



# Friends of the Alpharetta Library

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Newsletter from the FOTAL Group.

Fall 2017



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## Letter from the President

Summer ends, school begins, Fall looms in the near future. 2017 has been incredibly busy as the days just fly by. We're all so busy it is difficult to remember what happened yesterday.

The library and its Summer Reading Program plus all the activities has made it even more of a blur! Everyone works so hard to make each and every library visit and program a success we sometimes forget to sit back and just 'enjoy'.

The Friends are proud to sponsor the programs and find a great deal of joy sharing in the successes of the library and its staff. More programs were held and more attendees came to them this year than last year.

2017 marks the 25th Anniversary of the Friends of the Alpharetta Library. Throughout the years we are lucky to have had wonderful volunteers, many of whom are still working at the monthly book sales and in the book store. Our BIRTHDAY celebration continues all year. Please come into the Book Store and sign our big birthday card. The great thing about being a part of the Friends organization is that you see so many familiar faces who have been buying books and using the library for these many years. The little kiddies are growing, our kids are off to college, jobs and a family of their own. For such a diverse group we are very much a family. Thanks for being a part of all of this and for being a FRIEND.

*Gerrie Fornek, President*

## Summer time..... Summer Time.....



2017 SUMMER PROGRAMS SPONSORED (paid for) BY the FRIENDS was approximately \$2,500. More than 400 attended Opening Day - the Petting Zoo! Events included:

- Little Red Barn Petting Zoo
- Mumferd Safety Tales Puppet Show: Exercise
- Family Movie Night (44 attending)
- Dr. Tom's Semi-Silent Theater (144 attending)
- Doc Atoms Explosive Science Show (175+ attending)
- Tommy Johns (143 attending)
- The Magic Man, Bill Packard
- Sing-Along with Bach to Rock
- Family Game Night
- New Adventures of Br'er Rabbit
- Harry Potter Birthday Party
- Zoo Library

Plus the on-going programs this summer:

- Gavel Club
- Summer Cooking with Chef Lynn
- Slow Flow and Stretch Yoga class
- Chess Club

FOTAL also supplied free books for children enrolled in the Reading Program to take as their own every time they completed a book along with the final prizes for two Readers, Amazon gift cards.

AND... we thought 2016 was a banner year for Summer Reading and Programs but in many areas Alpharetta Library surpassed last years programs and attendance. The Staff needs a collective CHEER - coordinating everything was a herculean effort!

... CHILDREN -TEENS - ADULT enrolled in the Summer Reading Program - **779**

... TOTAL Participants to Summer Programs - **2,035**

... TOTAL Programs held - **46**

... TOTAL books read - **8,298 (up almost 1,000)**

... New Library cards - 771

... Library card renewals: 1608

**FOTAL Board Members**

**BOARD MEMBERS**

President : Gerrie Fornek  
 V-President: Ben Statham  
 Secretary: Gerrie Fornek  
 Treasurer: Linda Statham  
 Children's Books: Megan McHugh  
 Book Store: Barbara Selwyn  
 Publicity: Susan Fornek  
 Paperbacks: Bob Moore  
 Committees:  
 Membership:  
     *Honorary Members:*  
 Juli Kearns, FOTAL webmaster  
 Ashley Dupuy, Branch Manager, Alpharetta Library



**BOOK STORE**

**Inventory changes DAILY based on donations. And... it's lots cheaper than Barnes & Noble or Amazon!!!**

**The Inventory:**

- ... Current Best sellers (2016 & 2017 books)
- ... Romance and 'COZY' mysteries
- ... Historical Fiction
- ... Local authors, Southern History
- ... COOKBOOKS
- ... Hundreds of children's books (all ages) Chapter Books, Series, Teen/Youth Books, PICTURE and Board Books
- ... HISTORY, WAR, POLITICAL, Business
- ... CLASSICS (Shakespeare, Dickens, Ayn Rand...)

**PRICES:**

- \* Small Paperback books are usually 50 cents
- \* All other hardback or softback books start at \$1 and seldom more than \$5.
- \* Audio books start at \$1, Movies start at \$1, CDs start at \$1
- \* Children's books start at 25cents (we do have a 10c bucket!)

\*\*\* *BOOK MARKS* : \$3 (wonderful gift item) \*  
 They are made by Friends Volunteers.

\*\*\* **FOTAL Book Bags: \$2.** Or, buy \$10 worth of books and get one free.

ANY CHANGES TO OUR SCHEDULE WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE -FOTAL.ORG  
**Book Sales are held the 1st SATURDAY of each month.**

**October 1  
 November 5  
 December 3**

**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  
 DVD's: \$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



**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)

**LIBRARY ANNUAL SURVEY RESULTS**

The Atlanta Public Library system recently conducted their annual **Library User** survey. A record-breaking 16,000 responses were received with a few surprising results. Some information like demographics were collected - how many times the Library is visited versus using digital resources. The key points were:

- .. the majority of users are female: 60%. Last year it was 72% so men are catching up.
- .. all ages were represented. A surprising 40% of users were between 25 - 44.
- .. library users are educated. More than 55% have a college degree.
- .. 40% of those surveyed come into the library 3 - 4 times a month.
- .. 87% of all responders are satisfied with the customer service and experience.

**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.

**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**

**check - it - out --- the DIGITAL library**

<b>Zinio</b> for Libraries allows check out, reading, and/or downloading cover-to-cover editions of your favorite magazines.	<b>Flipster®</b> , the next-gen digital newsstand now offers content across all of your favorite devices. With access to the top magazines	<b>OVERDRIVE</b> download your fav AUDIO or eBooks	<b>freegal:</b> free music downloads	<b>hoopla:</b> free music, movies & iTunes
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## FOTAL's Scholarship Program

Scholarships have been awarded by FOTAL for 25 years. *The program is based on the National Friends mission which is to encourage literacy, promote the library's programs and be an integral part of the community.*

In 2016, FOTAL increased both the number and monetary amount of the scholarships. The requirements have remained constant: submit an application as a graduating senior in our Alpharetta area, provide an acceptance letter from a college, university, or a continuing education institution, include a list of school achievements and extracurricular activities and write an essay of 250-500 words as to 'the importance of a free, public library system in today's society'.

**At the beginning of 2018, we will again notify the schools in the Alpharetta City Limits (high schools, home schools and Continuing Education) of the Scholarship Program, its requirements and availability.**



The Friends of the Alpharetta Library presented three \$500 scholarships to 2017 graduating seniors in the Alpharetta area.

Gillian Lynn Rivera of Veritas, will attend UGA and the College of Engineering.

Jen McCall of Veritas, will attend Truett McConnell in the field of nursing, and

Hamza Tanzeem of Alpharetta High School, will attend Purdue in the Engineering College.

FOTAL also provides a \$500 scholarship each year to individuals who are working towards their GED. The Ralph and Katie Johnson Scholarship helps students defray the cost of their tests as they earn their GED certificate. For more information about these scholarships, go to FOTAL's website: [www.fotal.org](http://www.fotal.org)

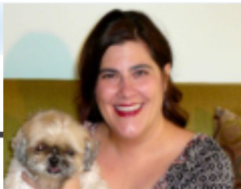
The Friends feel that investing in the young adults is a key component of community involvement and a logical offshoot of the Library and Friends mission - literacy for all ages.



### PROBLEMS OF A BOOK NERD #947

Getting books from the library when you already have a stack of unread books you've purchased sitting on your bookshelf.

## OUR NEW BRANCH MANAGER AND CHILDREN'S LIBRAIAN



**Ashley Dupuy** and 'New Dog'  
Branch Manager

Ashley Dupuy is the new Branch Manager for the Alpharetta Branch of the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System. She started her new position in July 2017. Ashley is not new to Fulton County. While she was in library school she worked at both the Buckhead Branch and the Central Library as a Library Assistant Senior. Ashley came to Alpharetta from the Kennesaw State University Library System where she served as the Director of Research and Instructional Services and Librarian Associate Professor. She managed a team of librarians and paraprofessionals who coordinated reference services, undergraduate instruction, distance learning initiatives, and the undergraduate faculty liaison program.

Prior to completing her MLIS at the University of Alabama, Ashley worked for 15 years in the marketing and advertising industry. She has extensive experience in business management, project management and account service. She has worked for advertising agencies (most recently Target MarkeTeam), at companies like Delta AirLines, and with many large clients such as the American Diabetes Association, UPS, American Express, and Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Ashley also has a BS in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania and an MBA from Kennesaw State University.

Ashley lives in Chamblee with her husband and three dogs. Her very favorite dog, New Dog, is pictured with her in the photo. She and her husband enjoy traveling, food and wine, and watching movies. Ashley also started a book club over 20 years ago with friends and it's still going strong. The group is currently reading *Commonwealth* by Ann Patchett which is an excellent read so come by the Alpharetta library and pick up a copy.



**ERIN Parks**,  
Youth Services  
Librarian

Erin Parks is the new Youth Services Librarian for the Alpharetta Branch of the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System. She grew up in Gwinnett County and worked for the Gwinnett County Public Library for thirteen years. During that time, she completed a Masters of Library and Information Science via the online program at Florida State University. Erin also has a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature from the University of Georgia. Before coming to Alpharetta she worked as the Young Adult Librarian for the Augusta-Richmond County (GA) Library System for about a year and a half.

She's excited to be back home and serving a community that she cares deeply about.

### City of Alpharetta Proclamation

The Friends of the Alpharetta Library (FOTAL) organization was recently awarded a proclamation by Mayor David Belle Isle and the council members of the City of Alpharetta to honor the 25th. anniversary of the founding of the Friends. Accepting the award are board members (l - r): Linda Statham, Ben Statham, Barbara Selwyn, Gerrie Fornek, Susan Fornek. Unable



*Our youngest volunteers are Jon and Veronica Robinson. They are shown receiving their Volunteer Award from Linda. They help break down the tables and boxes of books at monthly sales and move all those extra books into storage.*



You know you've read a good book when you turn the last page and feel a little as if you have lost a friend."

Paul Sweeney

### DONATE YOUR GENTLY USED BOOKS & MEDIA

**DROP OFF your books:** We accept book donations every day that the library is open. A DONATION BOX is located in the Lobby of the Library, next to the Book Store. We LOVE THAT YOU THINK OF US, AND APPRECIATE THIS SUPPORT. Children's books - gently used- are most appreciated.

**DO NOT LEAVE:**  
Text Books... MAGAZINES... Reference books ...  
Old, smelly, MILDEW books, OLD books in poor condition. We cannot sell them.

A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert.

Andrew Carnegie (1835-1919)

Industrialist, Businessman, Entrepreneur, Philanthropist

After retiring, Carnegie devoted much of his life to learning opening schools, and helping others. It is said because of his donations about 2800 libraries were opened..

### 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

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website: [Fotal.org](http://Fotal.org)

e-mail: [alphalibrary@yahoo.com](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_