



Friends of the Bartow County Library

Winter Newsletter 2021

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Next Book Sale: Saturday, December 4, 2021

Our next book sale is on Saturday, December 4. As in the previous 2021 sales we will be using more tables and outdoor space to allow for greater spacing to allow for social distancing and will be following relaxed CDC and library guidelines for Pandemic response. Sale for FOL Members begins at 9 AM; it opens to the general public from 10 AM to 2 PM. FOL Bag sale is 1-2 p.m. Bring your FOL bags or buy new ones to fill up. \$5 per new bag, and \$5 per fill-up.

If you know of any local groups looking for volunteer hours or community service projects, we would greatly appreciate their help. Please email us at fol30120@gmail.com.

If you are interested in volunteering (and receiving a \$5 credit towards the purchase of books), please sign up via the Signup Genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4CAAAC29A2F85-foldecember2>

On the library premises, please practice safe physical distancing and follow current CDC and library guidance. Tables of books will be located both inside and outside the garage.

Save the date for the Season of Wonder at the Cartersville Library in December 2021. In addition to a wide variety of library sponsored events, check out the Parade of Trees decorated by Bartow County School children in the halls of the library. For more information on Season of Wonder Events, check online at www.bartowlibraryonline.org, or facebook.com/BartowLibraryGA.

Note that the FOL accepts books and media donations *year-round*. Please leave in the receptacle outside the garage. If you have a large donation, please leave at the garage during Library hours and contact staff for intake: (770) 382-4203.

Board Member Bio: Sarah Craighead and Rick Shireman

Sarah Craighead and Rick Shireman (Family



Member on the Board with one vote) moved to Cartersville in 2018 when they retired from the National Park Service after 38 and 36 years of service respectively. They almost immediately became volunteers for the FOL and when a vacancy occurred on the Board in 2020, the Board appointed them to fill

the remaining term. They currently serve on the Board as Co-Vice Presidents. Both are avid readers, as well as Scottish Country Dancers and Bartow County Master Gardeners. In their spare time, Sarah is a quilter and Rick is a potter. Sarah enjoys discussing a variety of genres of books with several local book clubs and Rick enjoys books on history, cooking, architecture, and murder mysteries, particularly ones that are set in historical times.

Teachers who attend the FOL Book Sales are eligible to obtain 15 free children's books for use in their classes. Contact an FOL Board Member at the next book sale for details.

FOL Fall Book Sale Statistics

Over 350 individuals attended the FOL Used Book Sale on Saturday, September 4. This was close to the attendance record set in June. The book sale generated \$2,459.66 for library programs. Many thanks to the Cartersville Boy Scout Troop 24 and their sponsors and the Cartersville High School Beta Club who helped with the set-up and breakdown of the book sale. Their help was invaluable! Thanks to all the other volunteers and customers who made the book sale a success!

FOL Board Meetings

FOL Board Meetings meet monthly on the second Tuesday of the month. If you have items you wish the Board to discuss, email fol30120@gmail.com.

Friends of the Library Craft Fair

The annual Friends of the Library Craft Fair, held on Saturday, November 13, 2021, at the Cartersville Civic Center was a resounding success. Over sixty vendors were present and sold a variety of craft items ranging from jewelry and pottery to baked goods and metalwork. Over 800 participants attended the event. Proceeds nearing \$3000 from space reservations benefitted the Bartow County Library System, and local crafts people earned substantial profit from the sale of their handcrafted items.



Patrons shop at the FOL Craft Fair

Annual FOL Meeting Brings Music (And a Crowd) to the Library Grounds

The Friends of the Library Annual Members Meeting in October drew a crowd of over 60 members and friends who enjoyed a concert by the local band **Celtic Kudzu** and who voted (as well as mail-in votes) on the slate of Board Members. All the board members up for re-election were voted another term (see the slate of officers and board members above). The Board presented the Bartow County Libraries a check for \$12,000 to help fund a variety of library programs county-wide. Through the continued support of the local community for the quarterly book sales and other events the FOL provides financial support to our local libraries.

Newly Designed Book Bags Now Available

The FOL Board has designed and purchased new Friends of the Library Book Bags that will be available for sale at the Winter Used Book Sale on December 4. The bags feature the FOL Logo and can be purchased for \$5. As with the old bags, which can be still used at the end of day Bag Sale from 1 to 2 PM, the new bags give you the chance to fill up your bag with books for only an additional \$5 and can be used again and again at future book sales.



Old (Green) and New (Blue) Book Bags (Both can be used at the Winter Used Book Sale for the "Fill your bag for \$5" Sale from 1 to 2 PM)



Members enjoy Celtic Kudzu at Annual Meeting