



FOLTC

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES OF TOWNS COUNTY

Spring 2019

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because it helps to spread the word.

Message from FOLTC President Suzanne Carter

As you read this edition of our newsletter, you will agree that the Friends are very busy at this time of year. The funds generated from these book & bake sales go a long way toward meeting our goal of raising a minimum of \$5,000 in 2019 so the libraries can benefit from the County Commissioner's Matching Challenge Grant. If FOLTC raises \$5,000, then the County will provide an additional \$5,000 to our libraries. These \$10,000 in funding are used by library staff to purchase library materials such as adult and children's books, magazines, newspapers, audiobooks, DVDs, and other needed items for both libraries.

You, as a Friend of the Libraries of Towns County, can do your part by remaining a Friend and renewing your yearly membership, volunteering with the FOLTC by donating books, helping set up for book sales, baking goods for the bake sales, and many other fun opportunities.

Our public libraries depend on the income generated by the Friends, and the Friends depend on you, our members!

What do all these letters mean?

FOLTC – Friends of the Libraries of Towns County

MRL – Mountain Regional Library

TCPL – Towns County Public Library

Find the hidden words and you could win! The first 3 people to find the hidden mystery words – *wharl* & *taphophilia* - in this newsletter, go to the MRL library, and show them the words will win a Free book of their choice from the FOLTC Book Store in MRL. Winners will need to complete a form telling us your name and book selected, so that it may appear in our next newsletter. So, who will be our first 3 winners? *Wharl* and *taphophilia*, where are you?

Book and Bake Sale at Mountain Regional Library Bookstore:

Thursday, May 30th from 3:00–5:30, **Members Only** Book Sale. Members, and those who would like to become a member of the FOLTC on this day, are invited to attend. There will **not** be a bake sale at this special event.



The book/bake sale for **everyone** to attend!:

Friday, **May 31st**, from 9:00 – 5:00 and

Saturday, **June 1st**, from 10:00 – 1:30.

The sale will take place in the FOLTC Bookstore at Mountain Regional Library in Young Harris.

A wide selection of books will be available, including paperback and hardback fiction, children's books, biographies, DIY, cookbooks, gardening, history, military, politics, humor, science, nature, and more. Come browse to find a favorite author and maybe even discover something new.

The bake sale will have a variety of home-baked cookies, brownies, cakes, bread, etc. Be sure to stock up for yourself or purchase a gift for a friend, neighbor, caregiver, etc.

When purchasing items from our Book/Bake sale you will help FOLTC continue its support of the children's summer reading programs at TCL and MRL, to meet the Commissioner's Matching Challenge Grant, and support literacy and other activities at the public libraries.



Volunteers are needed for the upcoming Book and Bake Sale.

It's fun and easy to staff the baked goods tables.

Can you help for an hour or two or longer? Can you bake something for the sale?

Contact Elaine
404-285-2350

Vickers at

Before a sale... volunteers give time preparing. Want to help?

Setting up? Baking goods? Working a short time at the sale? Together we help our libraries while having fun volunteering for a great cause. Contact Suzanne Carter or Elaine Vickers.



Wharl: The inability to correctly pronounce one's "r's"; (medical) A rattling or uvular utterance of the r-sound.

If one has a wharl, then saying 'red rabbits raise radishes' correctly would be impossible.

Book Bunch 'n Lunch:

June 19 Britt-Marie Was Here by Fredrik Backman. Discussion leader – Georgia Norton

July 17 – Prize Winner A Confederacy of Dunces by John Kennedy Toole. Discussion Leader – Steve Howell

August 21 – Louisiana Longshot by Jana DeLeon. Discussion leader – Donna Howell.

TOWNS COUNTY LIBRARY

In Hiawassee will have a

BAKE SALE * June 13th – 10:00am to 4:00pm

Let's Hear From Our Libraries:

Mountain Regional Library

facebook.com/mountainregionallibrary

706-379-3732

vstone@mountainregionallibrary.org

Towns County Public Library

facebook.com/townscountypubliclibrary

706-896-6169

libraryt@mountainregionallibrary.org

Library news streamlined via a website. Go to www.mountainregionallibrary.org for all the current information about new books and events scheduled at the library. The Calendar tab allows you to select by month and see when storytime is held, Meet the Author date(s), and other events happening.

Use the menu tab to locate Podcast or link to download eBooks and AudioBooks plus more.

If you still have unanswered questions, call either library. They are always happy to help.

Information about the Summer Reading Program

Hi boys and girls, it's almost time for the Summer Reading Program at your local Library. We are excited to announce this year's theme:

A UNIVERSE OF STORIES !!

You or your parent/legal guardian must have a valid PINES library card in order to check out books. You may obtain a library card at the circulation desk.

- Sign up beginning May 24 and get your "Galactic Goodie Bag".
- Your "Goodie Bag" contains a reading log & other fun stuff (reading books on your reading level is encouraged, but not required).
- For every 10 books read and listed on your reading log, you will receive 2 "Gold Space Coins." For each complete log (50 titles or chapters) your name will be added to a prize drawing. The "Top Reading Astronaut" will be announced at the final party at the beach park on July 18, 2019. You also receive 1 star bead for every book you read. See who has the most at the end of the summer!
- Each week you attend storytime you will also receive 1 "Gold Space Coin". All "coins" can be used to purchase items from the "Space Center", a shop filled with books, candy, and other fun items!

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Towns County Public Library

launches into **Summer 2019!**

June 6 to July 18, 2019

Thursdays at 11 AM

Oh, Yes You May!

May people buy books at our book sales and from our Bookstore, then redonate them to FOLTC for someone else to buy? They certainly do and you may, too. What a win / win for everyone!

Amazon.smile donations to FOLTC.

A no-effort, no-work fundraiser. Over the past year, some friends of FOLTC have placed orders through AmazonSmile, the charity arm of Amazon.com. This has resulted in \$233 in donations from Amazon to FOLTC. With more members utilizing AmazonSmile, donations will increase. Please help by using AmazonSmile.

Already an AmazonSmile user? Sign into your account. First-time-user of AmazonSmile? Login using your regular Amazon User Name and Password.

Directly under the Search window, you will see **Supporting**, click the down arrow. Select **THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES TOWNS COUNTY**. This is a fast, easy and no-additional-cost-to-you way to generate money for FOLTC and your purchase prices are not affected by using AmazonSmile.

2019 Dates to Remember

- **May:** Spring newsletter published
 - 30th - Members Only Book Sale at MRL, 3 to 6pm
 - 31st - Book/Bake Sale at MRL – 9am to 5pm
- **June:** 1st - Book/Bake Sale at MRL; - 10 am to 1:30pm
 - 11th - Board meeting - 1:00, at TCPL;
 - 13th - Bake Sale at TCPL – 10am to 4pm
- **July:** Visit your local library
- **August:** Summer newsletter published
 - 13th Board meeting - 1:00 at MRL
- **September:** 2019/2020 Membership drive begins
- **October:** Book Sale & Raffle Drawing (date to be announced), MRL
 - 9th Board meeting - 1:00 at TCPL
- **November:** Fall newsletter published
- **December:** 10th Annual meeting and election of officers - 1:00 at MRL

You help build a future each time you shop the Book Store, donate books, support Book/Bake Sales, shop through Smile.Amazon.com. All, 100%, of unsold books find a good home, either at a jail through a prison ministry or to a mission helping addicts rebuild a productive life.

Taphophilia: an unusual affinity for funerals; an abnormal love for funerals, graves, and cemeteries. John's great uncle attended every funeral held in his town. No one made much of it because everyone knew he had taphophilia.

Patron Level Business Donor:



R to L: **Gene Vickers** - Associated Fire Protection - 2019 FOLTC Business Patron
with Suzanne Carter, FOLTC President



Mr. Vickers has been a proud Business Patron for years and invites every area business owner to become a Business Patron.

**Your business card
will be featured here
when you become
a FOLTC Patron.**

See the membership form below
for more information.

Membership News:

Yes, membership renewal may happen any month of the year. Usually folks join September through December. However, any time that is best for you is good for FOLTC. Join now and feel great about helping our libraries. See the membership form below. Double the support and have a friend join with you.

Mission Statement:

”The mission of the Friends of the Libraries of Towns County, a non-profit organization (501(c)(3), is to provide financial support for the Mountain Regional Library and the Towns County Public Library and to advocate for public libraries.”

FOLTC MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL FORM

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

MEMBERSHIP TYPE

New Member _____ Renewal _____ Gift/Other _____

Individual \$12 _____ Family \$24 _____ Sponsor \$30 _____

Donor \$50 _____ Patron \$100 _____

Business Member \$35 _____ Business Donor \$50 _____

Business Patron \$100 _____

Total Enclosed _____

PAYMENT OF DUES

Membership dues entitle you to one year of membership and are due for renewal on the anniversary of your joining date. Membership dues and gifts are tax deductible as FOLTC is a nonprofit 501(c)(3).

Business Members will receive a thank you letter. Business Donors will receive a letter and a framed certificate of appreciation. Business Patrons will receive a letter, a certificate, and a copy of their business card included for one year in the FOLTC newsletter which is published quarterly and distributed by email or mail to all members.

Make checks payable to FOLTC. Membership forms and payment may be handed in at Towns County Public Library in Hiawassee or Mountain Regional Library in Young Harris, or mailed to FOLTC, P O Box 159, Young Harris, GA 30582.

