

# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

## WORD FOR WORD

SPRING 2017

### GREETINGS FROM FOL BOARD PRESIDENT KARL OSMUS



Welcome to the first Friends of the Library Newsletter of the Year! This year holds a lot of exciting changes and improvements in store for our group and the Book Store. The Book Store volunteers have quite a few exciting promotions and events throughout the year and are adding more every day. All of the newest promotions and events are now being regularly posted on our Facebook page, so please check in there regularly and share us with all of your friends.

Thank you all for your contributions - financially, time-wise, and general support! Thanks to everyone's hard work and participation, the Book Store is growing more and more popular each month. I hope each of you will continue to join in the fun, and if you have any new ideas or comments that you think are great, please share them with the group so we have a great Friends of the Library year!

### GREETINGS FROM OUTGOING FOL BOARD PRESIDENT MARY HELEN WATSON

As I step away from the FOL Board Presidency I have only happy thoughts of all the good things that have happened, the camaraderie working with wonderful volunteers, the willingness of the Board members to step up and take on tasks as needed. It has been great. Our BackDoor BookStore continues to grow in numbers of books received and total sales. So, our income keeps rising and we have been able to give many dollars to the SGRL for their use. Our services have expanded by providing credit access for our customers. With the upcoming change from our current location to the space within the new library I believe all these positives will only become more so. Thank you all for a wonderful three years and I look forward to continuing to serve you on the FOL Board. Adieu but never goodbye. --Mary Helen



#### 2017 OFFICERS

President: Karl Osmus  
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## BACKDOOR BOOKSTORE NEWS

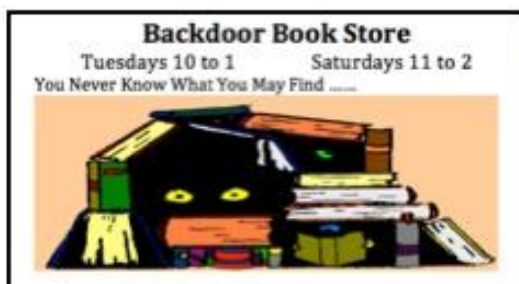
### *Coming Soon...* "Ye Olde" Book Sale

Rare, Antique, and Collectibles  
covering a wide range of authors and topics, including...

- an entire collection of books written by or about Abraham Lincoln
- several old atlases and map books
- art books
- books of poetry
- children's books
- cook books
- signed books featuring *Innocents Abroad* signed by Mark Twain, copyright 1869
- just about any subject or author you may be interested in!

Prices start at \$5.

**Time:** May 5, 1-5 p.m. and May 6, 11 a.m. -2 p.m. **Place:** SGRL Folsom Room



Romance Novels 5 for \$5 and get 5 free!  
Free books for teachers shelf! Rare and antique books, \$5 each! Puzzles, 50¢ each! Science Fiction, Biographies, Cook Books, CD's, LP records! Children's books; fiction, mystery, inspirational books; magazines!

### **SPECIAL DRAWING ON APRIL 1**

Come to the BackDoor BookStore, purchase at least \$5 from the store, and enter your name to win a basket full of summer use items—books for adults and kids, beach towels, water bottles, suntan lotion, etc.



### **FOL AT FARM DAYS**

The FOL will be part of Farm Days in downtown Valdosta on Saturday, April 8th. Books will be for sale from 9 until noon on the corner of Ashley and Valley Streets. We look forward to seeing you there!



## TWENTY YEARS OF FOL (continued)

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

In 1998, FOL decided to hold weekly book sales each Wednesday from 11 to 2. To prepare for the new store, **Cathy Bradley** oversaw a crew of trustees from the county jail who rearranged the shelving in the storage area into a floor plan resembling that of a book store. Cathy was an active overseer, diving in frequently herself to demonstrate to the prisoners how to move the shelves and how to bolt them to the wall. After the store was set up, **Ed Van Peenan** dealt with the towering piles of donations and manned the store each Wednesday. In spite of everyone's hard work, this first attempt at a store with regular hours did not succeed immediately.

FOL volunteers like Cathy and Ed, however, were rapidly proving their worth to the library system. **Lynn Devery** stepped in for a staff member who had heart surgery and devoted her summer to cataloging a good number of the 9000 children's books the library received from Gov. Zell Miller's book initiative. ("Why did we build all these new libraries in Georgia if we are not going to provide any books for the shelves?" asked Zell.) Lynn continued to volunteer for over a decade and later also assumed the task of scheduling the Tuesday book sale volunteers for almost that long.

Not to be outdone by Lynn, **Laura Daugherty** volunteered three mornings each week for over a decade. She processed almost every new book that hit the shelves of our libraries by barcoding, labeling and covering the books.

The second annual meeting was held in conjunction with the three county library boards on November 17, 1998. Every library board member except one was there, and Sen. Tim Golden was a special guest. Cathy Bradley became the president of FOL. The new Board of Directors included for the first time **Anita Shelton**, the sweetheart of FOL, and **Dr. Susan Seyfarth** along with Alex McFadden, Mike Vallotton, Janet Haworth and Mac McClure.

At the beginning of 1999, FOL decided to clear the book sale area, and at the book sale on March 20, every item was sold. All the shelves were emptied. At the annual meeting on November 16, 1999, **Stefani Carroll** joined the Board, and Alex McFadden was elected president. Cathy Bradley had moved to Ft. Wayne, Indiana in July.

By 2000, the library system was fighting hard to meet the minimum state standard of two books per person, and FOL was in the thick of the battle. **Ed Crane** sponsored a retreat for FOL on fund-raising for non-profits. Led by Shel Shufflebarger and attended by 17 FOL members, the March 25 meeting gave focus to FOL's efforts to improve the library. The annual meeting that year on November 29, 2000 was a memorable one. FOL hosted a breakfast and invited the members of all the library system's funding agencies: the Echols County Commission and School Board, the Lanier County Commission and School Board, the Lakeland City Council and the Lowndes County Commission. **Stefani Carroll** made FOL's pitch for more funding for the collection, the library director made hers, and then the Lowndes County manager **Brad Arnold** stood up and gave an impromptu, heartfelt testimonial about the value of the public library to our community and our children and how more funding should be directed to the library system. To have the administrator of Lowndes County on the library's side made for a great day. 2000 was also the year the **Junior Service League's recruitment class, under the leadership of Jeana Beeland**, adopted the library collection as their project and held a book benefit for the library system on January 29. *(To be continued.)*



## NEW LIBRARY NEWS



Phase one of the Julia Drive library construction is now complete! The demolition process removed features such as unnecessary walls, built-in counters, and plumbing. The existing building on the property is now a large empty space with unfinished walls, floors, and ceilings ready to customize into our library. Using input from our dedicated community focus groups, floor plans have been finalized.

Phase two is just beginning. As of February 24, the construction company

contracts were given to our attorney for final revisions and approval; this process takes about two weeks. Next, the bid will be advertised in the newspaper for six weeks. We anticipate the bid opening around the first week of May. Check out [www.sgri.org](http://www.sgri.org) for updates and photos of the Julia Drive library progress! --Jeanna Allums, Community Librarian

## JOIN US AT BOOKFELLOWS

***The Girl on the Train*, by Paula Hawkins**

**Reviewed by Betty Paulk, March 20**



Paula Hawkins' first novel, *The Girl on the Train*, is a complex psychological thriller. Rachel, the girl on the train, has lost her job; as she travels, she sees her old neighborhood where her former husband Tom, lives with his new wife, Anna, and their baby. The train passes the house of his new neighbors, about whom Rachel fantasizes until one day she sees something shocking and later learns that the wife has disappeared and has been murdered. The list of suspects grows to include Rachel. As more and more secrets and lies are revealed, an unexpected murderer is exposed in an unforeseen ending.

***Journey to Munich*, by Jacqueline Winspear**

**Reviewed by Mary H. Watson, April 17**

Jacqueline Winspear's *Journey to Munich*, is the 13th in the Maisie Dobbs series, which takes the reader from the end of WW I to the beginning of WW II. Maisie, an investigator with a strong sense of perception, deduction, inspiration, was a nurse in WW I. In this installment Maisie is trained by the British government as a spy and heads to Munich to locate a young woman, help an embattled resistance fighter, and rescue a man with special skills needed by both Britain and Germany. There are lots of exciting happenings along the way.







**ANNUAL FOL MEETING  
AT STEEL'S  
JAN. 12. 2017**



*For more photos, go to <http://www.sgrl.org/index.php/support/friends-of-the-library> or the Friends of South Georgia Regional Library FaceBook page.*

## Friends of the Library Members for 2017

The names listed below are those who have paid their Friends of the Library dues for 2017. Thank you for your support of the South Georgia Regional Libraries. If your name is not in the list, please consider completing and mailing the membership form today. Thank you. --Kay Scott, Membership Chairperson

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Pepi Nelson  
Mamie & Norman Pipkins  
Lee Pulliam  
Bonnie Rainey  
Emily Rogers  
Ken & Sue Ellen Runstay  
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Ole & Patricia Vigerstol  
Lyndal Webb  
Anonymous (1)

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Nelda Harris  
Ann Lackey  
Tanya Lee  
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Melanie Sainz  
Rose Marie Sinnott  
Harikleia Sirmans  
Bob & Mary Jo Travillian  
Loyce & Ingrid Turner  
Miguel & Crystal Vicente  
H. Harris & Jerry West

### **STUDENT**

Michael Vicente

### **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).



# *Friends of the South Georgia Regional Libraries, Inc.*

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The BackDoor BookStore needs volunteers. Please check below if you would be willing to help one day a month.

\_\_\_\_\_ Tuesdays (10 AM – 1 PM)

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturdays (11 AM – 2 PM)