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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES OF TOWNS COUNTY

Winter 2019

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Message from FOLTC President Suzanne Carter

It's always exciting to begin a new year with a clean slate and high expectations! FOLTC had a successful 2018 fundraising year. Mountain Regional Library (MRL) and Towns County Public Library (TCPL) benefitted greatly from the Friends' efforts. More than \$10,000 was given to the libraries for programming and materials, e.g. books, magazines, DVDs, newspapers, summer reading program, etc. Once the funds are given to the libraries, their staff members look at the needs of each library and determine how the funds will be spent.

Election of officers was held at the December Annual Meeting. Elaine Roberts was elected Vice President. Welcome, Elaine. I would like to thank outgoing VP Susan Sinram for her years of service on behalf of the FOLTC and Towns County libraries. Community members who willingly donate their time and efforts are the lifeblood of every organization and are greatly appreciated!

Plans are underway for our 2019 events. One goal is to approach more local businesses to join the FOLTC as a way to support their libraries and communities. Members of the FOLTC, you are welcome to attend the bimonthly board meetings to learn what's going on and provide input. Plus, we would love for you to volunteer to help at our fundraising events. Please, let us know if you're interested in volunteering in any capacity.

Fun with words... our version of Hide and Seek

Canorous...what does it mean? Seems right that we should drop uncommon words into this newsletter. After all, we are about libraries and libraries are about words. The new words are in this newsletter. Happy hunting... "Now, *canorous* and *timbromaniac*, where are you?"

FOLTC has given a two-year subscription of the pictured magazine to each of the Towns County libraries in honor of our beloved Jane Farrell. She was a faithful and diligent worker for FOLTC's book sales/bookstore and spent hundreds of unseen hours of preparation. Jane, you may have moved away, but you will always be loved. Readers, stop in and enjoy



reading this lovely magazine.

Welcome to the Newest Board Member and Vice President



Elaine Roberts was born in Boston and grew up in Oak Ridge, TN. After graduating from UT Knoxville with a BA in Russian language, she moved to midtown Atlanta and met her future husband, Bruce, an aerospace engineer at Lockheed. When they relocated in Cobb County she worked as a library assistant for the Cobb County Public Library System for twelve years. After completing the Paralegal Program at Kennesaw State University, she transferred to the Cobb County Court System. Elaine and Bruce bought property in Towns County in 1994 and built an off-the-grid cabin. When Atlanta got too crowded for them, they built another cabin in the county and became full-time residents in August 2016 and “truly love it here.”

Elaine was elected to be the FOLTC Vice President at the annual meeting last December. She has volunteered at book sales and is part of the bookstore committee. Elaine is a welcome addition.

Book Bunch ‘n Lunch

Book Bunch ‘n Lunch will meet **Wednesday, March 20th at 11:30 AM at Daniels Steakhouse** in Hiawassee and will celebrate the life of Dr. Seuss, whose birthday is March 2nd. The selected book, **Dr. Seuss & Mr. Geisel: a Biography by Judith & Neil Morgan**, will be discussed by Barbara Hale. The event will also include the reading of one of Theodor Seuss Geisel's (Dr. Seuss' real name) short stories, “What Was I Scared Of?” Participants will also have the opportunity to examine (maybe even read) some of his works because his books have messages for adults as well as children.

For the **April 16th** meeting, the group will be reading **Gratitude for Shoes by Cleo Hicks Williams**, with the discussion led by the author's daughter, Donna Howell, who is an active member of Book Bunch.

New members are always welcome. **Your reservation can be made by contacting Gigi Smith at 706-896-6365 or ggrsmith@hotmail.com prior to the Tuesday before the day of the meeting.** Book Bunch n' Lunch always meets at Daniels at 11:30 AM on the third Wednesday of every month (except December).

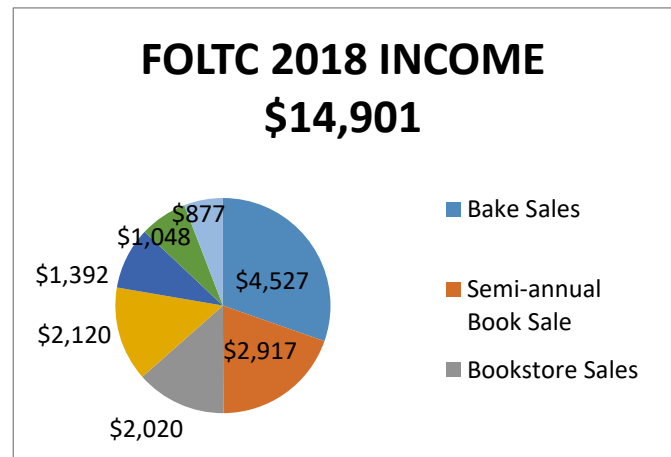
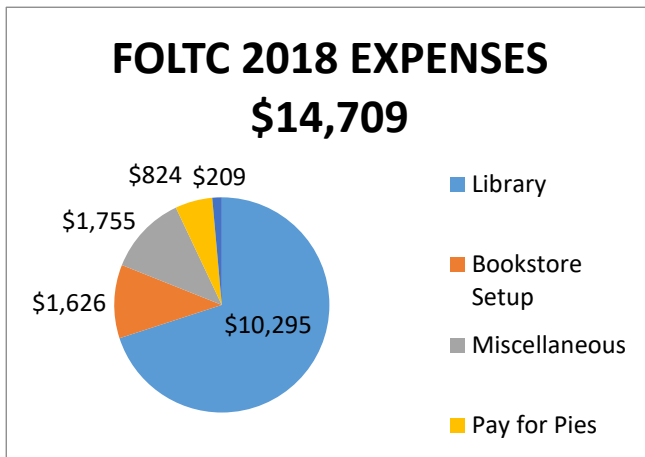


2019 Dates to Remember

- Sept. through Jan. — Thanks for renewing your FOLTC membership. Please join the Winter Adult Reading program at the Towns County Public Library through March 8th
- Feb. — Board meeting, Feb. 12th - 1:00 at TCPL; Winter newsletter published
- March (and EVERY month) — Shop at the FOLTC Book Store in the MRL Community Room; March 2nd - Dr. Seuss' birthday
- April — Board meeting, Apr. 9th, 1:00, at MRL; National Library Appreciation Week, Apr. 7th-13th - Employee Recognition
- May — Spring newsletter published; May 30th - Members Only Book Sale at MRL; May 31st - Book/Bake Sale at MRL
- June — June 1st - Book/Bake Sale at MRL; June 11th - Board meeting, 1:00, at TCPL; June 13th - Bake Sale at TCPL
- July — Visit your local library
- Aug. — Summer newsletter published; Board meeting, Aug. 13th - 1:00 at MRL

- Sept. — Towns County Chamber of Commerce Business Showcase; 2019 Membership Drive begins
- Oct. — Book Sale & Raffle Drawing (date to be announced), MRL; Board meeting, Oct. 9th - 1:00 at TCPL
- Nov. — Fall newsletter published
- Dec. — Annual meeting and election of officers, Dec. 10th - 1:00 at MRL

2018 Fundraising Efforts



Membership News

We hope everyone had a great holiday season. FOLTC already has fundraising projects planned for 2019. However, *we need your help and support with membership*. FOLTC memberships play an important role in generating additional funds for the Towns County libraries.

Sadly, membership – new and renewals - is currently down for 2019. We want to surpass the 2018 membership total to better serve our libraries. When you renew your membership or become a member, ask friends, neighbors and family members to join with you. It’s always more fun doing things with friends. Membership dues increase the potential of our libraries because they have more money for programs, books and materials.

Can’t remember if you have renewed your membership? No problem. Contact gospelthecat@yahoo.com. The membership form is at the end of this newsletter and available at both libraries. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2019 and meeting new FOLTC members.

Let’s Hear From Our Libraries

Towns County Public Library
[facebook.com/townscountypubliclibrary](https://www.facebook.com/townscountypubliclibrary)
 706-896-6169
libraryt@mountainregionallibrary.org

Scrapbook Workshop
 with
 Vickie Murray, CM Consultant

The theme for this 2 page layout is "Travel". Bring your photos and any decorations you may have and Vickie will provide instruction and ideas. The cost for this workshop is \$10.

Come by the library or call 706-896-6169 to sign up.

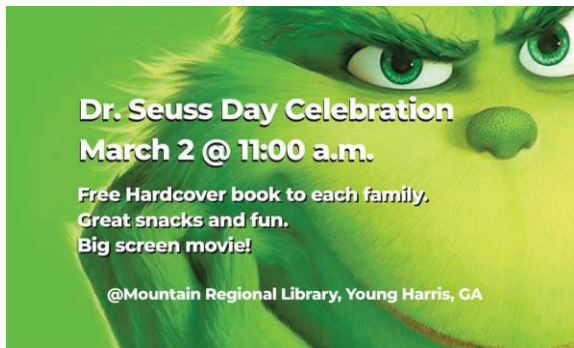
Friday, March 1, 2019 2 PM—4 PM

Scrapbooking with Vickie - Friday, March 1st, from 2 PM to 4 PM

See flyer at the left.

Career Coach - Tuesday, February 26th, from 10 AM to 2 PM. FREE help with creating resumes, job searching, workforce skills training.

- **Career Coach – Tuesday, April 23rd** from 10 AM to 2 PM. FREE.



Mountain Regional Library

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vstone@mountainregionallibrary.org

Dr. Seuss Day Celebration, March 2nd

Chess club will start, April 17th @ 4p.m.

Kick off for summer reading , June 5th

Save the date for this fun event

Sourdough Bread

Because the sourdough bread at our bake sales has been very popular, Darlene Pilcher has agreed to make it available at other times, too. With advance notice, you may now order fresh sourdough bread for holidays, special events, gifts or just because you love it. Yes, when you need four or more loaves of sourdough bread, you may order them knowing 100% of your purchase price goes to the libraries. Contact Darlene Pilcher at darlenepilcher@gmail.com or 229-646-8428 to discuss your bread needs/wants.

“Adopt an Author” Program...

a.k.a. “Help Fill the Building with Books”, because a library without books is just a building. Help fill your library with more books by adopting an author. Contact Peggy Keys-Burrell, 706-379-3732, at Mountain Regional Library for all the details of how to make your adoption.

In Memory or In Honor

A great way to tell a family or friend that you loved them or want to honor them is to make a donation in their memory/honor. Has there been a special someone in your life? Contact: Peggy Keys-Burrell at Mountain Regional Library, 706-379-1319, or Debbie Phillips at Towns County Public Library, 706-896-6169.

Nightingales are *canorous* birds. *Canorous*: (of song or speech) melodious or resonant.

No-Trouble Fundraiser

Amazon Shopping + Choosing = Libraries Benefit. **Log into Smile.amazon.com**, using your Amazon login information. **Choose Friends of the Libraries of Towns County** from the nonprofit list on spotlight. **Shop. Order. Feel good** knowing Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase price to your libraries. Share with your friends. Let’s help Towns County libraries grow and prosper.

Want more information? Search [Smile.amazon.com/about](https://smile.amazon.com/about).

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with Suzanne Carter, FOLTC
President

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

**Your business
will be featured here
when you become
a FOLTC Patron.**
See membership form
for more information.



Statement of Purpose

"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."

Membership Form

Name _____ Date _____

Email Address _____

Street or P.O. Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Choose One: _____ New Membership _____ Renewal Membership

Select type of membership:

_____ Individual (\$12) _____ Family (\$24) _____ Sponsor (\$30)
_____ Business (\$35) _____ Donor (\$50) _____ Patron (\$100)

Make checks payable to: FOLTC.

Mail to: Friends of the Libraries of Towns County
P.O. Box 159, Young Harris, GA 30582

Comments / Suggestions: _____

Do you know someone so passionate about collecting postage stamps that they cut stamps from their neighbor's mail? IF so, you may call them a *timbromaniac* (a mania for collecting postage stamps).