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FOL Volunteers Honored



Doris Harvey and Cynthia Karle.
with FOL President Jean Westin-Lagotic

Friends of the Library volunteers Doris Harvey and Cynthia Karle were honored at the ACLD Foundation's annual Katherine's Tree Reception on March 9, 2025. Doris and Cynthia were recognized by Friends of the Library in appreciation for their leadership and years of service.

FOL Spring Sale, April 26-30, 2025

The Friends of the Library Bookhouse is stuffed full with donated books, texts, records, CDs, DVDs, games, puzzles, paintings, prints, magazines, and ephemera. Looking for a book based on your individual interest, such as cookbooks, romance, art, science fiction, or contemporary fiction? How about vinyl or manga? Whether you desire a collectible treasure or a recent edition, we probably have it at a bargain price.

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Save the Date

April 26-30 – Spring Book Sale

October 25-29 – Fall Book Sale



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From the Director

It's time to spring back into the Alachua County Library District and see what's happening.



We are thrilled to announce the opening of the new MakerSpace facility at the Headquarters Library. MakerSpace was created to help support digital and technological literacy in Alachua County and to provide access to new technologies for little-to-no cost. The space has 3D printers, a laser cutter, sewing machines, Cricut cutters, and more. Patrons can participate in programs, classes, training sessions, and open lab time. The MakerSpace at HQ will serve as the Library District's hub for creative initiatives geared toward technology and crafting. Discover what MakerSpace is all about at

aclib.us/MakerSpace.

Do you need assistance determining which community resources can benefit you and your family? Meet with a Community Resource Navigator who can help you through the process of finding and registering for assistance programs. Each week, Community Resource Navigators will be at locations around the Library District ready to help: every Monday and Thursday at the Alachua Branch, every Tuesday at the High Springs Branch, and every Wednesday at the Newberry Branch.

Keep an eye out for great programs the whole family will enjoy this spring at the Library District.

In April, patrons can celebrate Earth Day by learning how to make a simple terrarium at the Micanopy Branch. Check out the interactive *Puppet Story Time* program with stories, songs, and puppets at the Headquarters Library. Patrons can visit with live bats and flying foxes during the *Lubee Bats at the Library* program at the Tower Road Branch.

In May, celebrate Mother's Day by making a bouquet of paper flowers for that special someone during a crafting program at Millhopper Branch. Create conceptual self-portraits with found imagery and collage them in the ArtSpace at the Waldo Branch. Patrons can celebrate Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and learn the ancient art of Japanese calligraphy during the *Japanese Language and Calligraphy* program at the Hawthorne Branch.

Patrons can find recurring programs at several locations that might pique their interest. Every Wednesday, visit the Alachua Branch for *Whatchamacallit Wednesdays*. Do something different each week: arts and crafts, MakerSpace, board games, video games, and more! Patrons can let their fandom flag fly during *Fandom Club* at the High Springs Branch on the second Thursday of each

month. Make arts and crafts, learn STEM, and share your love of fandom with everyone. Patrons interested in 3D printing and design can come by the Library Partnership Branch on the third Saturday of each month for the *3D Design Afternoons* program. Patrons can learn to use Tinkercad, a 3D modeling software, that can be used to create 3D models for printing.

One of the Library District's most popular programs is *Story Time*. Patrons who can't come to *Story Time* programs during the week can now participate during the weekends! The Library District is offering *Saturday Story Time* programs starting at 11 AM at all our locations. Programs are scheduled at different locations each Saturday of the month. Children ages 5 and under, along with their caregivers, can come read, laugh, and sing with us! There will be stories, music, movement, rhymes, and more to enjoy. Learn more about when and where *Saturday Story Time* programs will be by searching our events page at aclib.us/Events for *Saturday Story Time*.

Come by your local library and check out all the Library District has to offer. Be sure to follow us on social media for updates about programs and events, insight into new collections, and engaging posts about library happenings. Our catalog is always open for browsing at discover.aclib.us. We can't wait to see you this spring at the library.



ALACHUA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT FOUNDATION

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2025 Annual Katherine's Tree Award Ceremony

On Sunday, March 9th, the Foundation held its eleventh annual reception to recognize the 2024 Katherine's Tree leaf recipients. It was a very enjoyable, well-attended event with families and friends of the recipients, library staff, and Foundation members.

Thanks to continued funding from the Kosman Foundation, for the past eighteen years the Foundation has presented the Guy Hudspeth Award (named for retired librarian Guy Hudspeth and its first recipient) to recognize an outstanding Alachua County Library District staff member who has impacted the citizens of our county. This year's awardee was Ross Woodbridge, Library Manager of the Alachua Branch. Among his many other contributions to the District, Ross pioneered the MakerSpace programs and introduced 3D printing to children and adults.

Each year, the Friends of the Library honors outstanding volunteers by placing leaves on the tree. The new Honorees were Doris Mangum Harvey for her support of FOL in numerous ways, including serving as recording secretary, and Cynthia Karle for her enthusiasm and tireless dedication, including training of new FOL volunteers.

Friends and family were recognized for having funded two additional leaves on the Tree. The Chalmers family gave a leaf dedicated to the late David M. Chalmers, Distinguished Alumni Professor of American History at the University of Florida, and to Jean McCormick Chalmers, Mayor of Gainesville (1985-86). Jean was also a moving force in establishing the Library District as an independent special taxing district that ensures its continuing support.

The final leaf was accepted by Edward Eddy in memory of his mother, Myra Eddy (1930-2024), an avid lifelong reader and dedicated volunteer at the Millhopper Branch for over twenty years. Myra requested this donation in her final wishes. At one time, she was recognized as the longest serving volunteer with the library district. She urged people to remember her by visiting the library and getting a good book.

These five leaves represent gifts of \$10,000 to the Foundation to help continue advancing its support of our outstanding Library District.



Leaf Recipients: Ross Woodbridge, Doris Harvey, Cynthia Karle,
Jean Chalmers, Edward Eddy

Message from the President



Is it just me or is time going faster and faster? It is hard to believe our Spring 2025 book sale is almost here.

So much has happened since the fall sale. The Bookhouse was closed for several weeks for renovation; during that time, all donations were boxed and stored

in any available space. Upon reopening, our wonderful volunteers sorted those mountains of about 1200 boxes of unsorted donations, which table coordinators then priced and shelved. Our spring sale shoppers will think all looks normal, and it now is, but if only they knew the herculean effort expended by our incredible volunteers!

What a team! Thank you for all that you do to sustain and further our mission to promote literacy and to support the Alachua County Public Library.

See you all at the book sale!



Happy 70th Year - FOL Memories

Throughout FOL's 70th year, we're asking volunteers to share memories of their time at Friends of the Library. During 2025, some of those comments will appear in this newsletter. We'll collect all submissions and share them at FOL's annual meeting in September, 2025.

Do you have a memory to share? Please send it by email to folacld430@gmail.com or mail it to:

FOL, 430 N Main Street,
Gainesville, FL 32601

From April Clark

It was my dad, Bill (Virgil) Burk, who got me into volunteering with him. I have since managed various tables, including Parenting, Romance, and Young Adult. Recently my daughter worked the

sale, making her the third generation to experience the infectious joy of readers finding bargains. Book people are the best people!

From Lynda McKenzie

To help manage the hustle and bustle of crowds of shoppers, volunteers used light sabers to indicate where to get in line. Thus, in a book galaxy far, far away, a light saber was used to usher and light the way towards a more efficient checkout at the book sale. As shoppers were directed to the appropriate line, The Force was with us.

From Katie Yost

Before FOL had a permanent home, the Star Garage was a memorable book sale venue. Preparation involved a month-long effort to bring the books out of storage. They were unboxed, priced, and then lovingly covered

each night with plastic to protect them from the pigeons roosting in the rafters above them.

From Beverly Bartlett

On October 5, 1992, FOL held a special party to symbolically "burn the mortgage" for 430 N. Main Street. It had taken a great leap of faith to purchase a "permanent" home in 1989 after years of moving each sale to a "borrowed" site. The size and proceeds of FOL sales quickly increased – requiring that we go to two sales a year.

Now we have paid off a second mortgage (again early) on the Junior League portion of the building. And again the size and proceeds of the sales have increased beyond expectations. I am no longer surprised by the great things we accomplish together.

Getting to Know You

Spotlight on Library Staff

Tina Bushnell

Position: Manager, Partnership Branch Library

Background: During elementary school, Tina and her friend walked to the library after school to check out books to read alone and to each other. When she was in 7th grade, after moving to North Central Florida, the library became her refuge.

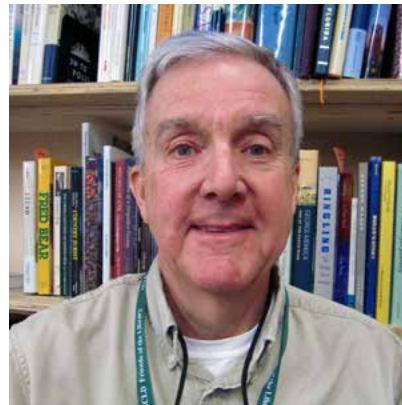
Tina enrolled at Santa Fe College and transferred to the UF to complete an undergraduate degree in history and a master's degree in mass communication. One day while working at Satchel's Pizza, a friend told her she should check out library school. After two years, Tina completed a master's degree in Library and Information Science from Florida State University. She was hired as a page in Adult Services at ACLD Headquarters and had a very brief foray into Circulation Services before moving to Youth Services — first as a library specialist, then a librarian. Her five years in Youth Services were magical, but when Library Partnership needed a manager, Tina applied and was hired.

The mission of Library Partnership Branch as a one-stop, full-service library and social service site provided the impetus for the move. Tina is very passionate about providing excellent customer service and resources to the community and working in collaboration with the Partnership for Strong Families Resource Center. Every day brings new challenges (and lots of teens!), and Tina is so grateful to work with a team that is dedicated to the branch and its community. Library Partnership is small but mighty! And very busy!

Being a classic introvert, Tina enjoys time with family, friends, and pets; reading; watching and listening to lots of things; going down curiosity rabbit holes; creating whatever; gardening; nature ... She is animal obsessed, just ask Partnership staff.



Tina Bushnell



Jim Gates

Spotlight on FOL Volunteer

Jim Gates

Position: Sorter and

Table Coordinator-Collector's Corner

Background: Among the volunteers at FOL are many retired librarians – but only one has served as the Library Director of the National Baseball Hall of Fame! Before retiring to Gainesville, Jim Gates held that position for 25 years – meeting players, politicians, presidents, actors, and sports fans.

A member of a Navy family who followed his dad to duty stations along the East Coast, Jim studied political theory at Belmont Abbey College, international relations at Notre Dame (where he was a student librarian), and received his MLS (Master of Library Science) from Indiana University.

After stints as technical services librarian at Boston University and the University of Florida, Jim began his tenure in Cooperstown. With his wife Vicki and children Meghan and Sean, he enjoyed all aspects of Cooperstown, including hiking, kayaking, and other outdoor activities.

Deciding that his retirement would not include shoveling snow, Jim and Vicki came to Gainesville and the “irreverent energy of a college town.” After attending an FOL book sale and learning that volunteers were needed, Jim attended training sessions and began sorting and processing incoming donations for sports, antiques, and the Collector's Corner. Jim says he loves coming across a book he didn't know about and now wants to read – and he enjoys meeting and talking with volunteers and learning of their varied backgrounds. And there is always Gator Sports!

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For more information about the Spring Sale, visit us at www.folacld.org. Better yet, come to our sale from Saturday, April 26th, through Wednesday, April 30th, and see for yourself.

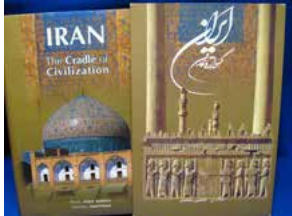
Check Out the Collector's Corner

During the book sale, be sure to visit the Collector's Corner – stocked with books and other items of local, historical, and special interest.

Items of significance in the Collector's Corner in April include a signed special edition of *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou,



a rare limited edition of *IRAN - The Cradle of Civilization* in English and Persian, the Grateful Dead's *Fare Thee Well* 50th anniversary box set of 16 CDs, and a signed first edition of *The Gospel Singer* by Harry Crews – with a personal inscription to Smith Kirkpatrick to whom the book is dedicated.

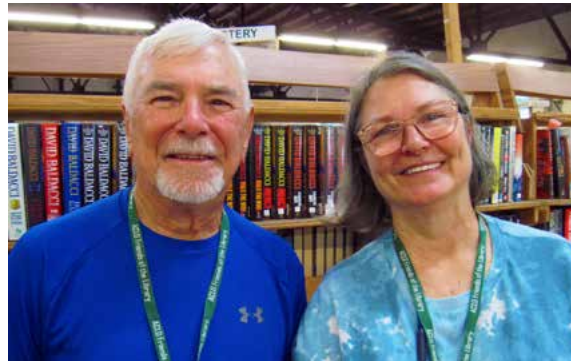


New Volunteers

Volunteer Coordinator Stephanie Olson recently welcomed new volunteers to Friends of the Library. She introduced them to FOL policies and procedures for receiving and sorting books and other community donations, supporting library projects, and conducting FOL's semi-annual sales. These volunteers are now working with other sorters and table coordinators to receive and process community donations for the April sale.



Jill Hartner, Brenda Springfield, Crissy Fletcher, Polly Porter



Bill Treloar, Anita High

Crissy Fletcher is a big Indiana sports fan who loves her strawberry patch and coonhound Ro. Jill Hartner is an avid reader, illuminator, cultural anthropologist, embroiderer, and member of the Society of Creative Anachronism. Anita High is laid back, enjoys the outdoors, and loves to garden, read, and organize stuff. Polly Porter recommends TRAIN4LIFE – “enuf said.” Brenda Springfield, wildlife photographer, retired art educator, and former co-director of Camp Crystal Lake, has been a member of a book group for 35 years. Bill Treloar, a New England native and US Air Force veteran, is a long time Gainesville resident who has worked in health care for 35 years.

Shortly before the each sale, you can find a listing of items featured in the Collector's Corner at folacld.org/m^sale^colcor.html.

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New BingePasses from *hoopla*

The Library District has a free pass to great BBC, PBS, and medici.tv streaming content. To get started with *hoopla*, click on “Borrow & Download” from the menu at the top of the aclib.us website and then on either “Movies – TV” or “Music” to reach *hoopla* and create an account. From your *hoopla* account, you can select “BingesPasses” under “Browse” to see all the options. A BingePass is a collection of materials that are packaged together for checkout and only count as a single borrow from *hoopla*.

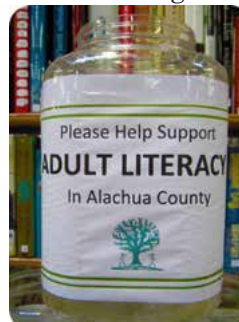
Recently added PBS BingePasses include documentaries from the *Ken Burns Collection*, four seasons of *The French Chef*, and content from *PBS Kids*, including *Dinosaur Train*, *Pinkalicious*, and *Nature Cat*.

The medici.tv BingePass gives patrons access to live events, classical music concerts, recorded operas, and ballets featuring world renowned performers and artists. The site medici.tv is considered the world’s source for the best classical music programming.

Patrons can also check out the BBC Studio SeasonPass from *hoopla*. A SeasonPass is a type of BingePass that allows access to full seasons of select shows as a single borrow. Some of the BBC shows that have SeasonPasses on *hoopla* are *DCI Banks*, *The Inspector Lynley Mysteries*, *Wallander*, and *Absolutely Fabulous*. A *hoopla* BingePass makes it easy to stream collections of premium content with just one borrow. All you need is a library card.

Supporting Literacy in Alachua County

The Friends of the Library supports multiple literacy programs – both through the Alachua County Library District and through other community nonprofit organizations. Your coins in the literacy jugs at our book sales go directly to the library’s literacy programs, which you can explore at aclib.us/literacy and aclib.us/early-literacy.



We also provide MiniGrants to help promote literacy programs by various nonprofit organizations in Alachua county. In 2024, MiniGrants were awarded to the following nonprofit programs: Gainesville Bridge,

PEAK Literacy (Summer Slide Prevention), Friends of Cuscowilla (Chill Zone Reading Room), Alachua County School District (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters), and ARTSPEAKS Gainesville (3rd Annual BARD and Broadside North Central Florida Poetry Festival). In 2024 alone, FOL MiniGrants to local nonprofits helped to provide summer tutors and reading lessons for twenty challenged students, furnish a self-calming reading room for over 600 youth at summer camp, give books to sixty families with preschool children from nine cultures, and support local poets and expose over 1000 people to the art of poetry. MiniGrant application forms are on our website at folaclid.org/m^mgrnt.html.

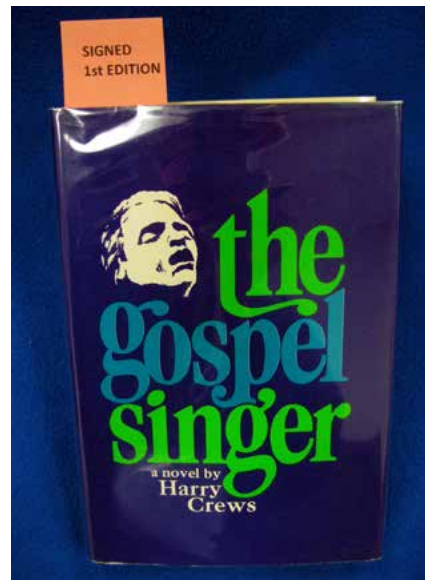
Spring Book Sale – Help Spread the Word

Book sale flyers and promotional bookmarks announcing the 2025 Spring Sale are in the FOL office. Please take some to share with organizations and businesses that you visit. Ask to have them put on bulletin boards, front windows, and other prominent sites to announce the dates of our book sale.

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April 26-30, 2025
Sale Hours
Saturday, Apr 26.....9-6
Sunday, Apr 27.....Noon-6
Monday, Apr 28.....Noon-6
Tuesday, Apr 29.....Noon-6
Wednesday, Apr 30.....Noon-6
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More Sale Pictures



Remember - the benefits of your membership include:

- 4 newsletters per year,
- invitations to the annual meeting and special seminars,
- volunteer opportunities with the twice-yearly book sales.
- But the biggest benefit of all is that wonderful feeling you get from doing something great for your family, neighbors, and community.

Invite your friends to join FRIENDS!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

New ☐ Renewal ☐ - FOL member since _____

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 (as you wish your membership name to appear)

Address: _____

City : _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Telephone: Home _____ Work _____

E-Mail Address _____

Membership Categories

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$150 Life Member (65+) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Individual |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Patron | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Student/Senior (65+) |
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Volunteer Opportunities

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Book Sales | <input type="checkbox"/> Book Sorting (year round) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other talents,
please call me | <input type="checkbox"/> I can't volunteer, but am
happy to support FOL
with my membership |

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