



# Friends of the Alpharetta Library

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## Fall FOTAL News

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### HIGH SCHOOL READING LISTS

FOTAL is accumulating books that are on the Reading list for Alpharetta, Cambridge, Milton high schools. Look for them in the Book Store (open daily) and at the Monthly Book Sales. The books are listed on page 3, in case you need a copy. If you have any of these books at home and are willing to donate them, bring them to the Book Store any day of the week and we'll add them to the collection. Milton Friends are doing the same for their patrons as are most Friends groups for their community.

### PARKS & RECREATION - THE ALPHARETTA ART CENTER

\* FOTAL met with the new Director of Parks and Rec., Mr. Morgan Rodgers, in July. The Art Center will be opening in our OLD Library Building (CORNER OF MAYFIELD AND CANTON) in October and is going to be a great addition to the community. It has gone through serious remodeling!

Many years ago, FOTAL purchased a bench in honor of a much loved librarian - Libby Covett, but when we moved to the new library, there wasn't a place for it. We've been looking for a new home for the past 3 years. When this was mentioned to Mr. Rodgers, he generously offered to find a new home for it somewhere on the original grounds. Look for it when you go to the Art Center. Thank you very much, Mr. Rodgers.

\* Have you noticed that P&R is putting free library boxes around town? Willis Park has one or two. City Hall has one. These little bird houses, filled with books, will continue to be placed around town.

*FYI: The FREE libraries are all over the US. 'Little Free Library' is a nonprofit organization that is fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world. [Access to books matter](#). On average, kids in homes without books are three years behind children in homes with lots of books.\* This is a statistic that they promote.*

*\*(M.D.R Evans et al, Research in Social Stratification and Mobility, June 2010)*

### ALPHARETTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

For several years, FOTAL and AES became partners. We proposed that if AES could write a Grant that is in keeping with the Friends of the Library's mission (to promote literacy) we would try to fund their needs. The Principal and Media Specialist wanted all students to have 'Studies Weekly' as an addition to their classroom materials. FOTAL funded the subscription for the last 2 years now. Its use improved the range of topics in science and social studies available, provided an online component, real aloud areas to improve reading skills and equal access to all materials for grades 3 - 5. The use of this resource resulted in a 28% improvement in Social Studies and Science on the Georgia Milestones. Principal Kathleen Stamper attributes the improvements to increased vital information and access to these areas of study.

### SUMMER PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

#### 2018 Summer programs held:

40 programs for kids, attended by 1859 children  
29 programs for teens, attended by 410 teenagers

#### TOTAL SUMMER PROGRAMS: 69

(last year there were 46 Summer Programs held)  
These numbers do not include Adult Programs and Reading enrollment)

Total books read through the Summer Program at Alpharetta: 7,679  
(not including Adult numbers)

Most of these programs were paid for by the Friends of the Alpharetta Library!

SEPTEMBER IS 'SIGN-UP FOR A LIBRARY CARD' MONTH!

Bring a photo ID and one other document to prove that you're a Fulton County resident (a bill with your address). It's FREE. REMEMBER - everything at the library is FREE!!!

**FOTAL Board Members**

**BOARD MEMBERS**  
 President : Gerrie Fornek  
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 Children's Books  
 Advisor: Megan McHugh  
 Book Store: Barbara Selwyn  
 Publicity: Susan Fornek  
 Paperbacks: Bob Moore

**Committees**  
 Scholarships: Dawn Manhoff

**Honorary Members:**  
 Morgan Rodgers  
 Hatcher Hurd

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

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

October 6  
 November 3  
 December 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**  
**Bring your own Bag, get a 50 cent discount**

**Alpharetta Library Hours**

10 Park Plaza  
 Alpharetta, GA 30009  
 404-613-6735

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



**FRIENDS Book Store Hours**

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

**NOTE:**

The OPEN hours are subject to change. We depend on Volunteers and their schedules to run the book store.



*We also have books for sale on-line.*

[www.amazon.com/shops/alphalibrary](http://www.amazon.com/shops/alphalibrary)

[www.amazon.com/shops/fotal42](http://www.amazon.com/shops/fotal42)

*A quote about LIBRARIES:*

*'For years it was predicted that libraries would become superfluous-mausoleums for books-when so much was available on-line. Instead, library visits now far exceed annual attendance at sporting events, concerts, and museums combined. It turns out that the very electronic revolution that was supposed to make libraries obsolete has made them indispensable'*

*U.S. News and World Report*

**BOOK STORE**

The inventory changes DAILY. All books are donated and deeply discounted. Selling books is our only fundraising activity. Tax donation notes are available.

**Current INVENTORY includes:**

- ... 2017-18 Best sellers: Fiction and Non-fiction
- ... Romance and 'COZY' mysteries;
- ... Historical Fiction
- ... Cookbooks, educational workbooks, Crafts
- ... Hundreds of children's books (all ages) Chapter Books, Series, Teen/ Youth Books, Picture and 1st Readers
- ... History, War, Political, Business
- ... Sci-fi and Fantasy
- ... Classics (Shakespeare, Rand, Vonnegut)
- ... High School Reading list books
- ... Audio books, movies and CDs
- ... AND 'specials':

10c kids's, adult  
 25c paperbacks,  
 ART books

**GENERAL PRICES:**

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

\*\*Ear Buds: \$2



**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](http://afpls.org) for directions.

**HIGH SCHOOL READING LIST**

*The Glass Castle, Walls  
Of Mice and Men, Steinbeck  
The Catcher in the Rye, Salinger  
Lord of the Flies, Golding  
Frankenstein, Shelly  
Macbeth, Shakespeare  
Hamlet, Shakespeare  
Twelfth Night, Shakespeare  
Romeo and Juliet, Shakespeare  
Brave New World, Huxley  
The Handmaid's Tale, Atwood  
1984, Orwell,  
The Road, McCarthy  
Station Eleven, St John Mandel  
Ready Player One, Cline  
Heart of Darkness, Conrad  
Beowulf  
Murder in the Cathedral, t.s. eliot  
Far from the Madding Crowd, Hardy  
The Importance of Being Earnest, Wilde  
The Crucible, Miller  
Tom Sawyer, Twain  
Fahrenheit 451, Bradbury*



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If you do not live in Fulton County, you can still use the library but to check out books or media there is an 'out-of-county' fee of \$35.  
*Note: you can get a library card anytime, not just in September.*

**ON-GOING FREE CLASSES**

Always check the library calendar for specific date and time. Additional details about the class are also listed.

More Events are scheduled all the time. Look at 'afpls.org' online, Flyers displayed at the Front Desk, or ask a Librarian.

**DAILY**

**Monday and Thursday:**  
ESL Class, 11:00, 11:30 respectively

**Tuesday:**  
Slow Flow and Stretch Yoga Class: 10:30

**Wednesday:**  
Baby - Family Storytime: 10:30  
Morning Meditation: 10:30  
Pre-school Storytime: 1:30

**Thursday:**  
Sahaja Meditation Class: 6:00  
Foreign Film Night: 5:30 in the Auditorium

**Saturday:**  
Girls Who Code: 10:30

**Sunday:**  
Chess Club: 2:30  
Gavel Club: 4:30

**MONTHLY**

Lego Club: 3rd Monday of the month, 4:00 (9/17)  
Alpharetta Craft Club, 2nd & 4th Tuesday of every month, 11:00,

Book Club: 4:30pm - once a month  
Reading with ECHO: 1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month, 4:00  
The Joys of Indonesian Cooking: Saturday, 12:30 (9/22 )

**SPECIAL EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY**

**Freestyle Family Craft Fun**  
The third Thursday of each month; 4:00-5:00 p.m.  
Come exercise your creative skills by making something wonderful with our art and craft supplies! Families are welcome. Children under 9 must be accompanied by a parent. or caregiver.

**Financing College Series**  
Mondays, 5:30 - 7:30  
**State Financial Aid Programs, 10/29**  
Hope and Zell Miller Scholarships and grants, GA Financial Application, award amounts, obtaining and maintaining state aid.

**Carnegie/AFPLS Writer's Group**  
3 - 5pm  
10/6, 10/20  
11/3, 11/17  
12/1

An exciting new partnership between the Nashville based Carnegie Writers' Group and the Alpharetta Library. A supportive writer's group. Meetings include guest speakers, presentations and workshops. Email Michael.salpeter@fultoncountyyga.gov

Carnegie Writers, Inc., is a community-based non-profit organization. The mission is to encourage children, adolescents and adults in writing and literacy.

**SPECIAL EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY**

**Who Were the Righteous Gentiles? Sunday, September 30, 3 p.m.**  
In a partnership with the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust, a representative will speak about non-Jews who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust. Don't miss this opportunity to hear some remarkable accounts of altruism. Ages 10 to adult. Registration suggested by emailing Michael.salpeter@fultoncountyyga.gov. However, walk-ins are

**BOOKS FOR SOLDIERS**

FOTAL has been sending 4 - 6 boxes of books, snacks, movies and toiletries monthly to men and women in the Armed Service around the world since about 2004. Included is always a card or note written by kids who come to the Monthly Saturday Sales. A return letter is never expected because we seldom know where the soldiers are located. But, every once in awhile we do get a letter of 'thanks'. This is one we wanted to share.

**Department of the Army  
1-115th Combined Arms Battalion  
Camp Buehring, Kuwait**

Dear Alpharetta Library Crew,  
I first want to say thank you for all the snacks and goodies you sent my Company. The first time I was over here in 2003 the support from the American public was overwhelming and to see strangers still sending packages today makes me proud to wear this uniform. Regardless of where we come from, who we vote for, or what street we live on, there is a fundamental respect for what my soldiers and their families sacrifice. Your young men and women serving in a volunteer military to protect our freedoms for citizens that we have not and likely will never meet is an action you will only see in the United States. Only in America do we see strangers helping strangers, and your care package is one example of this support.

The Soldiers of Hurricane Company 1-155 are in good spirits as we continue to train and prepare for any mission that is given to us in support of Operation Spartan Shield. As a battalion, we are currently in four different countries and respect for the Mississippi Rifles continues to grow every day. We are Citizen Soldiers who signed up for one weekend a month, two weeks a year, and when called by our country we put the uniform on daily just like our active duty counterparts. The 1-155 is the oldest National Guard unit dating back as far as 1799 and the 7th oldest infantry regiment in the United States Army. Our motto, "Stand Fast", comes from the battle of Buena Vista from Colonel Jefferson Davis. While others turned to run away, the Mississippi Rifleman stayed and fought, eventually winning the battle. We continue to live this creed as we train daily on our soldier tasks that are vital for our mission success.


Thank you once again,  
Sincerely  
Cpt John A Rowland  
P.S. The beef jerky lasted all but 10 minutes!.

**DONATE GENTLY USED BOOKS & MEDIA**

**BOOK CONDITIONS**

*Lately the books placed in the DONATION BIN have been mildewed, yellowed with age, torn, and frankly books that should have been thrown in the trash (mildewed books CANNOT be recycled!)*

**WE ARE NOT A RECYCLING CENTER - PLEASE DON'T TREAT US LIKE ONE.**

 **The DONATION BIN is located in the Lobby next to the Book Store.**

Donations are accepted every day. Thank you for thinking of us.

**We always want:**

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

**We DO NOT want:**

OLD / OUT of DATE Computer Books Reference or OUT of DATE text books Encyclopedias

**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](http://Fotal.org) e-mail: [alphalibrary@yahoo.com](mailto:alphalibrary@yahoo.com) twitter: @FOTALtweets



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 \_\_\_\_\_