



Fall 2018

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**Message from FOLTC
President Suzanne Carter**

I’m happy to report that the Friends have exceeded their yearly financial goals for our two libraries. Our primary goal is to provide funding for books, other materials and the summer reading programs. When these two goals are met, we are able to consider financially supporting special projects at the libraries. It’s a wonderful year when we can do both.

This year, the Friends of the Libraries groups in Towns, Union, and Fannin counties made matching contributions toward video camera equipment requested by Director Vince, MRL. Stone will oversee production of puppet shows, by the Mountain Regional Library Puppet Company, to be shown on YouTube. These videos inspire kids to read and visit libraries. Kids love these shows. Take time to watch them with your kids or grandkids and tell your neighbors about them.

October was a very successful month thanks to our hardworking Friends! The October book sale and the raffle basket - ***each - netted close to \$1,300.*** We also held a Mercier Orchard Thanksgiving Pie Sale fundraiser. It was our first time offering this event and you made it another success. *Thank you, very much for caring about your libraries!*

Membership time is Now

We thank each new members and to each who renewed their membership or joined FOLTC for 2018/2019. Unfortunately, membership renewals are slow happening this year. We encourage you renew, today. Ask your neighbors, coworkers and friends supporting Towns County libraries through becoming a member.

It costs only \$1 per month to be a member and it helps keep our libraries growing and strong. Other membership levels are show on the last page of this newsletter. Whatever the amount you choose for membership makes a difference to our libraries.

Our libraries help build strong readers for generations to come. Together we make our county better. **So, have you renewed your membership?** Do it, today. It's a gift which reaches thousands.

Forms are at the circulation desk in each library and in this email. Mail it (address is on the form) or take it to either library. Not sure of your membership status? Have questions? Contact Tammy Wells - gospelthecat@yahoo.com or 706-400-8555.

Mercier Orchard Pies + Many workers = Success!



Thank you to everybody who participated by pre-ordered pie/s or working in a variety of ways to support our first Mercier Orchards' Thanksgiving Pie Sale fundraiser. Because of each of you, this fundraiser was a very productive endeavor. It **generated \$1,007** through the purchase of 106 pies. We are truly thankful for each one of you.

Remember: Pre-sold Pie Pick-up Date:
Tuesday November 20, 12noon – 4:30pm

One Day only – limited quantities – Sour Dough Bread Sale

Because You love the sour dough bread so much, our bakers will be baking fresh sour dough bread for your Thanksgiving dinner... if it lasts that long.

No pre-orders for this event. Bread will be available at each library on...

November 20, 12noon – 4:30 pm.

Shop early. **Limited quantity.** The bread sells very fast.



FOLTC Board Meetings

Board meetings alternate between the Mountain Regional Library (MRL) and the *Towns County Public Library (TCPL)*. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

December 11, 2018 Annual Meeting & Election of Officers, 1:00, MRL

February 12, 2019, 1:00, TCPL

April 9, 2019, 1:00, MRL

June 11, 2019, 1:00, TCPL

August 13, 2019, 1:00, MRL

October 8, 2019, 1:00, TCPL

December 10, 2019, 1:00, MRL

Retail Therapy Pays Off

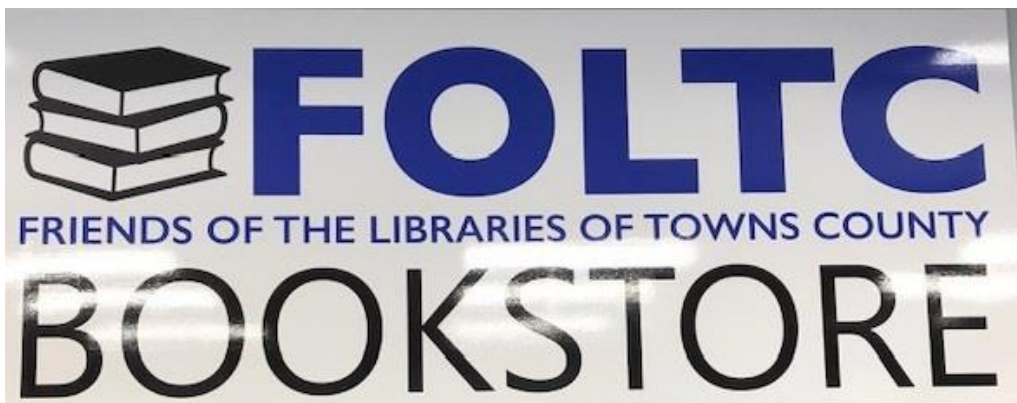
Thanks for shopping in the FOLTC Bookstore.

Have you seen the new bookstore sign?

Check it out next time you are at the MRL library.

While there, shop for great deals on a variety of books and other items.

The Bookstore



Committee members work tirelessly year round, sorting donated books and keeping new stock on the shelves for you. Extra stock is stored for the next book sale.

In the first ten (10 months) of 2018, the bookstore sales generated almost \$1,800. What an affirmation to everyone's love for books and libraries. Special thanks goes to our community members, in Young Harris and Hiawassee, who donate thousands of books. We could not raise funds for your libraries without this generosity!

Based upon past sales, we established guidelines for the types of materials people like; thus, we can accept. These guidelines - on a bookmark - are available at both libraries... get yours soon. Grab a couple extra to share with friends. Together we help our libraries grow.

Book Bunch 'n Lunch

Did you know anyone can be part of Book Bunch 'n Lunch? That's right. Whether you come monthly or whenever time allows, you are always welcome to be part of this fun group.

Meetings are monthly on the third Wednesday at 11:30 am at Daniel's Steakhouse in Hiawassee. 'Dutch Treat' meal, optional.

Interested? Contact Gigi Smith – 706-896-6365 or ggrsmith@hotmail.com

November 28* - Biography / Memoir

*moved to 4th Wednesday due to Thanksgiving

Get Happy: The Life of Judy Garland by Gerald Clarke

Discussion Leader – Steve Howell

December – no meeting

January 2019 – Book selections will be made at meetings January – September, come with your suggestions. Each is welcomed and encouraged to lead a discussion... no experience required

The Lucky Winner



Congratulations to Lacey Vickers, winner of the raffle basket containing assorted handcrafted kitchen utensils and cutting boards. The drawing was the last day of the

October book sale. Only one winner and many disappointed ticket holders but everyone was happy to support the libraries one more time. A very special thank-you goes to Bill Day of Young Harris who

crafted and generously donated all of the items for the raffle. Friends are thrilled that \$1,300 worth of tickets were sold, which will benefit our two libraries!



“Adopt an Author” Program

Consider sponsoring an author. It helps grow the Towns County libraries. You’ll

1. Select an author
2. Purchase the book at a discounted price.
3. Read first the new book.
4. Give the book to the library for all to enjoy.
5. Create a win/win for everyone.

There are over 100 authors on the list at Mountain Regional Library. Can we count on you? **Contact Peggy Keys-Burrell, 706-379-3732**, at the Mountain Regional Library to make your adoption for either of the two libraries.

FREE way to Help

If you shop through Amazon, your shopping can also generate funds for the libraries.

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.

Share with your friends so they, too, may help grow Towns County Libraries.

Sourdough Bread Bakers

Two new bakers are improving their bread baking skills. Bread baking is fun, easy, and oh so tasty. Do you want to learn and help FOLTC? Free lessons with the goal that one day you will be an occasional bread baker for FOLTC. Contact Darlene Pilcher at 229-646-8428 or darlene@gmail.com.

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Mission Statement:

*The mission of the Friends of the Libraries of Towns County,
a non-profit organization (a 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)

Make checks payable to: **FOLTC.**

Mail to: Friends of the Libraries of Towns County,
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Comments / Suggestions:

Good Libraries Need Good Friends! Become a Friend today.

All donations are tax deductible and very much appreciated.

In honor or in Memory...

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 2019.