



FRIENDS of the Augusta Library

Spring 2019
Newsletter

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Letter From the President . . .

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the spring edition of the Augusta Friends of the Library newsletter! We are back on track to have at least three newsletters this year, and I have lots of great things to share with you.

2019 started with our annual meeting and guest speaker and local artist, Mr. James Minick. Mr. Minick read passages and shared with us the inspiration and background for his novel *Fire Is Your Water*, and based on all the questions at the end, everyone present enjoyed the evening immensely. If you were not able to join us this year, I certainly hope your schedule will permit you to join us in 2020.

In February, we sponsored the Wine, Cheese, and Jazz Soire'e at the Appleby Branch featuring the beautiful music of Mr. Bill Karp and Mr. Fabio Mann. Mr. Jay Jeffries of the local Fox News affiliate was the emcee for the evening which added to the festivities. It was a fantastic evening, and all the guests seemed to have a wonderful time. We are hoping to host the next Soire'e during warmer weather so we can enjoy the beautiful grounds of the Appleby Library and have room for more people to join us.

The Literary Festival was hot on the heels of the Soire'e and once again the Friends were pleased to give a sizeable donation to support that event.

As we head into spring, we have several new items I am excited to share with you. Sam Meller, Friends' Treasurer, has worked with the IT department of the Library, and you will soon have the ability to renew your Friends membership on-line with a credit card. We are excited to offer this feature to our members and look forward to your feedback on the system. You will still have the ability to renew via the mail; this just provides another option.

We had feedback during the Annual Meeting that many of you would like to have access to the newsletter and other news electronically. For those on Facebook, please like the Friends' Facebook page. We are not the most savvy social media group out there (take this as a subtle plea for someone to join our ranks who knows how to make Facebook sing!), but we do try to post events and activities that we are sponsoring. We are also planning to have a link on the website for the Friends' newsletter, so you'll be able to read our news anywhere you go. As we get a little more tech savvy, we will try to expand our offerings, so keep your eyes peeled for more announcements!

May 28 marks the start of the Appleby concert series. It will be the 65th consecutive year of the series with

concerts happening rain or shine! I've even heard rumors of a commemorative t-shirt to mark the milestone, so stay tuned for more details on that, too! Proceeds would support the Friends which in turn supports the Library, so please buy them for friends, family, random strangers, people you've just met, etc. It will help the Friends support literacy in our community.



Please enjoy the rest of this great newsletter. The Friends' Secretary, Debby Barron, has worked hard to make it happen. Our team is small but working on some neat projects. I look forward to sharing our progress in our next newsletter!

Erika Bobbitt, President

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Save the dates:

- Easter Egg Hunt & Music Jam with crafts activities & Bunny photos (free event)
Saturday, April 13 opening at 10:30 a.m.,
hunt at 11 and jam at 2 p.m.
Diamond Lakes Branch Library 101 Diamond
Lakes Way, Hephzibah 30906
- Summer Reading Program KICK-OFF from
11 a.m. – 2 p.m. (free event) Saturday,
June 1st at Main (Downtown) Library
(May 31st – August 2nd)
- Appleby Concert Series (free event)
Tuesdays, May 28 – June 25, 8 p.m.
at Appleby Branch Library Garden,
2260 Walton Way, <http://arcpls.org/concerts/>
- Spring Book Sale
Saturday, May 4th 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
at Main (Downtown) Library
(Most items \$1.00; \$5/bag 2-3 P.M.)

For more information, email:
friends@arcpls.org, or call: 706.469.3356.



2019 EASTER EGG HUNT & MUSIC JAM

Crafts/activities & Bunny photos
(free event, no registration required)
Saturday, April 13 opening at 10:30 a.m. and
jam at 2 p.m. Diamond Lakes Branch Library,
101 Diamond Lakes Way, Hephzibah 30906



2019 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Summer Reading Program KICK-OFF from
11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturday, June 1,
at Main (Downtown) Library.
(2019 dates: May 31 – August 2)



2019 APPLEBY CONCERT SERIES



This Augusta tradition dates back to 1954
with this year's season Tuesdays between
May 28 and June 25.

All performances begin at 8 p.m.

For a list of musicians by date and other details,
please see

<http://arcpls.org/concerts/>.

Appleby Library, 2260 Walton Way, 30906.

Also, outreach@arcpls.org,
706-736-6244, or 706-821-2612.



FIRST ANNUAL HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

October 26, 2018

More than 160 adults and children
enjoyed the games, pizza, and contests.





ANNUAL FRIENDS MEETING

January 28, 2019

The speaker was Augusta area resident Jim Minick, author of *Fire is Your Water* and *The Blueberry Years*. He revealed that some of his work is based upon family members and his own struggle to establish a certified-organic blueberry farm. A lively Q & A time followed his talk.



AUGUSTA LITERARY FESTIVAL

March 1-2, 2019

On Friday the keynote speaker was contemporary and historical romance writer, Sienna Mynx. On Saturday 3,000+ visitors interacted with 35 authors at their individual tables and through a series of workshops. The winner of the 2019 Yerby Award for Fiction, Mike Nemeth (R), *The Undiscovered Country*, is pictured with Gerald Yerby (L). The next Festival will be in March 2021.



Is it Time to Renew Your Membership?

Please check your mailing label for your renewal date.



10/08/11

Mr. John Smith
2020 Brown Rd.
Augusta, GA 30909

This is your renewal date.

Membership Form:

Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____

Please enroll me in the following annual membership category:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining | \$75 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Business | \$150 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting | \$300 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate | \$500 |

I will go the extra mile and volunteer to be an active Friend by serving on a committee!

- ☐ Library Activities Committee - help with book sales, annual meetings or other functions
☐ Membership Committee - help solicit new members
☐ Program Committee - help plan programs of interest to Friends members
☐ Help notify others of important items affecting the Library before the County Commission and the State Legislature
☐ Be a special Friend to the following branch library:



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Please send your membership to: Friends of the Augusta Library • 823 Telfair Street • Augusta, GA 30901-2294
Or bring it with you on your next visit to the library! Thank you!



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WINE AND CHEESE SOIRÉE

2/1/2019



Bill Karp and Fabio Mann entertained the guests
while they enjoyed the food and fellowship.

Jay Jeffries was the host as pictured with
Director Mashell Fashion and Assistant Director Kristen White.