meeting. What's next in the process? Construction will begin, but funds are needed. Available funding covers only renovation costs; more is needed to complete the exterior, which includes the parking lot, landscaping, and grading repair and to complete the furniture package and provide updated technology.

We invite you to help transform SGRL into a top-notch community library and to encourage a legacy of support throughout our community for generations to come! Several funding opportunities are available. In addition to room-naming opportunities, personalized bricks engraved with a family name, or honoring the memory of a loved one may be ordered (see the attached form, ask at the library, or go to <http://www.fundraisingbrick.com/valdostalowndes>).

Please feel free to contact me at (229)333-0086 or jallums@sgrl.org if you would like more information or have any questions about our Julia Drive location or our funding campaign.

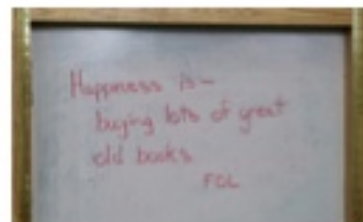
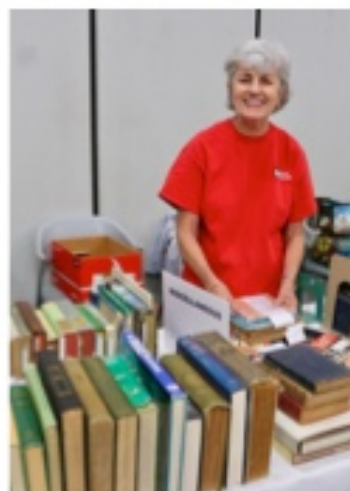
2017 FOL OFFICERS President, Karl Osmus; Vice President, Gene Toffolo; Secretary, Bonnie Rainey; Treasurer, Sarah Smart; Past President: Mary Helen Watson (FOL Bookfellows Liaison)

BACKDOOR BOOKSTORE NEWS "YE OLDE" BOOK SALE



I hope you were able to make it to "Ye Olde" Book Sale. This was something new for the Friends of the Library and it turned out to be very successful in many ways. We were able to generate some extra funds for the library and reach some patrons who were not aware of the bookstore or our Friends group as well as giving all of us a little motivation to enjoy something different more than our normal bookstore chores. Our success was made possible by the efforts of many people: our patrons who donate books; our volunteers who priced the books; our volunteers who sorted and categorized the books; our volunteers who promoted the sale through news and radio media;

our volunteers who moved the books and set up/tore down the sales room; everyone who provided the support needed to make this sale happen and especially our customers who purchased books. I would like to thank all who participated and who supported this event. - Janet Toffolo



*For more photos, go to **Friends of South Georgia Regional Libraries** at Facebook.com*



JOIN US AT BOOKFELLOWS

Journey to Munich, by Jacqueline Winspear
Reviewed by Mary H. Watson, April 17

Bookfellows met at Langdale Place and gave a special welcome to Anne Gunter and other residents.



The Nightingale, by Kristin Hannah
Reviewed by Celia Strickland, May 15

Note: BookFellows will not meet during the summer. Our next meeting will be Sept. 18, 2017. New members and reviewers are always welcome!



NEW BOOK CART AT AIRPORT

The FOL BackDoor BookStore cart at the Valdosta Airport has a new look! Many thanks to Brian Tomlinson, of Tomlinson Body Shop in Hahira, for spraypainting the cart so that it matches the furniture at the airport. Don't forget - here is a good place to pick up a book to read while you wait and on the airplane!



AND THE WINNER IS . . .



On April 1, a winner was drawn for the spring give away basket at the BackDoor BookStore. AND the winner was **Susan Keller** of Valdosta. When she picked up her prize, she brought her two grandchildren (ages 3 and 5) who thought it was Christmas. Susan said she never wins anything but the kids were very happy she won this. They all were very pleased with the basket.

FARM DAYS



TWENTY YEARS OF FOL (continued)

*This is the fourth installment of **The History of the Friends of the Library** by Liza Newsom, retired Library Director and FOL Historian.*

By the end of 2001, thanks in great part to FOL, the library system had met the minimum state standard of two books per person and was now striving to meet the state's standard of three books per person for an excellent library. 2001 was also the year the Back Door Book Store opened once more for regular weekly hours, and this time the regular store hours succeeded. On his own, Ed Van Peenan sorted through the donations daily. At that time since there was such a need for books in the libraries, the donated books were placed on the sorting shelves and reviewed by the professional library staff. Then Ed would place the books not pulled for the libraries on the bookstore shelves to sell. On October 8, 2001, the Annual Meeting was held in the new bookstore with a sneak peek at the semi-annual sale still being held each April (\$1100) and October (\$800) in addition to the new hours.

2002 was the Year of **Lynnette Kenworthy**. Everywhere you looked in the main library there was Lynnette. She took over sorting the books donated for the book store from Ed Van Peenan and worked several hours every morning. She volunteered at every event sponsored by the library. At the first big Dr. Seuss Day, Lynette volunteered to blow up the balloons for the children. The event had been advertised heavily, and, although it rained, over 500 children and their parents showed up to participate in the fun and games, all of which had to be held indoors. Lynette, not much taller than the children, was stationed in the far corner of the children's area. She was overrun by excited kids and her location was marked only by a huge cloud of balloons swaying in the distance. At the end of the day, the bedraggled, red-faced, exhausted petite blonde helped us clear the destroyed children's area, then bravely returned the following Monday morning to resume her book store duties. At the annual meeting on November 19, 2002, unsurprisingly, Lynnette was elected president of FOL for 2003 and then again for 2004.

In 2002, there were over 400 FOL members and 75 were active volunteers contributing over 4000 volunteer hours that year. FOL purchased over 2200 books and was beginning to push for the library system to achieve three books per person. FOL distributed over 1500 books as awards to children who read more than 20 books during the Summer Reading Program, and a special gift of \$4430 from the South Georgia Medical Society Alliance on May 16 was used to enhance the children's collection and the medical collection. FOL held a breakfast for our Georgia state legislators in April to thank them for \$45,000 in special funding; it was Lynnette, of course, who oversaw the catering and decorated the tables with vases of lantana and lemons. Lynnette made one last contribution to FOL in 2002. She enticed her friend **Jan Feese** to join not only FOL but also the Board. FOL took advantage of the newcomer at the Fall Festival they sponsored in October. The veteran volunteers persuaded Jan to judge the costume contest; she had to use all her tact to explain to several parents why their cute toddlers in bumblebee outfits and tutus did not win. That was the last of the judged costume contests. Another lesson learned.

The second Dr. Seuss Day on March 2, 2003 was as successful as the first, and fortunately, since it did not rain that year, the activities could be held outside. The FOL volunteered to bring the cookies, but, remembering the huge crowd of the previous year, FOL purchased store-bought cookies as backup. FOL members outdid themselves. Their cookies were delicious, and **Kate Swiderski's** Cat In The Hat cookies were adorable. The kids, however, had no taste; they all went for the store-bought cookies. No matter. The FOL volunteers were delighted with their impromptu cookie exchange. *(To be continued.)*

Celebrate Summer!



With your purchase of \$5 or more, you can enter your name for a drawing on July 1st for a summer collection of fun!

Volunteers are needed to sort, shelve, and sell books!

Volunteers are needed to help in the BackDoor BookStore on Tuesdays (10 to 1) and Saturdays (11 to 2). The work is not hard, and training will be provided. To volunteer, contact Merrilee Casady (merfol@bellsouth.net) or Janet Toffolo (toffloindy@aol.com).

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