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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Summer has truly made it to the North Georgia mountains. In the heat of the day, I find myself sitting on the porch and enjoying many gently used books which I purchased at the Friends' bookstores. At the two FOLTC bookstores in the Towns County libraries you'll find fiction, nonfiction, memoir, biography, history, science fiction, travel, art, and children's books, along with DVDs and jigsaw puzzles. We're always adding new inventory, thanks to the generous donors in our community. For detailed information about making donations to FOLTC, please visit our website to view the types of items that we accept and those we don't. Unwanted books, magazines, and newspapers can be recycled at the Towns County Landfill Recycling Center at no charge.

www.foltc.com/Events/BookDonations

As I was pursuing the American Library Association (ALA) website I came across two websites that celebrate libraries and how to be advocates for libraries. www.ilovelibraries.org and www.atyourlibrary.org

I hope you find as much useful information as I did on how to continue to be an advocate for our two libraries.

Please continue to spread the word about being a FOLTC member. The programs and services the libraries provides to our communities would not make as much of a positive impact without the financial support provided by the Friends through annual memberships, book sale proceeds, and other fundraising activities. These funds are put to use enhancing every aspect of the Public Library.

BOARD MEMBER BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Kindred by Octavia Butler

This powerful novel tells the story of a modern black woman transported back in time to a slave plantation in the antebellum South. The author exposes the serious issues of slavery, human rights, and racial prejudice with an exciting science-fiction, romance, and historical adventure.

Among the Missing by Morag Joss

Three lives collide in the wake of an unforeseeable tragedy. When a bridge collapses in the Highlands of Scotland, dozens of commuters vanish into the freezing river below, swept by the currents toward the sea, and only an amateur video and the bridge's security camera record their last moments.

Weyward by Emilia Hart

This novel follows three women — Altha, Violet, and Kate — from the same family across five centuries. In Hart's debut novel female resilience and the transformative power of the natural world is skillfully woven together.

The Five-Star Weekend by Elin Hilderbrand

This novel set in Nantucket is a perfect beach read. The book centers around Hollis Shaw, who is recently widowed and grieving. Hollis decides to have a five-star weekend at her summer home. For this weekend, Hollis invites four friends from all different stages in her life. It's full of friendship drama, social media surprises, and relationships.

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS



During the spring months Towns County libraries hosted a successful Spring Baking Competition, an Adult Coloring Program, a Blood Drive with the American Red Cross, and the 2nd Annual MRL Egg Drop Challenge, along with the first in a series of art classes in collaboration with the Mountain Regional Arts and Crafts Guild.

For the Summer Reading Program we hosted a variety of fun-filled events for families thanks to the generous support of FOLTC. We had informative animal visits from Smithgall Woods and Wildlife Wonders. We also had 2 events at Mayor's Park in Hiawassee: Community Helpers and Science Day where the FOLTC members served ice cream. We all celebrated at our summer finale at Mayor's Park in Young Harris with a Foam Party and Chill & Fill snowcones. Ms. Meredith provided weekly storytimes which are continuing to



grow in attendance. MRL hosted the UGA traveling exhibit: Athletics in Your Town.

In anticipation of the new school year, MRL hosted a well attended Back to School Scavenger Hunt. Both libraries were represented at the Back to School Bash and Open House Night at school where we met families and shared resources.



This fall we are looking forward to having after-school programming at both libraries along with weekly storytime and programming for babies/toddlers. Our other great news is that MRL is now open four days a week, Monday through Thursday, from 10-5. Stop by either library when you have a chance to check out our new book displays and keep up to date on our website, www.mountainlibrary.com, or find us on Facebook and Instagram.



MEMBERSHIP

Now is a perfect time to join FOLTC and support all area children and adults through your libraries. The membership form is located on the last page of the newsletter.

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The mission of the Friends of the Libraries of Towns County is to provide financial support for Mountain Regional Library and Towns County Public Library and to advocate for public libraries. FOLTC is a 501(c) (3) non-profit.

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When you invite your friends to become a Friend of the Libraries of Towns County, area children are the big winners!

Let's work together and increase our membership in 2023!