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Terry W. Kay, acclaimed Georgia writer, will join the Friends of Georgia Libraries Board of Directors as its first author member, it was announced today by Dr. W. Bede Mitchell, FOGL president and Dean of the Georgia Southern University Library.

Kay said he was "delighted to have been invited to join the FOGL Board. I look forward to taking part in events that promote and celebrate the heritage of our literature."

He added: "I think FOGL is quickly becoming a statewide force to encourage reading programs, and I want to aid those efforts whenever I can."

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Mitchell said the addition of a Georgia author to the board will add new insights to FOGL initiatives across the state. FOGL was established to promote the state's libraries and assist Friends groups in their support of local libraries.

Kay's career as author spans decades as a sports writer, arts critic, public relations executive and fiction writer. His books - including *To Dance with the White Dog*, *The Year the Lights Came On* and *The Book of Marie* - are widely read in Georgia and internationally. Several have been produced as films on television.

He is a frequent speaker at literary, literacy and Friends' activities, and a passionate supporter of Georgia's literary heritage and emerging new writers. He has been inducted into the Georgia Writers Hall of Fame, among other honors. A native of Hart County, he now makes his home in Athens.