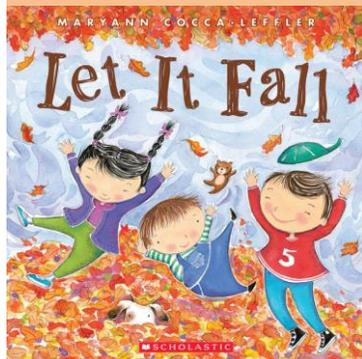


Fall 2019

Helping our local public libraries!



Friends of the White County Public Libraries



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Facebook: Search for "Friends of the White County Public Libraries."

Website: <https://whitecountypubliclibraries.org/friends-of-the-white-county-libraries/>

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Edible Book Festival / Cookbook Launch

Sat., Oct. 5th is our annual Friends membership reception – 10:00 a.m.

Cookbook launch, Edible Book Festival, order T-Shirts, renew memberships and meet other Friends

Board Members of Friends of the White County Public Libraries meet the first Thursday of each month at 2:00. Please join us to learn more and give us your suggestions! November's meeting will be at the Helen branch. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Need ideas for new books?

Start with the free Book Page, the monthly flyer our group buys for both branches.

Join us on **Saturday, October 5**, from 10 a.m. – noon at First Baptist Church in Cleveland for an "**Edible Book Festival**" to celebrate our new cookbook! Please enter something edible which relates to a book! Judges will choose three top entries. Please email us by Thurs., Oct. 3 to participate in this creative celebration of books and food!

A random drawing will be held for a Fall-themed gift basket for one Friends member who joined or renewed in September!

Thank you to our cookbook's many contributors, including those who sent 400 recipes and those who purchased advertisements and sponsorships. Cleveland's James McInvale's original artwork, entitled, "Nacoochee Mound" graces our cookbook cover.

Profits from this \$18.00 price will be used for a new building for the Cleveland branch. Our current facility is inadequate for our community. The city of Cleveland has offered a space in their facility (formerly the Talon plant). White County provides funding for the majority of the Cleveland branch expenses. We appreciate the cooperation between city and county officials to enhance our White County's resources.

Purchase Our Favorite Recipes at either branch library (only cash/check), Mt. Yonah Books or email friendsowcl@gmail.com for other vendors.



Mountain Farm Day at Hardman Farm – Sat., October 26 - We will sell **cookbooks** from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Please email us if you can help!

Wonderful new resource available to everyone with a library card: georgialibraries.org/eReadKids



Congratulations to Friends board member Lindsey Brackett, whose second book was just published! *The Bridge Between* continues the lives of characters introduced in *Still Waters*, both set on beautiful Edisto Island. <https://lindseypbrackett.com/novels/>



Member Volunteer Spotlight

Pima McConnell has been a fantastic addition to Friends of the Libraries! She typed all of our cookbook's recipes, which was no easy feat! She also maintains some of our Little Free Library book donation centers here in White County. Pima and her husband Carlyle moved to Cleveland from Pine Mountain, Georgia. They have been here a little over a year, now. Pima is a retired physical therapist and a tireless volunteer with our board of directors.

Thank you to Linda Erbele, who has served as president of the Friends of the White County Libraries for the past two years. Previously a reporter for the *White County News*, now Linda has numerous other volunteer "jobs," including serving as a member of our local school board and performing in plays at Sautee.

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Little Free Libraries

Many of our board members are maintaining shelves of free books available at various locations in White County. Our newest location is at Park and Rec. With these "Little Free Libraries," children can enjoy their own copies of books! Sometimes we feature books for older readers, too. The libraries will accept donations for this project – just mention "Little Libraries" when you turn in your donations. Read more: <https://littlefreelibrary.org/>



Did you realize that you can check out a **telescope** from the Cleveland branch? A guide book is included, and our library has many other resources you can check out – all for free! Fall is the perfect time for stargazing!

October 20 – 26 is National Friends of the Library Week!

President's Column *by Linda Erbele*



I attended the Decatur Book Festival over the Labor Day weekend and heard some terrific authors speak, including Joshilyn Jackson who visited the Cleveland library earlier this year, sponsored by your Friends group. Hearing her in person adds a whole new dimension to her books. "There's something about turning 50," she said. "Your 'give-a-crapper' just snaps!" Her latest book, out July 30, is called *Never Have I Ever* and it's about a mysterious newcomer to book club – who seems to know some uncomfortable secrets from the main character's past.

At the end of Jackson's talk, someone asking a question apologized for not buying the book, having checked it out of the library. The author assured us all that libraries pay for books and support authors. "They are doing God's work," she said.

Something we can all agree with. Support your library – and thank your local politicians who support them.

We have changed our **membership** system to an annual membership based in September – everyone will be renewable at the same time each year. The cost of membership is \$25 for an individual or family. Although this price is an increase, we are a small 501(c)3 facing competition from the many other charitable groups. Our funds help pay for both children's and adults' programs at both the Cleveland and Helen locations as well as purchase items not covered in the library's budget. We are all volunteers, with no money spent on overhead! We hope you will decide to renew your membership and continue to support our public libraries. Please use the membership form available at the libraries or download from our website:

<https://whitecountypubliclibraries.org/friends-of-the-white-county-libraries/>

Please mail your check for "Friends of White Co. Public Libraries" to P.O. Box 2003, Cleveland, 30528, or bring it to a library or an event.