



Friends of the Bartow County Library

Winter 2023 Newsletter

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Next Book Sale: Saturday, December 2, 2023

Our next book sale is on Saturday, December 2. Sale for FOL Members begins at 9 AM; it opens to the public from 10 AM to 2 PM. The 1 pm bag sale event begins promptly at 1 pm. Pre-selection of any items intended for purchase as part of the sale before 1pm is prohibited. **Any items selected before 1pm will be sold at full price or added back to our inventory.** 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 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 send us a message at fol30120@gmail.com.

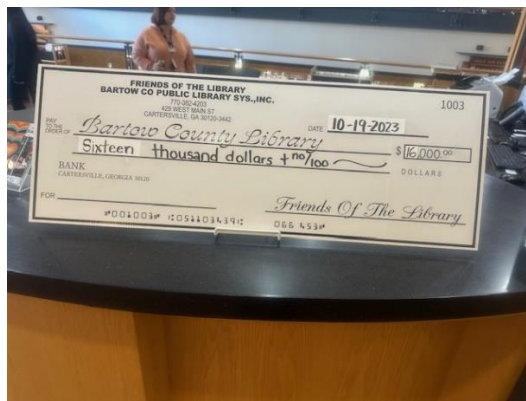
FOL accepts books and media donations year-round. Please leave in the receptacle outside the garage. If you have a large donation, please leave at the garage during Library hours and contact staff for intake: (770) 382-4203.

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

Friends of the Library 2023 Donation

At the Annual FOL General Meeting on October 19, President Charity Chastain presented the Bartow County Library System a check for \$16,000 to help fund programs at the County's libraries. These programs include the Season of Wonder, monthly Spice Packets, children's

programs, and other events during the year. Thanks to all our members and patrons who have made this donation possible!



Friends of the Library 2024 Calendar of Events

The Friends of the Library have scheduled the following events for 2023 - 2024:

- Winter Booksale: Saturday December 2, 2023
- Season of Wonder: December 1-31, 2023
- Spring Booksale: Saturday March 2, 2024
- Summer Booksale: Saturday June 1, 2024
- Fall Booksale: Saturday September 7, 2024
- Annual Election of Officers: October 1, 2024
- Annual Meeting: October 2024 – More info on entertainment and program soon!
- Annual Craft Fair: November 9, 2024, Georgia Highlands College, Cartersville)
- Winter Booksale: Saturday, December 7, 2024

The Board meets monthly every second Tuesday at the Cartersville Library at 6 PM. Friends members are invited to attend. If you have items you wish the Board to discuss, email fol30120@gmail.com.

Fall 2023 Book Sale Statistics

We had a record number of shoppers at the Fall Book Sale who contributed a total of \$3,654.78 in net sales. This represents the highest net sales ever for the event, and an increase of 37% over the summer book sale. These funds contribute to our annual donation to support library programs throughout the county. Thanks everyone for your continued support!

FOL 2023 Craft Fair A Success!

This year's FOL Craft Fair was a big success! The amazing new host venue, Georgia Highlands College, exceeded everyone's expectations. Vendors and patrons alike appreciated the bright, modern space and ample parking. Seventy-six vendors turned out to have a huge sales day and 805 guests attended even with the rain and a new location. FOL conducted a survey to see how patrons learned about the craft fair and found that social media is now the primary way that people learn about the event, although other methods of communication were also important such as the yard signs and newspaper article. Thanks to everyone who volunteered, attended, or participated as a vendor!



2023 Season of Wonder Opens at Cartersville Library

This year's Season of Wonder Christmas Tree Display opens this week at the Cartersville library, and features Christmas Trees decorated by school children from twenty-five schools in Bartow County. Community patrons and businesses provided funds to purchase trees and materials for art classes in the schools, and students and teachers put their creativity to work in decorating twenty-five amazing trees featuring everything from handcrafted yarn mandalas to origami cranes, to ornaments inspired by Van Gogh's Starry Night. The Friends of the Library would like to thank the many students and teachers who contributed outstanding artwork for the trees, and the many community sponsors who made this event a success.

Season of Wonder Sponsors List 2023

Company
Alfa Insurance
Ameris
Cartersville Bicycle
Hall, Kathy & Steve
In the Woods
Jenkins Bowen Walker
J's Simply Soul
Love Store
Lulabelle's Closet
Mission Road Kennels
Noble & Main
Salon Solutions
Southern Cove
Southland Engineering
Starr Mathews
State Farm-Todd Browning
Sugar Valley Alpacas
The Healing Hand Clinic
Tis the Season
United Community Bank
Westmoreland Trucking
Williamson CPA

(Opposite: Taylorsville Elementary School)

(See next page for more Season of Wonder Images)



(Above: Cartersville Middle School)



(Above: Clear Creek Elementary School)



(Above: Woodland Middle School)



(Above: Adairsville Middle School)