



Friends of the Alpharetta Library

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Quarterly Newsletter from the FOTAL Group.

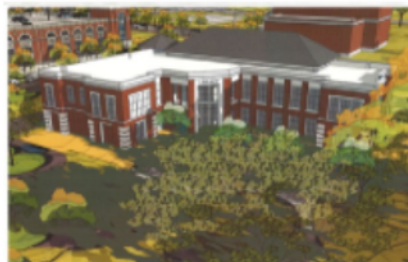
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What the world of tomorrow will be like is greatly dependent on the power of imagination in those who are learning to read today."

Astrid Lindgren (1907-2002)
Swedish Author and Screenwriter



It's really real!

BUT..... opening has slipped a month... we are now targeted for August

Several Hundred Volunteers were feted at a Breakfast Meeting in April at the Central Library for their many hours of work on behalf of libraries throughout Fulton County in 2014.

From the Alpharetta Library the following Volunteers were honored:

- > 10 year service Award: Gerrie Fornek, Charna McCurry
- > 5 year service Award: Martha Clarke, Dawn Manhoff, Hannah Manhoff
- > 1000 hours or more of cumulative service at the end of 2014: Susan Fornek
- > 1000+ hours in 2014: Gerrie Fornek, Ben Statham
- > 600+ hours in 2014: Linda Statham
- > 400+ hours in 2014: Barbara Selwyn
- > 100+ hours in 2014: Susan Fornek, Dawn Manhoff, Hannah Manhoff

The **real big deal** was that **Native Son Ben Statham** was again honored for his 25 years of continuous service. Aside from Ben logging more hours every year than anyone else who volunteers, accolades from a County Commissioner, Library Trustee Stephanie Moody and Director Gayle Holloman, the Atlanta Fulton County Library has purchased Southern History books on his behalf. Each books will each have a book plate inscribed to Ben and have a special place at the Alpharetta Library.

2014 FOTAL Scholarships Awarded High School Graduates and GED Assistance

High school graduates receive FOTAL scholarships:

- > **Milton** High students who will receive the Ralph Anderson Scholarships are:
 - > **Ryan Shield**, who will be attending UGA,
 - > **Kaitlyn Harris**, who will also be attending UGA
- > **Chattahoochee** High recipient for the Robert Fulton Scholarship is
 - > **Megan Williamson** who will attend Georgia College and State University and study nursing.

2014 GED Test Assistance

FOTAL awards the GED program at Gwinnett Technical College, located in the former Milton High School building, money to take GED tests for promising students. Their teacher, Jeanne Pethel, routinely selects books at our book sales to give to her students at the school. WE ARE SO GLAD WE CAN NOT ONLY PROVIDE FUNDS FOR GED TESTING BUT BOOKS FOR THEIR USE. THANKS TO JEANNE PETHEL!

We received 26 THANK YOU LETTERS from the students this year. A sampling follows.



Dear Friends,
My name is Maria and I am a student currently enrolled in the GED program at the Milton Center in Alpharetta. I am currently attending the writing/grammar class being taught by Mrs. Jean Pethel. I would like to give my sincere thanks for the books that have been donated for the students. I love to read and plan to take full advantage of this situation. Thank you again.

Dear Friends,
I would like to take a moment to show my appreciation for the books we received at Gwinnett Tech. As a student of Jeanne Pethel, I was very pleased with the books and the wide selection. I love books and love to read every chance I have. So, let me thank you again for your generous donation.

Dear Friends of the Alpharetta Library,
I would like to say thank you for donating all of these books to us here at the Milton Center. It is a very kind gesture of you all to do so. These books give us an opportunity to learn and indulge our minds with more vocabulary.

2011 FOTAL Board Members

BOARD MEMBERS

President: Gerrie Fornek
 V-President: Ben Statham
 Secretary: Gerrie Fornek
 Treasurer: Linda Statham
 Children's Books: Kathy Peters
 Book Sales: Barbara Selwyn
 Publicity: Susan Fornek
 Paperbacks: Bob Moore
 Bri Baker

Honorary Members:

Juli Kearns, FOTAL webmaster
 Adam Maroney, Principal, AES
 William McCormick
 Jim Paine

FOTAL Membership

Membership in FOTAL is easy. Just fill out a form at our BOOK SALE. Or, go on-line to fotal.org at any time. Membership prices are on the form

What do you get with your Membership? Knowledge that you are directly supporting your library, books on the shelves, supplies and programs and a tote bag to use at the sales for a discount.

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

Sale Hours:

10am to 4pm
 Rain or Shine

September 5

**WATCH THIS SPACE
 for more info**

Children's Books start at 25 cents
 Paperbacks start at 50 cents
 Oversized paperbacks start at \$1
 Hardbacks start at \$1

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

Bring your own Bag, get a 50 cent discount

**YOU CAN BUY OUR BOOKS ON-LINE
 ANYTIME**

<http://shops.half/ebay.com/alphalibrary>
www.amazon.com/shops/alphalibrary
www.amazon.com/shops/fotal42

Alpharetta Library

Alpharetta, GA 30009
 770-740-2425
 Monday
 Tuesday:
 Wednesday:
 Thursday:
 Friday:
 Saturday:

Summer Programs

Alpharetta Library will have a limited Summer Program. The uncertainty of exactly when the new Library will open makes it very difficult for the Staff to plan events. They are hoping that once that moving date is announced a few programs can be quickly scheduled. There will be an **OPENING DAY CELEBRATION!**

However that should not prevent you from participating in the programs held at any of the North Fulton Libraries.

Come to Alpharetta Library or call the closest library to you for more information and schedules of Kickoffs, Reading Programs, Special Events for Children, Teens and Adults. The phone number of each of the North Fulton Libraries is listed below.

A few of the KICKOFF EVENTS are listed. Most start the first week of June.

East Roswell Branch

2301 Holcomb Bridge Road
 Roswell, GA 30076
 404.613.4050

Northeast/Spruill Oaks Branch

9560 Spruill Road
 Johns Creek GA 30022
 770-360-8820

Piccadilly Puppet Show

Tuesday, June 2, 2015
 10:30 AM-11:15 AM

Roswell Branch

115 Norcross Street
 Roswell, GA 30075
 770-640-3075

Ocee Branch

5090 Abbotts Bridge Rd.
 Johns Creek, GA 30005-4601
 770-360-8897

"Every Hero Has a Story." Magician Keith Karnok

Monday, June 8, 2015
 2:00 PM-3:00 PM

Sandy Springs Branch

395 Mount Vernon Hwy
 Sandy Springs, GA 30328
 404-303-6130

Company of Friends Theatrical Productions!

Tuesday, June 2:
 11:00 AM-12:00 PM



BOOK SALES

"After all manner of professors have done their best for us, the place we are to get knowledge is in books. The true university of these days is a collection of books."

Albert Camus (1913-1960)
 French Algerian Author, Philosopher, and Journalist



FOOD FOR THOUGHT Chef Susan

Summers bounty of fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs is upon us.. Looking for a quick and refreshing side dish to bring to a cookout or party I have one of my faves for you....

Grilled Watermelon & Tomato Salad

3 lbs. watermelon, sliced
3 lbs. tomatoes (heirloom or roma),
1 tsp. Kosher salt
5 tbslp. olive oil
1.5 tsp. rice wine vinegar
3 tbslp. chopped herbs (I like mint, dill & basil)
1 cup feta cheese, crumbled



Grill watermelon about 1 minute on each side. (just enough to get some nice grill marks). Remove and cut in to 1 in. chunks. Cut tomatoes in 1 in. chunks. In a large mixing bowl, combine melon & tomatoes with the chopped herbs, oil & vinegar. Adjust seasoning if necessary. Chill. 15 minutes before service add feta and gently toss to combine.
Serve over peppery greens or just as is..
Serves 6-8 generously.



Sign-up for "Every Hero Has a Story" is easy, just come into any of our 34 libraries to register. Children read 10 books and teens read 5. After signing up, each person receives a reading log to keep track of books that are read during the summer. The library awards a certificate when readers complete their number of books, and their name goes into a drawing for prizes. For a full list of programs and events visit our website or call your local branch. All programs are free and open to the public.



Area teens are encouraged to participate in "Unmask!" the Library System's teen summer library program. Teens are invited to come to their branch and read for prizes, as well as to take part in special events offered throughout the summer.

Special programs this summer will include:

Computer Coding for Teens,
Superfood - The Vegan No Bake Experience,
Every Hero Has a Story Mural,
3D Printing (3D Superheroes),
Wearable Technology, and
e-Textiles Superhero Design Challenge.

Sign up for the Summer Reading
Programs starts June 1st.

Don't miss out..... go to the Library
and find out the details and
schedules!



Readers of all ages will explore every day heroes as the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System presents "Every Hero Has a Story," as its 2015 Summer Reading Program theme. By joining the fun, patrons of all ages will have the power to bring science fiction to life in all of our locations with exciting programs and events. Sign up starts in all of our locations on June 1, so be sure not to miss out!

BEST SUMMER READS From Atlanta Public Libraries...**All the Light We Cannot See, Anthony Doerr**

From the highly acclaimed, multiple award-winning Anthony Doerr, a stunningly ambitious and beautiful novel about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II

**Girl on the Train, Paula Hawkins**

A debut psychological thriller that will forever change the way you look at other people's lives.

Memory Man, David Baldacci

Now he introduces a startling, original new character: a man with perfect memory who must solve his own family's murder...MEMORY MAN Amos Decker's life changed forever--twice.

Dry Bones, Craig Johnson

In the latest installment of Craig Johnson's "New York Times" bestselling Longmire series, Wyoming's beloved lawman takes on his coldest case yet

Leaving Time, Jodi Picoult**FOR KIDS:**

Any of the *Wimpy Kids* Series

The *BOXCAR* series are popular again

Tongue Twisters for Kids

5,000 Awesome Facts (About Everything!) (National Geographic Kids)

Laugh-Out-Loud Jokes for Kids

"If you have a garden and a library you have everything you need."

Cicero - Roman Statesman, Philosopher, and Lawyer

**FOTAL Supporters**

THE CITY OF ALPHARETTA: Thank you Mayor Belle Isle and the City Council for your continued encouragement and contributions.

ALPHARETTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

Principal Adam Maroney

ALPHARETTA GARDEN CLUB

at Mansell House.

BAGEL BOYS 11770 HAYNES BRIDGE RD

We'd like to thank Bagel Boy's for supplying bagels for the volunteer crew at our Saturday Book Sales. Stop in for breakfast or lunch. Take a few home along with a 'schmear' of cream cheese.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

PROGRAM. Register your Kroger Card on-line and a portion of the money you spend at the store is sent to us. Kroger.com/communityrewards. Enter 'Friends of the Alpharetta library'.

The Local Organizations below have provided Volunteer Services and Support to Fulton County Libraries in 2014. We thank them for their generosity.

Alpharetta Fire Department
Alpharetta Police Department
Alpharetta Christian Academy
Alpharetta High School
Milton High School
AARP
Books for Soldiers
Chipotle, Inc
Dairy Queen - Alpharetta
Friends groups
Girl Scouts
Honda CarLand - Alpharetta
Junior League
North Fulton Chamber of Commerce
North Fulton Regional Hospital

Friends of the Alpharetta Library (FOTAL) Membership Form

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 _____

Mail to: (temporary address)

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