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Friends of the White County Public Libraries



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Like so many others in White County, the Friends of the Libraries appreciates the efforts of the library staff to stay open during the pandemic. We appreciated not only the libraries' books, wireless access, copying, faxing, computers, online programs for children, but also new resources to check out such as Chromebooks, a telescope and Internet hot spots. Try out the updated online books, magazines, and audiobooks – all free!

We need a new branch library in Cleveland! Our current branch in Cleveland was built in 1980, when our population was a fraction of what it is now. Before mid-May, please give the county your opinion:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WhiteCountyClevelandHelen>

Friends of the Libraries is assisting this effort by selling the local **cookbooks** we published. Purchase yours at either branch library, Mt. Yonah Books, Nix Hardware, Helen Arts Center, Adams Mercantile, Sautee Community Center, Lavender Cottage and other businesses. Beautiful cover art by James McInvale enhances this must-have collection!



Amazon shopping? With no cost to you, **Amazon's Smile program** will donate a portion of your sale to Friends. Search for "Friends of the White County Libraries" and ID# 46-5344718. Thank you for linking!

Holiday auctions at both branch libraries meant more book purchases! Thank you to organizers, shoppers and donors. Thanks to Pima McConnell for free holiday ornaments with reminders to use Amazon Smile.

FUTURE EVENTS - Friends will soon resume our CHOCOLATE RAFFLE FUNDRAISER, a partnership with Hansel and Gretel Candy Kitchen. This fall we will sponsor our second "EDIBLE BOOK FESTIVAL," a hilarious, creative opportunity to highlight both food and books. We hope to sponsor author visits, also.



Justin Haynes, manager at the Helen branch, was asked to introduce himself – here is his reply:

I grew up and currently live in Clarkesville, but spend most of my time in the White County area. I graduated from Habersham Central in 2011, and went on to earn a degree in Theology at Truett McConnell. While in school, I was hired on at the church I grew up attending as the student minister and continued to work there after graduating from college. Eventually, I left my position there and took a year off before working at Starbucks (which is not as fun as you might think) for a short time before applying for the Children's Director spot at Cornelia Library. I was brought on there and shortly after I moved into a managerial role at Cornelia. When I heard that the Manager role was available at Helen Library I applied fairly quickly. During my time at Truett, I fell in love with this area with all its coffee shops and hiking trails. I was elated when I was offered the job. Most of my hobbies involve being outside. I love to hike, bike, camp and read. I drink way much too much coffee, which is a habit I've tried and failed to break. And I believe that people are the most important thing we can devote our time to. I am excited to be here and hope to continue to get to know more and more people as we attempt to serve this community as best we can!