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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES OF TOWNS COUNTY

Summer 2019

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Message from FOLTC President, Suzanne Carter:

I attended a Young Harris town hall meeting in February and was approached by Scott Roland and Jennifer Marshall from the Peach State Federal Credit Union, which has a branch office in Young Harris. Scott told me that they were interested in making a contribution to our Friends group, as supporting local educational endeavors in their communities is part of their mission. We completed the necessary paperwork for the PSFCU and recently met for the check presentation at Mountain Regional Library (see photo below). The Credit Union has committed to making a \$500 donation to the FOLTC for the next 5 years (for a total of \$2,500). The funds will be shared equally by both of our libraries. We are thrilled that this business understands the importance of public libraries in their communities.

Left to Right: Elaine Roberts, FOLTC VP; Jennifer Marshall, PSFCU; Peggy Keys-Burrell, MRL; Suzanne Carter, FOLTC Pres.; Scott Roland, PSFCU



Tenia Coggin, who joined our Board of Directors in April of 2019, volunteered to serve as Scrapbook Chair (where she quickly brought our history scrapbooks up to date!). She began visiting

all the businesses in Towns County to tell them about our libraries and FOLTC and to ask them to support their libraries via a FOLTC Business Membership. Sadly for us, Tenia and her husband have decided to relocate to Chattanooga to be closer to their new granddaughter. We will miss her, her energy, and her ideas, but wish her the best! Thankfully other Friends have offered to continue the job she started.

YELP:

The FOLTC Bookstore is now on YELP, an internet business directory service and crowd-sourced review forum. Anyone searching online for a bookstore in our area will now find us. We thank Amy Barrett, FOLTC Publicity Chair, who jumped through many hoops, talked to people 'in way off land,' and did not give up until she successfully got our FOLTC Bookstore listed on YELP. Please check it out and give us a review (a glowing one, please).

Bookstore Report:

In April, the FOLTC Board approved a motion by the bookstore committee to hire Bart Williams of Williams Electric to make improvements to the book storage area where all of the donated books are kept until placed in the bookstore. Electricity, LED lights, a ceiling fan, plus an AC unit with dehumidifier were installed. Now we can work and store books in an area that is well lit and dry. Bart is professional and congenial, and we thank him for doing an excellent job!

The next book sale is scheduled for: **Oct. 17th** FOLTC Members-Only Sale from 3:00 – 6:00; **Oct. 18th** open to the public from 9:00 – 5:00; and **Oct. 19th** open to the public from 10:00 – 2:00.

You Loved It Last Year. It's Back This Year:



Raffle to Benefit the Libraries...

FOLTC is raffling a collection of **15 handcrafted wood kitchen items**. The basket contains kitchen utensils with beautifully turned wood handles (most from locally sourced hardwoods), small cheese board, large cutting board, trivet, and utensil caddy; **valued at \$325**.

Support Mountain Regional Library and Towns County Public Library 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. Drawing: 1:00 p.m. - Tuesday, **October 8th**, at TCPL.

Handcrafted by **Bill Day** **DAYS END WOODSHOP**

Young Harris, Georgia

Large Cutting Board
Cheese Board
Cheese Knife
Grapefruit Knife
Tomato Knife
Spreader
Ice Cream Paddle
Coffee Scoop
Measuring Spoon Set (4 piece)
Bottle Opener
Trivet
License Plate Utensil Caddy

Waiting to Hear:



FOLTC is hoping to partner with Mercier Orchards again for our second Thanksgiving Pie Sale. Last year we sold 100 pies, and this year our goal is to sell 150 pies, plus 50 loaves of homemade Sourdough Bread. We will send details once confirmation from Mercier is received. It will be worth the wait!



FOLTC Bookstore Price Increase:

In order to meet our commitment to provide financial support for the Towns County Public Library and Mountain Regional Library, the FOLTC Board voted to make a slight increase for the cost of books sold in our Bookstore. This enables us to meet the Commissioner's \$5,000 challenge grant, provide extra funding to the Children's Summer Reading Program at both libraries, and provide funding for special projects that may be requested by the libraries. We appreciate your continued support of the FOLTC and our efforts to support literacy in our community.

PRICE LIST	
ADULT HARDBACK/OVERSIZE PAPERBACKS	\$3.00
ADULT PAPERBACKS	\$1.50
CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS/EARLY READERS	\$.50
JUV/YOUNG ADULT	\$1.00
DVD'S/CD'S	\$1.00

PLEASE PAY FOR ITEMS AT THE CIRCULATION DESK IN THE LIBRARY

June 2019

Successful Bake Sales:

Thank you for all you did to help make our two spring Bake Sales successful. Our profit for the two sales was \$2079.14!

Whether you donated books or baked goods, priced items, worked the sale table, purchased bake sale items, or helped with the advertising, your work was appreciated. Thank you! Here are a few of the volunteers from the recent sales.



2019 Dates to Remember:

- **August:** Raffle begins on August 14th
- **September:** 2019/2020 Membership drive begins
- **October:** 9th FOLTC Board meeting & Raffle drawing- 1:00 pm at TCPL;
17-19th Book Sale at MRL
- **November:** Pie and Bread Sale, tba; Fall newsletter
- **December:** 10th Annual meeting and election of officers - 1:00 pm at MRL

Book Bunch 'n Lunch:

Everyone is invited to join this fun group for a Dutch treat meal and book discussion at Daniel's Steakhouse in Hiawassee. Third Wednesday of each month. 11:30 a.m.

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

- August 21st – **Louisiana Longshot** by **Jana DeLeon**.
Discussion leader – Donna Howell.
- September 18th – A novel - **A Gentleman in Moscow**, a novel by **Amor Towles**.
Discussion leader – Marie Geesa
- October 16th – Non-fiction - **Animal, Vegetable, Mineral** by **Barbara Kingsolver**.
Discussion leader – Virginia Tinsley
- November 20th – **Grandma Gatewood's Walk** by **Ben Montgomery**.
Discussion leader – Vickie Kimball

Mountain Regional Library News:

Facebook.com/mountainregionallibrary or 706-379-3732

vstone@mountainregionallibrary.org

The Summer Reading Program for kids was a success! There were 379 kids during the 8 weeks – 191 in June and 188 in July. Counting the parents, the total was 574 during the 8 weeks. We were thrilled so many participated.

Beginning in September there will be weekly Storytime for Kids and a monthly Kids' Program. Check with the MRL staff to learn more details.

Towns County Public Library News:

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- ❖ August 27, Tuesday – Career Coach – 10 AM to 2 PM
- ❖ August 30 - September 2, Friday through Monday - Library closed for Labor Day and Staff Development Day
- ❖ September 11, Wednesday – Card making Workshop with Karen - at 11 AM
- ❖ October 16, Wednesday – Card making Workshop with Karen - at 11 AM
- ❖ October 22, Tuesday – Career Coach – 10 AM to 2 PM
- ❖ November 11, Monday - Library closed for Veteran's Day

Library system's website. www.MountainRegionalLibrary.org

Membership Drive & Libraries Stats:

Fall membership drive is going on now. Your yearly dues help our libraries better serve our communities. Here are some facts. The libraries' staff members:

- Presented over 50 programs for over 1,200 children
- Had over 6,200 Wi-Fi users
- Had over 8,500 registered computer user sessions
- Had over 66,00 visitors
- Circulated over 77,000 items.

Remember, 100% of your membership dues helps the libraries by purchasing books, DVDs, video equipment, and to support reading programs - Children's summer & Adult winter, plus more. Help our libraries stay relevant to our communities...join today and ask others to join.

Patron Level Business Donor (\$100+ level):



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North GA Golf Carts 8/20

Tenia Coggin 8/19
 Elaine Roberts 8/20

FOLTC Mission Statement: The mission of the Friends of the Libraries of Towns County, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, 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

Date _____

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MEMBERSHIP TYPE

New Member _____ Renewal _____ Gift/Other _____

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

Donor \$50 _____ Patron \$100 _____ Gift \$ _____

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) organization.

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, and GA 30582.