

Fall 2018

Helping our local public libraries!



Friends of the White County Public Libraries

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Author Visit

Sat., November 3rd is our annual reception – 1:00 PM
Author Joshilyn Jackson's book talk, book signing, order T-Shirts, desserts, and meet other Friends (Cleveland)

Dec. 6 – 2:00 PM - Friends Board Meeting in Cleveland - All members welcome! We'll plan our annual holiday breakfast for the library staff.

Jan. 3 – 2:00 PM – Helen

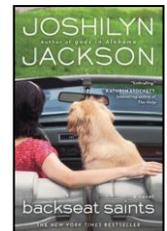
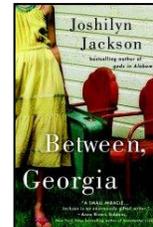
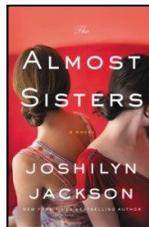
April, 2019 – Book Sale!

Bestselling Georgia author Joshilyn Jackson has agreed to visit us on November 3rd! Joshilyn has published 8 novels and a novella. She will conduct a writer's workshop at 10 AM at the Cleveland branch, followed by a free book talk and signing during the Friends annual dessert reception at 1:00 (open to the public). She will talk about ***Almost Sisters***, her newest title and will sign books. <http://www.joshilynjackson.com/jj/> For more info or to reserve and pay for the morning workshop, call: 706-865-5572.

Since Joshilyn likes to support independent, local booksellers, we've partnered with **Mt. Yonah Book Exchange** on the Helen Hwy. to help supply attendees with books for her to sign at the event. Please drop by or call [\(706\) 219-1565](tel:7062191565) to reserve your copies.



Photo: E.V. Jackson



Little Free Libraries

Willene Keel, Nancy Duggan, Mary Geidel and our other board members are planning to place small boxes with shelves of free books available to children in various public locations in White County. With these "Little Free Libraries," children can enjoy their own copies of books! The libraries will accept donations for this project – just mention "Little Libraries" when you turn in your donations. Read more: <https://littlefreelibrary.org/>



Are your bookshelves groaning from all the good books you've bought? If you would like to find a good home for some of these, the Friends have a favor to ask. We'll hold our annual book sale in April. Could you save those books until then? Our libraries are short on space to store books for sale, as are most of our members. In April we'll be happy to help the books find their way into appreciative hands, while earning money we can put toward library needs. More details in March!



Member Volunteer Spotlight

Gloria Seymour has been volunteering at the White County Public Library since 2005. She and her husband Bob moved here from South of Atlanta in 2003, after she had retired from teaching. She found her heart she says, at the library. Turns out that she had always wanted to be a librarian, but all those years ago, it would have required an add-on to her major, so it just didn't happen. Gloria describes volunteering at the library a "perfect fit" and something she looks forward to every week. She has also been active in our Friends group for several years.

Shopping at **Amazon.com**? Help support our libraries with Amazon Smile! Account number: EIN: 46-5344718. "Friends of White County Libraries."

Our White County Friends group has a dedicated treasurer who has served in this position for many years, Fred Threlkeld. He and his wife Jane attend board meetings and both are always eager to donate their time to our non-profit organization. Each month Fred reports how donations and annual membership dues have allowed us to contribute funds for books and materials to both the Cleveland and Helen branches, host author events, and complete other projects.



Left to right: Nancy Duggan, Pima McConnell, Deborah Kelley, Suzanne D'Abate, Linda Mobley and our current president, Linda Erbele. Not pictured are Willene Keel, Gloria Seymour, Michael Humphrey, Hilary Johnson, Jane and Fred Threlkeld, Mary Geidel, and Cindy Seaman.

Left: October Board Meeting at the Helen Branch

Next month – Cleveland Branch

President's Column *by Linda Erbele*

Which kind of member are you?

Some people want to support the Friends of the Library by sending a check, and then not be bothered with requests for time or other things for another 12 months. No need to apologize – we need that kind of member. Want to be more involved? Work at a book sale, help organize events, help sell tickets for a fundraiser. We also need that kind of member. Believe me, we value both kinds of members.

The supportive but less active people help us get the word out about library services and needs. Their numbers are important when we seek grants or try to convince politicians that White County libraries are in need of their support. Those who want to work, even occasionally, add much needed help and yes, motivation to (often-overworked) members.

The board meets the first Thursday of every month at the Helen or Cleveland branch. Those meetings are not restricted to board members. If you'd like to make suggestions, help with a project or just be more involved – join us at a meeting, where we discuss projects and ideas and the libraries' needs.

This November, we'll hold our annual meeting in conjunction with the visit from best-selling author Joshilyn Jackson. She will conduct a writer's workshop at 10 a.m. at the Cleveland branch. Then at 1 p.m., ALSO at the library, we'll hold our meeting and a reception for Ms. Jackson. The writer's workshop cost is \$35. The meeting and reception are free – and we'll be serving snacks and hot fudge sundaes! Please join us!

Beginning at the end of the month, we'll be letting everyone know when and where those board meetings are. If you want to come, we'd love to have you and your ideas. Thanks for being a member!