



Friends of the Alpharetta Library

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Newsletter from the FOTAL Group.

Winter 2018

2017 FOTAL Milestones and Accomplishments

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Throughout 2017 there have been many changes and accomplishments at the Library and for the Friends. Important to all of us, was the arrival of the new **Branch Manager: ASHLEY DUPUY** and **Youth Librarian, ERIN PARKS**. The Community and Friends are very lucky to have a dedicated team at this Library. It takes a great deal of work and coordination to run a 2-story 25,000 square foot building that fulfills the needs of every Patron. Just think of the effort it takes to schedule classes and events that are pertinent and popular with EVERY age group!

The Book Store is open every day and thanks to Ben Statham the monthly Book Sale **OUTSIDE** continues to be popular. We meet Patrons at every sale, who discover the bargains and learn of the Friends. **Volunteers are the reason for the Sale's successes. We do need help with monthly Book Sales, especially setting up on Thursday and Friday. The book store also needs volunteers willing to help a few hours a week.** Please let us know if you have a time to pitch in - it is such a rewarding 'job'.

2017 Accomplishments

- >> **FUNDING** for 12 SUMMER READING PROGRAMS for children, teens and adults.
- >> **FREE** books for anyone enrolled in the Summer Reading Program who finished a book. **2017 topped almost 1000 more books read than 2016.**
- >> **Funding for on-going programs** - all ages, all year long.
- >> **Purchase** of a die cutter and cart for this year's crafting classes, class supplies as they are needed,
- >> **Purchase** of new shelving for the Library's CD collection, a phone charging station, newspaper and pamphlet racks,
- >> **Staff administrative supplies,**
- >> **Gifted 2 American flags** to the Library. Cub Scout Pack #1429 lead the project and held the ceremony that dedicated the flags. Branch Manager, Ms. Dupuy, accepted the flags on behalf of AFPLS. The flags are installed at both entrances.

FRIENDS "OUTREACH" programs are those that promote literacy and the Library's focus of programs outside its 4 walls. They included:

- ... **scholarships** to graduating Alpharetta seniors going on to higher learning who have had a relationship with the Library
- ... **the Ralph and Katie Johnson scholarship fund for GED certificates.** The award defrays the cost of the required tests.
- ... **Books for Soldiers.** 64 boxes of books, DVDs and sundries sent to service men and women all over the world.
- ... **book donations** to local charities, schools in need of books, rural schools without a library. Free dictionaries and elementary books to GED students.
- ... **discounts to Teachers** who buy books for their classrooms.

We are pleased to be able to continue these programs in 2018.

(MINUS THE COLD, SNOW AND ICE!!)

There are 34 Branches in our Library System.

3,842,730 Patrons came into one of our libraries in 2016

3,080,544 the number of items checked out of the Library System *

*on average

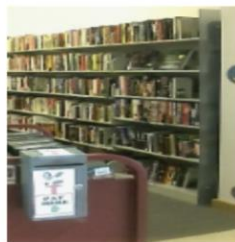
FOTAL Board Members

BOARD MEMBERS

President : Gerrie Fornek
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 Ashley Dupuy, Branch Manager



FRIENDS Book Store Hours

Monday-Friday: 1pm to 6pm
 Saturday: 11am to 1pm
 Sunday: 2pm to 6pm

The hours are subject to change since the book store is run by Volunteers.

BOOK STORE

The inventory changes **DAILY**. All books are **donated and deeply discounted**. Selling books is our **only fundraising activity**. All donations are tax deductible.

We have:

- ... Current 2017-18 Best sellers: Fiction and Non-fiction
- ... Steampunk books
- ... Romance and 'COZY' mysteries; Historical Fiction
- ... **COOKBOOKS**, educational workbooks
- ... Hundreds of children's books (all ages) Chapter Books, Series, Teen/Youth Books, PICTURE and 1st Readers
- ... HISTORY, WAR, POLITICAL, Business
- ... CLASSICS (Shakespeare, Rand,)
- ... Audio books, movies and CDs
- ... AND books 'specials': 10c kids' s books, adult 25c paperbacks (see the RED CARTS)

PRICES:

- * Small Paperback books are usually 50 cents
- * other hardback or softcover books start at \$1
- * Audio books, Movies, and CDs start at \$1
- * Children's books start at 25cents

ANY CHANGES TO OUR SCHEDULE WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE -FOTAL.ORG

Book Sales are held the 1st SATURDAY of each month.

- March 3
- April 7
- May 5
- June 2
- July TBD
- August 4
- September 1

Sale Hours:
 10am to 4pm
 Rain or Shine

Children's / Juvenile Books start at 25 cents

- Paperbacks: 50 cents
- Oversized paperbacks start at \$1
- Hardback Fiction: \$1 and up
- Non-Fiction: \$1 and up
- Audio Books: \$1 and up
- DVDs: \$1 and up

Teachers: Bring your ID, receive 1/2 off books used in your classroom

Alpharetta Library Hours

10 Park Plaza
 Alpharetta, GA 30009
 404-613-6735
 Ashley Dupuy, Branch Manager

Monday: 10am to 8pm
 Tuesday: 10am to 6pm
 Wednesday: 10am to 6pm
 Thursday: 10am to 8pm
 Friday: 10am to 6pm
 Saturday: 10am to 6pm
 Sunday: 2pm to 6pm

We also have books for sale on-line.

www.amazon.com/shops/alphalibrary
 www.amazon.com/shops/fotal42



The Summer Reading winners who received gift cards from the library are
 Children: Zaira Qureshi, age 8 and
 Teen: Isabella Schindler, Milton High School



FREE 'Zoo Atlanta' Library Pass:
 This great resource saves you \$25.99 for each adult and \$17.99 for each child. It is redeemable for Monday through Friday only, including holidays or school breaks and the redemption period is now 28 days!

check - it - out --- the DIGITAL library

If you like free books, movies, music, and magazines - did you know that the Library provides ALL OF THEM. Download to your phone (mobile device) or computer. The Library has over 22,000 items available using HOOPLA and OVERDRIVE. If you want music, download with FREEGAL. Ask your Librarian the next time you are in the library or log on to afpls.org for directions.

2018 FOTAL Scholarship Program



The 2018 FOTAL scholarship program starts this month. The requirements letter and application will be available at the Library, in the Book Store and through ALPHARETTA HIGH SCHOOL Scholarship Coordinators. As in 2017, the qualifying requirement is graduating from an Alpharetta high school or home schooled and a letter of acceptance from an accredited college, university, or continuing education school. 10 scholarships are awarded. The due date for applications is April 15.

High schools supported are: Alpharetta, St. Francis, Kings Ridge, Fulton Science Academy, Legacy Academy, Veritas Classical Schools, Home schooled.

Send the application to 'Friends of the Library' (FOTAL), 10 Park Plaza, Alpharetta, GA 30009, or leave it at the Book Store in the Library.

ON-GOING FREE CLASSES

check the library calendar for specific date and time
PLUS additional details about the class

weekly	Monday:	ESL Class, 11:00
	Tuesday:	Slow Flow and Stretch Yoga Class: 10:30
	Wednesday:	Baby Storytime: 10:30 Pre-school Storytime: 1:30 Reading with ECHO: 4:00 Morning Meditation: 10:30
	Thursday:	ESL Class: 11:30 Sahaja Meditation Class: 6:00
	Saturday:	Girls Who Code: 10:30
	Sunday:	All Ages Chess Club: 2:30 Gavel Club: 3:30

every other week starting 2/3

Friday: Alpharetta Craft Club: 12:00

monthly	Monday:	LEGO Club, 4:00 Cooking Classes with Chef Lynn, 6:00 (see the schedule for topics)
	Tuesday:	Pain Management classes, 11:00 (Jan 23) Book Club, 10:30
	Saturday:	World of Turkish Cooking, 12-2 Mystery Book Club, 2:00 - 4:00



VOLUNTEER AND AUTHOR, SHEILA CAYOLLE

One of our Book Store Volunteers, Sheila Cayolle, a retired teacher from New Orleans, is about ready to have her 3rd children's book published, *A Day for Misty*. It is written and illustrated by Sheila. The illustrations are from acrylic paintings. Some of the illustrations are made into greeting cards. Several reoccurring characters are a gray cat, blue birds and squirrels. When she isn't volunteering for the Friends she teaches painting to children and adults, reads to children at several locations, is active at the Johns Creek Art Center and has been seen in many used book stores!

The illustrations that Sheila has converted into Greeting Cards are at our Book Store for \$5. Sheila's works are available in the Library [published by Ponchatrain Publishing], on display at the Johns Creek Art Center, 'Read it Again' and 'Book Miser' book stores.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

ADDITIONAL CLASSES ARE POSTED ON-LINE AT THE ALPHARETTA LIBRARY LOCATION
Friday, 2/16/18 After Dark Game Night 5:15pm-8pm

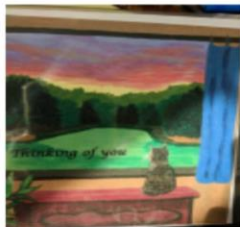
Sunday, 2/18: Home Buying Seminar 3pm-4pm

Sunday, 2/25: College Admissions assistance 3pm-5pm

Saturday, 2/27 and 3/3: Art with Rhea 10am-11:30



also an acrylic painting



"Thinking of you"



Ashley Dupuy
Branch Manager

February, 2018

The Alpharetta Branch Library is looking forward to an exciting and successful 2018. Fulton County is offering a performance based bonus to employees this year. In order to get the bonus, the Library System must meet goals from our strategic plan in many areas including customer service satisfaction, increased circulation, and increased program attendance. We all plan to work very hard to achieve these goals and will definitely need the help of the FOTAL. The money you provide for children's programming will enable us to afford high quality program vendors and attract a larger crowd for our summer reading activities. Increasing summer reading participation is one of the main goals for the Library System. We've already booked the very popular Little Red Barn petting zoo that had over 200 attendees last summer.

AFPLS is also undertaking a huge renovation project this year. Most of the other older branches in the system will be closed for major renovations starting as early as March 2018. The Central Library downtown will be closed for over a year for its renovation project. We anticipate increased traffic and circulation here at the Alpharetta Branch especially when some of the other large branches in the area like the Ocee Branch close. We may also get some additional staff as temporary workers from these closed branches so you may see some new faces at the service desks.

The branch lost two employees this year and we expect to get replacements for them in early 2018. We will also have a long-term volunteer for 18 hours a week starting in January and have reinstated the adult volunteer program as of October 2017. We certainly need the help with shelving, cleaning and other tasks. The teen volunteers are also very active and help in our children's department. One teen volunteer, Rhea, is teaching art classes for younger children on Saturday mornings.

As always we would like to thank the Friends of the Alpharetta Library for your generous support with both money and time. The monthly book sales are very popular and the donation bins are always full. You all certainly help to make this a great place for the community to use and enjoy.

Recent Additions located on Street Level bought by the Friends



CD shelving



News Rack



Pamphlets & Class Info



Charging Station

DONATE GENTLY USED BOOKS & MEDIA

We accept donations every day. Thank you for thinking of us.

We always want:

- Hardbacks - WITH DUST JACKETS,
- softbacks, paperbacks,
- music CDs, DVDs, Games
- Gently used Children's books



The DONATION BIN is located in the Lobby next to the Book Store. Your donation is tax deductible.

We do NOT want:

- encyclopedias, older business,
- technical (computer), or text books.

BOOK CONDITIONS

If your books have been in the basement or garage for months their condition might have deteriorated in some way; mildewed, damp, etc. Recycle these or donate them to Goodwill or The Salvation Army. We cannot sell them in this condition. Books without covers, torn, or chewed on, cannot be sold. Leaving them in our donation bin only makes more work for us.

PLEASE do not give us these books.

Banned Books That Shaped America

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, Mark Twain, 1884.
The Autobiography of Malcolm X, Malcolm X and Alex Haley, 1965
Beloved, Toni Morrison, 1987.
The Call of the Wild, Jack London, 1903.
Catch-22, Joseph Heller, 1961.
The Catcher in the Rye, J.D. Salinger, ...
Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee, Dee Brown, 1970 Subtitled "An Indian History of the American West,"

The most surprising books that have been banned at one time or another:

Little Red Riding Hood,
 The Lorax, Dr. Seuss,
 The Diary of a Young Girl, Anne Frank,
 Sylvester and the Magic Perbble, William Steig,
 American Heritage Dictionary,
 Harriet the Spy, Louise Fitzhugh,
 Where the Wild Things Are, Maurice Sendak,
 Tarzan, Edgar Rice Burroughs,
 The Giver, Lois Lowry,
 Where's Waldo, The Fantastic Journey, Martin Hanford;
 Twelfth Night, Shakespeare,
 James and the Giant Peach, Roald Dahl
 Charlotte's Web, E.B. White,
 Harry Potter series, J.K.Rowling

Friends of the Alpharetta Library (FOTAL) Membership Form

Clip the form and Mail with your payment OR drop it off at the Library or Friends of the Alpharetta Library Book Store
10 Park Plaza | Alpharetta, GA 30009 website: Fotal.org e-mail: alphalibrary@yahoo.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/ State / ZIP _____ / _____ / _____

email: _____ do not email

Individual: \$10 _____ Seniors/Teens: \$5 _____ children UNDER 12: free Family: \$25 _____ Donation: _____

Business/ Community/Contributor:
 Gold Level: \$200 _____ Silver Level: \$100 _____ Bronze Level: \$50 _____

Yes, I'd like to be a volunteer. Check one of the following:

- _____ Book Sales
- _____ most anything!
- _____ News articles
- _____ Membership
- _____ Publicity
- _____ member of the Board
- Other _____

