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PRESIDENT WELKEN’S MESSAGE

The past few weeks during the warm weather of July, I have found myself enjoying many historical fiction books purchased from the FOLTC bookstores located at MRL and TCPL. Hopefully you have enjoyed the benefits of not only books from the libraries this summer but from the selection of preowned books at our two bookstores.

Exciting news: During the entire month of August, FOLTC will be having an “Inventory Reduction Sale” at both bookstores. All monies raised by the bookstores are allocated to help fund our two libraries with programming, books, and materials.

Thank you for your continued support of our Towns County libraries through your membership and through your donations to and purchases at the bookstores. Please encourage others to join FOLTC.

FOLTC BOOKSTORES’ INVENTORY REDUCTION SALE AUGUST 1st-30th

The Friends are having another Inventory Reduction Sale at both FOLTC bookstores during the entire month of August. Every item

on the shelves will be sold at reduced prices. (Please note that books will NOT be restocked during the sale.)

The Inventory Reduction Sale will take place **August 1st to August 30th** during regular library hours. Mountain Regional Library, 698 Miller St., Young Harris, is open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10:00 – 5:00. Towns County Public Library, 99 S. Berrong St., Hiawasse, is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 10:00 – 6:00.

This will be an “honor system” book sale. Exact change or checks written to FOLTC must be placed in each bookstores’ red money box. Adult hardback books will cost \$1.00 each. Paperbacks and all children’s and young adult books will be \$.25 each or 5/\$1.00. CDs, DVDs, and jigsaw puzzles will be \$.25 each.

Book donations will **not** be accepted in August. Please visit the website at www.foltc.com if you wish to donate books after the sale. Click on the ‘Events’ tab and then ‘Book Donations’ for the list of the types of items that are accepted to be placed in the bookstores and those that are not accepted.

FOLTC bookstores are able to operate and raise funds for our libraries thanks to the generous donations of preowned books by members of FOLTC and our communities. Every book that is purchased generates funds that are given to Mountain Regional Library and Towns County Public Library to supplement their revenue for new books and other library materials, children's and adult programs, staff development, and other requests by library staff. Please join Friends of the Libraries of Towns County (FOLTC) and help support your essential public libraries! The membership form can be found on the website. Follow on Facebook at: Friends Of The Libraries Of Towns County.



FOLTC BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Uncharted Flight of Olivia West by Sarah Ackerman

Inspired by real life events, this novel describes the story of “Livy” West and how she defies the odds to embark on a race across the Pacific.

Women by Kristin Hannah

The author tells the story of one woman, Francis “Frankie” McGarth, who joins the Army Nurse Corp during the Vietnam War. It shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm’s way and whose sacrifice and commitment to their country has too often been forgotten.

The Wedding Dress Sewing Circle by Jennifer Ryan

This historical fiction novel takes place during WWII in England when clothing and fabric were rationed. The author tells the story of how three women lift the spirits of home front brides during the war.

Coal River by Ellen Marie Wiseman

Set in Pennsylvania mining operations in the 20th century, this historical novel gives the reader a very eye-opening glimpse into the lives of children who had no choice but to work in deadly conditions in the mines or face starvation.

LIBRARIES HAVE BEEN BUSY WITH LOTS OF FUN THINGS HAPPENING

It was a busy summer at MRL, and we are looking forward to even more this fall!



For our summer reading program we joined resources with TCPL to provide weekly programs which included a magician, birds and snakes from Smithgall Woods, water day, drumming, and animals! Also, at MRL we offered weekly “adventures” for families to experience together. Through these weekly adventures patrons learned about color, dinosaurs, animals that wiggle, birds, underwater animals, and adventures in the air! A summer highlight was our 1st annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover where the children left their bravest stuffed animal with us to spend the night and have adventures in the library.

MRL continues to connect with the community. We hosted a reception for the

City of Young Harris Rotating Art Project of which we are a site for four artists. We have also connected with the local quilt guild and now have six beautiful quilts hanging. The quilts will be a quarterly rotating exhibit. We did an outreach table at the City of Young Harris Spring Fling event in April. We look forward to continuing connections with Young Harris College, and we will be taking part in their Community Resource Fair in August.



Our two featured youth programs continued to grow this quarter. The Kids Club for elementary students meets every Tuesday afternoon. The kids were busy

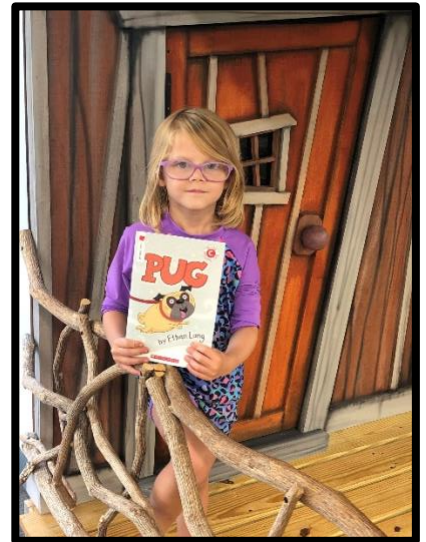
creating and connecting kids with Artist of the Month, Clay Creations, Spring Holidays, Earth Day, and always popular Game and Lego Days. Toddler Story and Play hit record numbers on Wednesday mornings. Both programs will resume in August.



Our mystery book club for adults meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 1pm at MRL. Everyone is welcome. We have had some fascinating, lively discussions. In August we are reading *The Lying Woods* by Ashley Elston.

The youth library room has been updated by moving furniture, adding paint and signage to make the space more user-friendly. The response from families has been overwhelmingly positive.

One final bit of great news. As we were assembling this newsletter, the winner of the Children's Summer Reading program stopped by the library to get her prize, a book, as top reader. See the fun book she proudly holds as we take her picture. What fun for all!



REGULAR SUPPORTERS OF FOLTC

If you are not a regular dues-paying member, please consider joining today. The low membership dues are listed on the application shown below.

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FOLTC STATEMENT

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 corporation.

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PAYMENT OF MEMBERSHIP DUES is for one year of membership; renewal is the anniversary of your joining date. Membership dues and gifts are tax deductible as FOLTC is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. **Business Members** will receive a thank you letter. **Business Donors** will receive a letter and a framed certificate of appreciation. **Business Patrons** will receive a letter, a certificate, and a copy of their business card included for one year in the FOLTC newsletter which is published quarterly and distributed by email or mail to all members. **Make checks payable to FOLTC.** Membership forms and payments may be placed in the red money boxes in the Friends' bookstores in Towns County Public Library in Hiawassee or Mountain Regional Library in Young Harris, or mailed to FOLTC, P O Box 159, Young Harris GA 30582.

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

Let's work together and increase our membership in 2024/2025.