



FRIENDS  
OF THE  
HALL COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM



# FRIENDS FOOTNOTES

Winter 2022 Friends of the Hall County Library System

## Diletto's Bakery is opening in the Friends Cafe space at the Spout Springs Library!



The Friends of the Library are delighted to announce the new occupant of the Friends' café space at the Spout Springs Library. Diletto Bakery of Gainesville will be opening their second location in the Spring of 2022. The menu will feature their fan favorite items such as coffee, sandwiches, & pastries. Owner James Velez stated, "We are so excited to partner with the library to bring great food and coffee in the spring." For a preview, visit the Diletto website at <https://www.dilettobakery.com/>



## Annual Used Book Sale in November raises \$3,000

The Friends hosted their annual used book sale in November of 2021. The two day event was a huge success raising \$3,000 for the Friends. The book sale was held at the Gainesville Library. Thank you to the numerous amount of volunteers who helped at the sale and during the weeks of sorting, set up, and take down.

## Dark and Stormy Night sells out for a 3rd time in a row!



## Friends Alert!

### Support Amended Funding for Public Libraries FY22 Budget

\$2 million in technology funding for public libraries in the FY22 amended budget.

The Governor has included a proposal for \$2 million in technology funding for public libraries in the FY22 amended budget and will now go to the House Appropriations committee. Please customize your letter and share how your library uses and will use tech funding.

Send your letter using this link!

<https://cqrcengage.com/alaga/home>



The Friends hosted their 3rd annual Dark and Stormy Night Ghost storytelling event. The crowd favorite fundraiser was only hold in 2019 and 2020 due to the Gainesville Library renovations. Covid cases were low and the new Gainesville library was ready to go! The Friends welcomed over 70 guests to spooky event. Friends member and storyteller, Gail Hogan, planned the event and told stories about the famous "Lady of the Library" and a new story of the Cherokee monster: Spearfinger. Celeste Morris, a professor at UNG, was the guest storyteller who did fabulous stories about ghosts of Brenau University and the ghost of little Lucy Adams. Assistant Director, Adrienne Junius, did a retelling of the Boo Hag, a mythical creature in Gullah stories. The Southeastern Paranormal Research Institute also presented their findings from past ghost hunts at the Gainesville Library and other spooky spots. The event was catered by the Bakers Daughter. The Friends are already planning Dark and Stormy Night for October 2022 from new storytellers, stories, and much more! This event raised over \$1,000 for the Friends and several articles were done about the library ghosts and Friends of the Hall County Library.

### Upcoming Meeting:

Friends of the Library Meeting (IN PERSON!) Tuesday February 15 3:30 Gainesville Library Meeting Room

# President's Message

Dear Friends,

We made it to 2022! I wish all of you health and happiness in this new year.

This is my last message as President of Friends. I'm turning over the reins this month to our new President, Ruth Bruner. I am excited to be passing the torch to Ruth, who has done so much to support our community and our libraries in particular. I know she is ready and able to continue the success of our organization. Joining her on the board are Mari-Ann Wise, who is continuing as Secretary, and Janet Ordway as Treasurer.

I want to thank Bernice Cox and Billie Lynn Sanders, who are rotating off the board, for their excellent service over the years. I could not have done this without them, and without all the hard work and financial support so many of you have provided.

The past 4 years have been full of delights, major accomplishments, and challenges. When we successfully lobbied our state lawmakers for the funds to renovate the Gainesville library, none of us knew that the upheaval we anticipated with the temporary relocation would be exponentially increased by the challenges of a pandemic. But with patience, creativity, and sheer determination, Lisa and her staff continued to serve our community through it all.

I am in awe of our library staff, and of you, Friends. You've helped raise funds to equip the renovated library as a state-of-the-art facility, provide thousands of children and adults in Hall County with summer reading programs, and help recognize library employees and volunteers in a myriad of ways, large and small. Along with the work, we've also had a lot of fun putting on murder mystery dinners, ghost story nights, and book sales.

Looking to the future, I will continue to support Friends and our libraries in every way I can. I hope you will pledge to do the same. One of the best ways to start is to renew your membership for 2022! You can do so online by visiting <https://hclsfriends.square.site/> and scrolling down to Become a Friends Member.

I hope to see you at our next meeting, as we launch into the new year. I know there are exciting things to come.

With gratitude,

Denise

## Welcome our new Friends Board

Ruth Bruner--President  
Vacant-Vice President  
Janet Ordway-Treasurer  
Mari-Ann Wise-Secretary

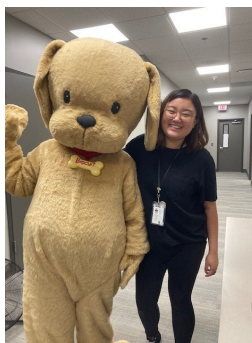
We are still in need of a vice president. Please let Ruth Bruner know if you are interested in serving.

## HCLS Reading Roadshow won't let a pandemic get in its way!

The library system hired a full time outreach specialist, Yury Carmona, to coordinate outreach events for the library system. During Covid, the library had to pivot from traditional outreach services to out of the box ideas such as Trick or Treat on the Square storytime, Book Cart Drill team at the Christmas Parade on Green St. HCLS has also been doing book clubs at senior centers, new residents orientation at the hospital, mental health fun days, and E Resource presentations. HCLS expanded daycares they deliver books to and has added assist living centers and women's shelters.



HCLS is working on ways Friends and volunteers can come with us to these community events to help get the word out about library services and literacy. Be on the look out for updates about this.



Thank you to Denise Lee, past president, and Bernice Cox, past vice president for over 4 years of service to the Friends.

A big thank you to Billie Lynn Sanders who served as treasurer for 8 plus years.

# Friends Members 2022

Joyce Branch  
Ruth Bruner  
Anne Chenault  
Bob Conner  
Carlyle and Bernice Cox  
Leslie and Chip Frierson  
Kathy and Lamar Gailey  
Gainesville Phoenix Women's Club  
Gainesville Newcomers Club  
M. Jane Goodrich  
Virginia and Jim Hale  
HallCo. Community Credit Union  
Barbara J. Hermann

## Sponsors

Mike and Gail Hogan  
Denise Lee  
Celeste Morris

## Families

Jessica and Rocky Green  
Gabriele Koecher and Robert Copeland  
Adrienne and Christopher Junius  
George and Janet Ordway  
Jim and Mari-Ann Wise

## Lifetime Friends

Jackson EMC  
Jonas Kauffeldt  
LaFarge North America  
Liberty Utilities  
Lifestyle Real Estate by Dominai Reeves  
Jim and Carolyn Mahar  
Abit and Kayanne Massey  
John and June McPherson  
Irene Michaud  
Adrian and Susan Mixson  
Cara Mitchell



NE GA Health System  
Rushton Accounting and Business Advisors  
Chris Sanders  
Laura Sheperd  
Mrs. Lessie Smithgall  
Turner, Wood, and Smith Insurance  
Sandy Wilbanks  
Grover and Janice Young

## Patrons

Judy Chasey  
Debra Evans  
Jeanne and Bobby Jimerson  
Sandra Martin

## Individuals

Eliza Jones  
Teresa Strayhorn

It is time to renew your Friends membership for 2022. Our membership/renewal form is located on the back of the newsletter. If your name is not listed, we have not recorded your renewal for 2022. If you feel we have omitted your name in error, or if we have misspelled your name, please call Adrienne Junius at 770-532-3311 ext. 126. All membership renewals are based on the calendar year and due in January.

*Friends wish a happy retirement to Adult Services Director and Friends member, Jeanne Jimerson!*



*Remembering Jonas Kauffeldt  
1968-2021*



The Friends of the Hall County Library send our condolences to the family of Jonas Kauffeldt. Mr. Kauffeldt was a lifetime member of the Friends of HCLS. He was always volunteering for the book sale and was a joy to everyone to work with. Mr. Kauffeldt was also a beloved professor at UNG. The Friends have donated to the Northeast Georgia Humane Society in his memory.



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Join Friends of the Hall County Library System and enjoy your membership through the year 2022.  
With your help, we can expand our library activities and services throughout Hall County.

Student \$5    Individual \$15 Family \$25 Patron \$50    Sponsor \$100    Lifetime \$500

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Please send me the newsletter by U.S. mail \_\_\_\_\_ Please send via email only \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to help with: Library book sales \_\_\_\_\_ Author programs \_\_\_\_\_

Fundraising \_\_\_\_\_ Service on the Board \_\_\_\_\_

My check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.  
Pay to FOHCLS, 127 Main Street NW, Gainesville. GA 30501