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# BETWEEN FRIENDS

News for Friends Of Georgia Libraries

## Annual Meeting and Spring Workshop The Care and "Feeding" of Friends Groups Friday, April 29, Macon State College Learning Support Center Earn Continuing Education Credits



There's never been a more important time for Friends groups and libraries to be vocal advocates for libraries. And there's no better teacher and guide on the subject, than our Spring Workshop speaker, Alan Harkness, Assistant State Librarian for Library Development at the Georgia Public Library Service. He'll share smart, effective -- and not-so-complicated -- ways to put Friends to work to promote and protect your library.

### Lunch Speaker: Laretta Hannon, The Cracker Queen

Laretta Hannon is the author of *The Cracker Queen--A Memoir of a Jagged, Joyful Life*. Says one reviewer, it "delights again and again as the intrepid



Hannon turns her hardscrabble beginnings into a major laugh fest that will leave her readers wanting more." Named to the Georgia Center for the Book's 2010 List of Books Every Georgian Should Read, Hannon's work is "A

bracing, heart-gladdening embrace of human foibles and strangeness," said *Kirkus Review*.

Hannon has been a commentator on National Public Radio's All Things Considered and known for her stories on Georgia Public Radio, many of which celebrate strong, authentic Southern women (Cracker Queens).

### Plus Awards Presentation!

See which Friends group wins the Fabulous Friends Award and who's earned the Best Friend Award.

### Register now! Deadline is April 22, 2011.

\$20 for FOGL members. \$30 for non-members, includes membership fee. Breakfast, lunch included. Earn 1 hour of Continuing Education credits. Visit [www.georgia-friends.org](http://www.georgia-friends.org) or use form on last page.

### Schedule

**Friday, April 29**

**9 am** Registration

**9:30 am** Business Meeting

**9:45 am** The Care and "Feeding" of Friends Groups

**12 noon** Lunch and author speaker

**After lunch** Presentation of Best Friend and Fabulous Friends Award

## FOGL Membership Moves to Calendar Year, and Green Online Newsletter

To make membership tracking and renewal reminders easier, FOGL is moving from rolling membership to a January 1 to December 31 membership year. In addition, FOGL will now send the newsletter via email only. It's our way of reducing our environmental impact and

reallocating your membership dues to valuable programs. The newsletter will also continue to be posted on the website. Be sure to add your email address to your enrollment form – and be sure to forward the newsletter to your whole Friends group.

## The Strength of FOGL is a Strong Leaders. Will You Serve?

As FOGL grows to support more and more libraries across the state, we are always looking for new board members to share their skills and experience. Is that you? Do you know someone to recommend? Please contact Bede Mitchell at [wbmitch@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:wbmitch@georgiasouthern.edu). Here are some of the committee opportunities.

- **Finance Committee:** This group is developing a financial plan for FOGL's future.
- **Marketing Committee:** The committee focuses on ways to reach out to members and others with useful content through the newsletter, FOGL Facebook page and other media.

- **Membership Committee:** This committee builds membership in support of Georgia libraries.
- **Awards, Promotion and Judging:** The committee solicits and judges nominations for Best Friends and Fabulous Friends awards
- **FOL Support Services Committee:** The committee will develop an online resource library for local Friends groups, such as templates for promotional materials ideas for fundraising and book sales, building websites and the like.
- **Programming and Professional Education:** This committee is charged with developing the programs for the Spring and Fall Workshops.

## More Ways to Support FOGL

**Did you know** FOGL is a 501(C)3 nonprofit organization? A donation to FOGL is a tax deductible gift -- check with your financial advisor. If your employer has a matching gift program, FOGL may be eligible for that extra support. Check with your HR office or with Arlys Ferrell at [arlysferrell@yahoo.com](mailto:arlysferrell@yahoo.com).

**Do you know** a company that should be a corporate FOGL member? Many organizations require people to apply for jobs online or communicate with management only by email. Many individuals count on the library for computer access. Tell businesses about FOGL and invite them to join.

**Make a difference  
for libraries  
and readers!**

## Lavonia-Carnegie Library celebrates 100 years

The Lavonia-Carnegie Library will celebrate its 100th anniversary with a March 23 Open House. The Friends of the Library will serve light refreshments, and the First Foundation will give free books to the first 50 children, ages 6 and under, who attend the event.

The Lavonia Women's Club formed a library for its members in 1904 with 18 books. Later, they club rented a room and in 1909 hired the first librarian. In 1910 the Carnegie Foundation awarded a \$5,000 grant for library construction. The Lavonia Town Council agreed to provide \$500 each year for 10 years then took full responsibility for the library until 1974, when it became a branch of the Athens Regional Library System.

The historic 2,600-square-foot building opened in 1911. The brick Renaissance Revival-style building has been a local landmark throughout its history. For information, call (706) 356-4307.

## Georgia Center for the Book Announces 25 Books Every Georgian Should Read and 25 Books Every Young Georgian Should Read

Are you making the most of Georgia's great authors? The GCB list helps us celebrate our literary treasures. Did you know that Georgia students in seventh grade are required to read a Georgia author? Have you thought about a display in your library? A Georgia book club or collection? Share your ideas and we'll print them here.

### Adult List

*Snakeskin Road*, James Braziel  
*A Cry of Angels*, Jeff Fields  
*The Confederate General Rides North*, Amanda Gable  
*Bombingham*, Anthony Grooms  
*Luminous Mysteries: A Novel*, John Holman  
*How Far She Went*, Mary Hood  
*The Girl Who Stopped Swimming*, Joshilyn Jackson  
*Hue and Cry: Stories*, James Alan McPherson  
*When the Finch Rises*, Jack Riggs  
*Nothing With Strings: NPR's Beloved Holiday Stories*, Bailey White  
*The Heart of a Distant Forest*, Philip Lee Williams  
*Winter Sky: New and Selected Poems, 1968-2008*, Coleman Barks  
*New and Selected Poems of Thomas Lux, 1975-1995*, Thomas Lux  
*The Watchers*, Memye Curtis Tucker  
*Slavery by Another Name: The Re-Enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to World War II*, Douglas A. Blackmon  
*Long Time Leaving: Dispatches from Up South*, Roy Blount, Jr.  
*At Canaan's Edge: America in the King Years, 1965-68*, Taylor Branch  
*Heart of a Patriot: How I Found the Courage to Survive Vietnam*, Walter Reed, and Karl Rove, Max Cleland  
*Invisible Sisters*, Jessica Handler  
*The Cracker Queen: A Memoir of a Jagged, Joyful Life*, Laretta Hannon  
*Lovesick Blues: The Life of Hank Williams*, Paul Hemphill  
*Under the Tuscan Sun: At Home in Italy*, Frances Mayes  
*The Ballad of Blind Tom*, Deirdre O'Connell

*An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith*, Barbara Brown Taylor  
*Bon Appetit Ya'll: Recipes & Stories from Three Generations of Southern Cooking*, Virginia Willis

### Youth List List

#### Young Adults (grades 7+)

*Peaches*, Jodi Lynn Anderson  
*I Am Rembrandt's Daughter*, Lynn Cullen  
*The Maze Runner*, James Dashner  
*Blood Brothers*, S.A. Harazin  
*Pure*, Terra Elan McVoy  
*First Shot*, Walter Sorrells

#### Middle Readers (Grades 4-8)

*Freedom Train*, Evelyn Coleman  
*A Yellow Watermelon*, Ted Dunagan  
*The Tree that Owns Itself and Other Adventure Tales from Georgia's Past*, Gail Karwoski & Loretta Johnson Hammer  
*Joseph*, Shelia Moses  
*Yankee Girl*, Mary Ann Rodman  
*Alexander the Great Rocks the World*, Vicky Alvear Schecter  
*Honey Bea*, Kim L. Siegelson  
*A Taste of Blackberries*, Doris Buchanan Smith  
*Any Which Wall*, Laurel Snyder  
*Each Little Bird That Sings*, Deborah Wiles

#### Graphic Novel (Grades 4+)

*Owly: The Way Home & The Bittersweet Summer*, Andy Runton

#### Early Readers (Grades K-3)

*Mittens*, Lola Schaefer

#### Picture Books (Pre-K+)

*Little Duck*, Liz Conrad  
*14 Cows for America*, Carmen Deedy (author) Thomas Gonzalez (illustrator)  
*Soap, Soap, Soap ~ Jabon, Jabon, Jabon*, Elizabeth O. Dulemba  
*The Origami Master*, Nathaniel Lachenmeyer  
*Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes*, Eric Litwin (author) James Dean (illustrator)  
*The Monster Who Did My Math*, Danny Schnitzlein (author) Bill Mayer (illustrator)  
*This is the Dream*, Diane A. Shore & Jessica Alexander

## Friends and Library Staff: Working better by working together

### Five tips from Lyn Hopper, Public Library Development Consultant



Lyn Hopper, of Atlanta's Lyn Hopper Consulting, has years of experience as a public library and nonprofit consultant, trainer, teacher and writer. In addition, she has long been a guiding force within FOGL and is a past president. She offered to share with us her insights on the roles of Friends groups and Library Directors and staff and how the professionals and volunteers can work together.

#### **1. In the Friends-Staff relationship, what are the responsibilities of each group?**

Friends must remember that staff works for the library director, who in turn works for the board. Friends should have a mission to support the library, keeping in mind that the board and director set policy and determine direction for the library. Friends activities should always support that direction and policy.

Sometimes Friends are so invested in the library that they feel it is helpful to suggest policies, staff hires, or programs and services. Although Friends input is always important for the director and board to take into consideration, decision making in these areas is clearly not the role of a Friends group.

Written guidelines can be helpful to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the various groups involved with the library, especially for new Friends groups or ones that have been inactive for a while.

#### **2. How should Friends and library staff work together to decide how Friends funds are spent? Should Friends have a role in deciding what materials the library should be buying?**

Any expenditures for the library must be in accordance with board and administration plans and policies.

Therefore, it is so important to involve the director and/or board in the Friends budget process. Many Friends groups take annual requests from the library in order to determine how funds are spent.

Since collection development is a policy set by the board and carried out by the director, there is no role for Friends in making decisions about materials selection. Generally, the library staff will have first pick of donated materials that might be suitable for the collection.

#### **3. Should Friends expect library staff to "volunteer" to help with events?**

The director must ensure compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act, and in many cases, a staff member working extra hours on library work violates federal law. In addition, the library's personnel policy governs how the library uses staff time. It is imperative that the parties work together and communicate in order to avoid the many pitfalls of human resources administration.

#### **4. What is your best advice for creating synergy between Friends and staff?**

Communicate, communicate, communicate! It is helpful to have a board liaison as well as a staff liaison to the Friends, and to have a Friends liaison to the board. I would venture to guess that a practice of open communication will solve 90% of the potential problems before they begin.

#### **5. If the relationship between Friends and staff becomes strained, how do you get back on track?**

Sometimes bringing all parties to the table (staff, director, board, Friends) and clarifying the roles and responsibilities of each is a good idea. In fact, I would suggest an annual meeting to review just that. A memorandum of agreement puts that information in writing, and ensures that everyone understands the boundaries and benefits of each group.

*To find out more about Lyn Hopper, visit her website, [www.lynhopper.com](http://www.lynhopper.com).*

## News You Can Use: Tips and Tricks from Fellow FOGL Members

We asked the FOGL Board to share a few of their best ideas for supporting their library and reaching out to their community. Here are theirs. Now email us yours for our next issue at [lkilly@ameritech.net](mailto:lkilly@ameritech.net).

### Invite Public Officials to Your Events

When it came time for the Holiday Reception at the Statesboro Regional Public Library, President Walt Strickland made sure to invite the local library board, city council and even the region's state and U.S. legislators. Whether they attended or not wasn't really the issue -- though several of them did. "We just want them to remember that voters and concerned citizens are standing behind their library."

### Make Friends with teens.

Well-known author and FOGL board member Terry Kay suggests Friends undertake a Young Readers' Friends of the Library. It would be intended to "engage young people in library projects and to encourage individual use/ownership of the library by young people." Arlys Ferrel adds that Friends of Libraries USA has an online tip sheet for starting one <http://www.folusa.org/resources/pdf-versions/fact-sheet-5.pdf>

### Rare books pump up book sale revenues

Liz Camp reports that the Fayette Friends book sale brings in thousands of dollars for new books. Arlys Ferrell adds that they are fortunate enough to have a semi-retired antique book dealer as an active Friends member. "She evaluates our out of the ordinary, usually older donations. Some of them get taken to book stores where we can get more for them than we could at our sale. The rare and antique table has been a huge hit at the book sales. It makes a battered, well used book worth a look instead of being dismissed without a second thought."

### Turn \$1.50 into \$150

Keeping track of rare books in book sales comes up again from Wally Eberhard. "Once upon a time FOGL had a spring workshop in Columbus, at which one of the speakers was a bookseller with expertise in rare books. He plucked a volume off the Friends' shelves before starting his talk, paid \$1.50 for it, then allowed as how it was worth maybe \$150...most communities have a rare book geek who would love to talk about these treasures."

### Start a Southern Literature Collection

The Muscogee County Friends is helping the Chattahoochee Valley Libraries develop a Southern Literature Collection. Says Jim Shehy, "We've asked the community to canvas their shelves and donate their Southern authors for a designated collection in the Columbus Public Library. We will have rare, autographed materials in locked display cases while other editions will be available for circulation."

### Pages for Prisoners

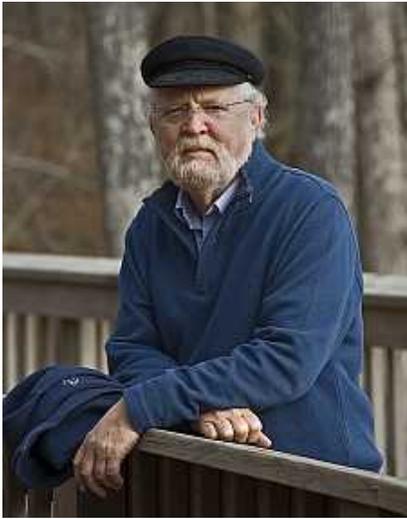
Another initiative the Muscogee County Friends of Libraries is helping out with the Pages for Prisoners project. Friends collect paperbacks and soft-covered materials to help the Chattahoochee Valley Libraries offer reading materials to the local prison. "We ask the community -- i.e. civic groups, churches, youth groups, etc. -- to donate their previously enjoyed volumes and make it available to the prison population," says Jim Shehy.

### Pamper librarians for National Library Week

The Friends of the Winder Library celebrate National Library Week each April. We present our annual book purchase (usually to a section of the circulation chosen by the branch manager, based on need), and on National Library Workers' Day - the Tuesday of National Library Week, the Friends provide a special luncheon for our Winder staff. "We love our staff; and this is a small token of our appreciation," says Kathy Ash

### Mini golf in the library

Bede Mitchell the "hole in one" event idea of a miniature golf tournament in the library -- sometimes to raise money, sometimes just for fun. Volunteers make the themed holes. "You should see the one featuring my photo plastered over a metal bookend," he shares. "The bookend has a hole in the middle where my mouth is, so you are supposed to putt through my mouth to the hole on the other side. The staff attached a caption that says 'Make my day'!" There's also an educational aspect. "We offer mulligans (do-overs, in case you hit a bad shot) if the player can answer a question about the library."



## A Library Memory from Terry Kay

FOGL Board member Terry Kay is one of Georgia's best-known and best-loved authors. A 2006 inductee into the Georgia Writers Hall of Fame, Kay has been a sports writer and film/theater reviewer (*Atlanta Journal-Constitution*), a public relations executive, and a corporate officer. He is the author of ten published novels, including *The Book of Marie*, *To Dance with the White Dog*, *The Valley of Light*, *Taking Lottie Home*, *The Kidnapping of Aaron Greene*, *Shadow Song*, *The Runaway*, *Dark Thirty*, *After Eli*, and *The Year the Lights Came On*, as well as a book of essays, *Special K*, and a children's book, *To Whom the Angel Spoke*.

### My mother, the reader

**My mother was a great reader**, although our home library was limited to the Bible and a few volumes of fiction that must have come to the house as Left-Behinds from the visits of the family's older children. Money for books did not exist in a farm family of twelve.

Like all readers of all farm families, my mother was a library person, and one of my first introductions to the world at large was in the Royston Public Library, which was located on a side street, upstairs over C.B. Thornton's clothing store, if my memory has not totally betrayed me. The librarian's name was Nannie Mae Dickerson. She loved books and she knew her business, and if you were in the least unruly, she had the power to vaporize you with a glare.

I read all the books she would allow me to read, and then read a few I wasn't supposed to know about. (Secret reading is a thrill rarely matched.)

Point is, the Royston Public Library in that time was small and limited, and it was always a concern to my mother.

Royston, as many would know, is the proclaimed hometown of the great baseball player, Ty Cobb. In the early 70s, there was much to-do about building a memorial to honor Cobb. A fancy structure, it would be. A layout with two wings, separated by an open courtyard having a reflecting pool. Appropriate for a celebrity, even if that celebrity carried the reputation of being the meanest man ever to play the game.

From the beginning, the funding was a struggle. Still, eventually the brick got off the ground and into form, and the Ty Cobb Memorial opened.

My mother was not among those cheering the effort. She believed the space should have been used to house a new library, not to display imitation Ty Cobb relics.

It was one of her last complaints about the way things were done. She died in 1973 without knowing her private wishes would eventually become a public reality. The original Ty Cobb Memorial failed, and the facility was sold to the City of Royston for \$1.00.

It is now City Hall.

And the Royston Public Library.

Yet, all worked out well. Today, there's a Ty Cobb Museum, not far from the original memorial, and it's a fine place to visit.

My mother would have been happy about that.

She had read enough to know how a good story ought to end.

--- Terry Kay

To find out more about Terry Kay, including watching an interview on Georgia Public Television, visit his website, [www.terrykay.com](http://www.terrykay.com).

## Yes, I want to join Friends of Georgia Libraries!

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### Categories of Membership

Individual (\$10) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Local Friends Group (\$50) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (provides benefits for up to five local Friends members)  
 Other Organization (\$100) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Yes, I want to attend the Spring 2011 Annual Meeting and Workshop Friday, April 29, Macon State College Learning Support Center

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### Our Mission

- To create an informed statewide voice for Georgia's libraries through a grassroots network of citizens who communicate the value of libraries as essential community services
- To strengthen the ability of local Friends organizations to support their libraries