



Winder Friends of the Library Fall/Winter 2009 Newsletter

There's Something for Everyone @ Your Library

In this tough economic time, rarely a week goes by without media mention of how important libraries are to us—something **FRIENDS** have known all along. Our Winder library's circulation numbers continue to increase, along with participation in the free programs offered.

Computer usage is through the roof as people apply for jobs, update resumes, and network.



You can be proud of your efforts through the **Friends of the Winder Library**. This year, through

memorials and purchases, we have purchased close to **\$3,000, if not more**, worth of new books for the shelves.

The **FRIENDS** have sponsored Summer Reading programs, once again a huge success.

Our **FRIENDS** have lobbied for continued support from our local funding agencies—all but one have given positive responses during a tough economic time. It's clear that we continue to move in the right direction to best support our Winder library.

I hope that all our **FRIENDS** have had a great summer. It's now time to roll up our sleeves and get

busy. Check this newsletter for meeting dates and times, and please check the schedule concerning the **annual book sale coming up in October**.

We'll have more information at our September meeting, along with volunteer sign-up sheets. However, you don't have to be at the meeting to volunteer to work an hour or more on the days of the sale.

Be reminded that membership dues renew in September. There is a handy membership form in this newsletter to complete and send in with your check.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone this fall. Thanks for being a **FRIEND** to our library!

Kathy Ash, President



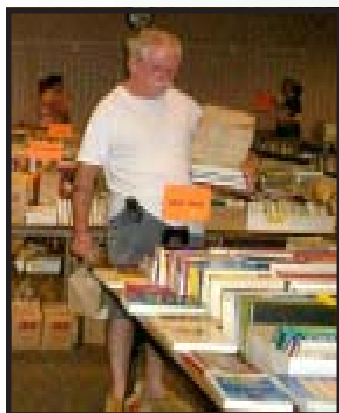
New Young Adult Reading Area

FRIENDS—thanks to your hard work, volunteer efforts, and fund-raising during the year, our Winder library is able to offer programs and activities for children and adults.



Gardening Seminar

Annual Friends of the Winder Library Book Sale October 9, 10 and 12



- Setup for sale begins Monday, October 5th
- Friends' Preview Night is Thursday, October 8th, 5-7 pm
- Sale open to the public during library operating hours:
 - Friday, October 9th — 9 am - 5 pm
 - Saturday, October 10th — 9 am - 3 pm
 - Monday, October 12th — 9 am - 8 pm

**Paperback \$.50
Hardcover \$1.00**

Breakdown of sale begins Tuesday morning, the 13th.

We will need many volunteers to help during all of these hours. Please volunteer to work a few hours so that the sale goes smoothly.

Fall and Winter Schedule for the Friends of the Winder Library

SEPTEMBER

Library Card Sign-up Month: encourage family and friends to sign up for their PINES library cards. *It's the Smartest card!*



September 28th at 3 pm @ your Winder library: Friends of the Winder Library meet.

Annual Friends membership fees are due this month.

OCTOBER

Annual Friends of the Winder Library Book Sale is here! See details on front page. *Please volunteer for a shift at the sale. This is our main fund-raising project of each year.*

October 18th-24th: National Friends of Libraries Week. Encourage your family and friends to become a FRIEND.

October 24th: Jug Tavern Festival in downtown Winder. The Friends will host a booth in order to promote Friends of the Library memberships and the Winder library.

NOVEMBER

November 30th at 3 pm @ your Winder library: Friends of the Winder Library meet.

DECEMBER

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Remember your library in your gift-giving this season!

- Are you 'stuck' on a gift for the person on your list who has everything?
- How about a book in their honor @ your Winder library? This is quick and easy **one-stop-shopping** and requires no wrapping! Stop by the desk @ your Winder library, leave the gift amount and information, and our staff does the rest! Your gift will be marked in honor of your dear one, who will receive a note with the gift information and an invitation to come by to see "their book."
- How perfect is that?

JANUARY

January 25th at 12 Noon @ your Winder library: Friends of the Winder Library *Annual Meeting and covered dish luncheon.*

Friends Officers

President, Kathy Ash **Vice President,** Linda Griggs
Secretary, Shirley Harris **Treasurer,** Judy Moeller

If you'd like to contact one of the above, please call the library, 770-867-2762, and leave a message.

Thanks from the FRIENDS and the Winder Staff

A very special thanks to the Barrow Regional Medical Center Hospital Auxiliary for their generous contributions this summer to help fund the Summer Reading programs, and to help purchase supplies and refreshments!

It all made a huge difference!

Can you say "Be Creative" 700 times?

Over 700 children signed up for our *Be Creative* summer reading program and created huge crowds. This program was sponsored by the Winder Friends of the Library and other local sponsors. Over 13,500 children's books were checked out, computer and overall library usage has **increased 21% over last summer.**



From Our Regional Director

Right now, we need you all more than ever. With the state cuts piling on and reducing book money, the uncertainty (as of this writing) of the county funding, the potential closing of Gwinnett libraries and reducing their hours, and the unemployment rate being so high, your library is being squeezed from all sides! —all the Barrow libraries, really.

Agencies like ours feel a real pinch in a tough economy. Unlike other services, when the money gets tighter, our usage actually grows!

Please make sure that you give of your time and your annual dues to support the activities of the Friends.

- Ask Angel what you can do for her.
- Keep being positive about the library in your community, and let anyone you know in the funding agencies of The City of Winder, the Barrow Board of Education or the Barrow County Commission how much you appreciate having good library service here.
- Feel free to call me (770-867-2762, Ext.. 108) or drop me an e-mail (aharkness@prlib.org) anytime you have questions or concerns.

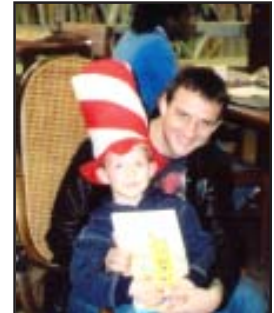
Alan Harkness, Regional Director

From Our Library Manager

You may be asking, “What can I do for my library?” Well, I’m glad you asked. For starters you can be a **voice of advocacy**. Tell your friends, family, preacher, teacher, neighbor, the guy who walks your dog, and the girl who takes out your groceries, about the library.

Let them know we offer:

- Learning Express
- Computer classes
- Children’s programs
- Doggie Tales story time
- Our NEW Teen Book Club
- PBS specials (Dinosaur Train)
- Thursday morning story hour
- Free internet accessible computers
- Brain Fuse (free person-to-person on-line tutoring)
- Game nights
- Movie nights
- Galileo
- WiFi
- ...and more



What are Doggie Tales, Brain Fuse, and why is Galileo trapped in our library??? Come in to learn more.

Our community is growing by leaps and bounds and it is my goal to be as relevant as possible. If you’re currently driving across counties to attend a program, let me know what we’re missing out on here in Winder. *With your ideas and support we can continue to make this the best library we can for our community—Your Library!*

Angel Tuggle,
Library Manager



Times to Remember

- Story Time with Aunt Lisa — Thursday mornings at 10:30 am
- Doggie Tales — Last Saturday of each month at noon
- Teen Book Club — 3rd Monday at 6 pm
- Computer Class for Beginners — last Thursday of each month , 5-7 pm
- Intermediate Computer Class — last Monday of each month, 6-8 pm
- Mystery Book Club — **Coming Soon**

It’s time to renew your Friends membership or become a new Friend.

Please complete the form below and return as noted on form. Thank you!

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The purpose of this organization shall be: to maintain an association of persons interested in libraries; to focus public attention on the library; to stimulate the use of the library’s resources and services; to receive and encourage gifts, endowments and bequests to the library; to support and cooperate with the library in developing library services and programs for the library.

DUES

— from the Bylaws, Article II

\$10.00 Individual Membership

\$50.00 Organization/Business Membership

\$100.00 Life Membership

Please make check payable to Friends of the Library and give the completed form, with your check, to a librarian at the Circulation Desk or mail to Piedmont Regional Library, 189 Bellview Street, Winder, GA 30680.

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Amount of Dues _____ Check Enclosed _____

Piedmont Regional Library
189 Bellview Street
Winder, GA 30680
770-867-2762



GIFT DONATION FORM

I would like to donate to the Piedmont Regional Library a gift of \$ _____ in the form of:

CHECK BOOK OTHER GIFT

Please circle one: In Memory of: In Honor of:

I would like the book plate information included as follows:

Name, address and phone number of donor:

A Letter of Acknowledgement can be sent to (name and address):

Comments or special instructions regarding this gift:

This form may be mailed to: Piedmont Regional Library, 189 Bellview Street, Winder, GA 30680 or contact the library at 770-867-2762 for more information.

For Library use only:

Bookeeping: Received check ____ cash ____ date _____ Received by: _____

Administration: Acknowledgement letter _____ Donor letter _____

Selector: _____ Selector date: _____

Tech Ops: _____ Processed date: _____