



# FOLTC

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES OF TOWNS COUNTY

**Summer 2018**

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because it helps to spread the word.

### **President's Message:**

Please note our NEW LOGO at the top of the newsletter. Special thanks go to Stan Anderson (Associate Professor, Art Department, Young Harris College) who designed this logo and one for our Bookstore at MRL, with assistance from board member Marcia Aunspaugh. THANKS, Stan & Marcia!

The libraries of Towns County were very busy in June and July with the annual children's summer reading program. This year's theme was "Libraries Rock!" Every year the FOLTC donates \$500 to each library to be used for programs and activities for the children.

Fundraising activities take place throughout the year with all proceeds going to the two public libraries in Towns County. Please check the calendar in this newsletter to see what interests you. Of course, we could not raise any funds for our libraries without the help of our members and others in the community. YOU can help by becoming a member, paying your annual membership dues, shopping at the MRL bookstore and book sales, buying goodies whenever there is a bake sale, buying raffle tickets,

designating Friends of the Libraries of Towns County as your charity of choice when you shop on AmazonSmile.com, and donating books that can be sold at our events. We appreciate everything you do! There are 2 annual book sales held at Mountain Regional Library. There are also 2 bake sales each year, one at each library. Thank you to everyone who phoned volunteers, baked items, and worked for the two bake sales this summer (for a total of approximately 243 volunteer hours!).

## Guidelines for Donated Items:

We have been working on guidelines for items that are donated to the FOLTC for selling in the bookstore and at book sales. We have very limited storage space so are not able to accept everything that people would like to donate. We are looking for books that are in good condition (no mildew, not much highlighting) and have a fairly recent copyright date (especially for nonfiction). **We are especially in need of children's books.** We also accept DVDs, CD audiobooks, and music CDs. Bookmarks with our guidelines are available at the circulation desks of the MRL and TCPL and in our bookstore at the MRL.

Please drop off your donated books and other items inside the libraries rather than leaving them outside (even in covered areas). This will limit damage from rain and critters getting to them. Library staff will first go through the items to see if any of them should be added to the library collections; the remainders are then given to the FOLTC for possible sale. Thank you for your donations!

## Thank You, Jane Farrell!



We are sad to say that Jane Farrell, our loyal, hardworking board member and chair of the Bookstore/Book Sales Committee, has decided to relocate to be closer to her family. Jane has served on the FOLTC board of directors for a number of years and has spent countless hours organizing donated books and determining if they could be sold so the profits could be used to support our two libraries. On many occasions she lugged home boxes of books so she could search their potential value on used book sites on the internet. Jane has also served as chair of the Scrapbook Committee. *Jane, you will be missed! Thank you for everything you have done for the Friends.*

## **Towns County Commissioner's Challenge Grant:**

Each year the Friends work hard to raise the \$5,000 needed to match the Commissioner's Challenge Grant. This means that a total of \$10,000 is presented to the Library System to be spent on the two Towns County libraries. These funds are annually presented to Director Vince Stone during National Library Week in April. We are so happy that we were able to meet this goal for 2018!

## **Membership News:**

It is always a great time to become a member, especially during our current Membership Drive. When you join, also ask one or two of your neighbors to join. That small gesture makes a huge difference to our libraries. See the Membership Form at the end of this newsletter for more details about membership options. Thanks for joining, renewing, and encouraging others to join.

## **“Adopt an Author” Program... another easy way to support your libraries:**

This Program helps the Towns County libraries' book collections to grow.

1. Select an author to sponsor. The complete list of over one hundred popular authors is kept at the Mountain Regional Library's circulation desk.
2. When your author publishes a new book, you'll be contacted.
3. Library staff will purchase the book at the discounted library price for you – the sponsor.
4. You read it first, then return it to the library for all to enjoy. This is truly a win/win for everyone.

Want the list of authors to adopt? Contact Peggy Keys-Burrell, 706-379-3732, at Mountain Regional Library to make your adoption for either or both of the Towns County libraries.

## **Thanks for Shopping At The FOLTC Bookstore all year long!**

The Bookstore Volunteers thank each of you who have shopped at our bookstore and/or have attended our occasional mini-book sales. Your purchases provide books, videos, and other items needed for the libraries of Towns County.

## **We say THANK YOU!**



### **Thank you, FOLTC Bake Sale Volunteers**

Because of your efforts, our two  
Towns County June bake sales  
netted \$1,677.20.

Kind, generous, and hardworking  
describe our volunteers,  
and we are so grateful  
to have you as part of our Friends.

You are really good at this whole  
Bake Sale Thing!

Photo to left: Amy Barrett & baker.

Photo below: Left to right – Elaine  
Rohaus, Friend, and Barbara Hale



## 2018 CALENDAR:

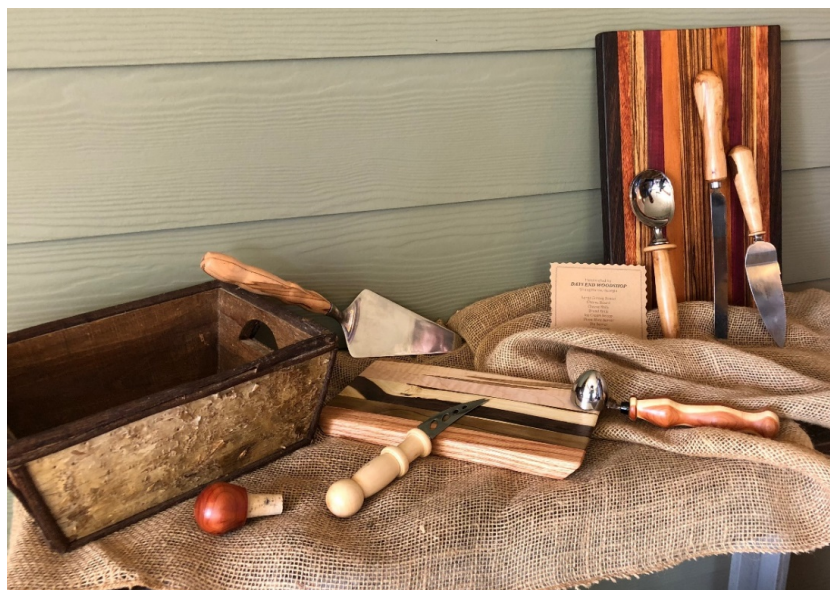
### Book Bunch 'n Lunch:

August 15<sup>th</sup>. *Rocket Boys: A Memoir* by Homer Hickam. Discussion leader, Georgia Norton.

September 19<sup>th</sup>. *The One-in-a-Million Boy* by Monica Wood. Discussion leader – Virginia Tinsley.

October 17<sup>th</sup> – Non-Fiction. *The Girl With Seven Names: A North Korean Defector's Story* by Hyeonseo Lee. Discussion Leader – Ann Brunk.

### Coming Soon...Fall Raffle!!



We will be raffling a basket filled with 10 handcrafted wood kitchen items.

Donated by local woodturner & woodworker, Bill Day.

Each item is a perfect gift for yourself or 1 each for 10 friends!

Only 1 lucky winner! Will you be the winner?

This basket will contain 1 wooden bottle stopper, 7 different kitchen utensils, each with a beautifully turned wood handle (most from locally sourced hardwoods), 1 small cheese cutting board, and 1 large cutting board. Ten hand-crafted items – each suitable as a gift on its own. **Tickets sales start September 1<sup>st</sup> with the drawing at the end of our book sale on October 13th. Support our two public libraries by purchasing a single ticket for \$5.00 or 3 tickets for \$10.00 from any FOLTC Board Member or at either of the libraries.**

### Business Showcase, September 27, 2018:

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year FOLTC will participate in the Towns County Chamber of Commerce Business Showcase. This event allows local businesses and non-profits to raise community awareness about what they do and to increase their membership.

**Annual Fall Book Sale & Membership Drive**, Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 – 5:00;  
Saturday., October 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 – 2:00, Mountain Regional Library.

### **FOLTC Board Meetings:**

August 14<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 - Mountain Regional Library. Everyone welcome.

October 9<sup>th</sup>, 1pm – Towns County Library. Everyone invited.

December 11<sup>th</sup>, Annual Meeting & Election of Officers, date and time to be announced.

### **Pre-Thanksgiving Pie Sale:**

We will conduct a pie sale **with pre-ordered Mercier's Orchard's pies**. Delivery will be the early part of Thanksgiving week. Watch our Facebook page, newsletter, and local newspapers for details.

### **Learn some things. Share some things:**

#### **Free lessons – How to make Sourdough Bread.**

Free sourdough bread baking lessons will take place in October. You will learn tips for making sourdough. Then, *when you feel confident*, we'd love for you to bake and share/donate sourdough bread for our bake sales. Email Darlene Pilcher to let her know if you want to learn. It's free and it's easy! [darlenepilcher@gmail.com](mailto:darlenepilcher@gmail.com)

### **No-Work Fundraising and Increasing Web Presence:**

**Amazon.Smile** is an effortless way to support your public libraries. Log into smile.amazon.com using your Amazon login information. **Choose Friends of the Libraries of Towns County** as your charity. Amazon.Smile Foundation donates 0.5% of your eligible purchase to FOLTC. *It might not seem like 0.5% is much but together we have generated over \$115 this year alone. "Smile" because it makes a difference.*

**Facebook reaches many.** When you click "Like" our Facebook page, it helps to keep you informed of upcoming activities.

**Facebook.com/FriendsOfTheLibrariesofTownsCounty** is where you will find us. **Click to like.** The more likes - the more visible we are on the web. Yes, it's a new age we're in!

## Saluting our Donors:

### Patron Level Business Donors:



**Associated Fire  
Protection**  
Gene Vickers

**Sundance Grill**  
Roberto Romero



### Business Level Donors:

**Aloha Wellness Corp.**, Destini Adams, Hiawasse 706-896-3300,  
[destini@alohawellnesscorp.com](mailto:destini@alohawellnesscorp.com)

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**Dr. Ketron Moss**, Young Harris 706-379-6677, [ketronm@windstream.net](mailto:ketronm@windstream.net)

### FOLTC 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.

## Membership Form:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Street or P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Choose One: \_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal Membership

Select type of membership:

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

**Make checks payable to:** FOLTC.

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

Comments / Suggestions:

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**Good Libraries Need Good Friends!** Become a Friend today.

All donations are tax deductible and appreciated.

### **In honor or in Memory...**

Do you want to make a donation to FOLTC in honor or memory of a loved one?

Contact Peggy Keyes-Burrell at Mountain Regional Library, 706-379-3732  
or Debbie Phillips at Towns County Public Library, 706-896-6169

**Next Quarterly FOLTC Newsletter will be Winter 2018.**