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I would like to volunteer in the following areas:

_____ Bookstore _____ Hospitality _____ Membership _____ Newsletter _____ Programs

_____ Publicity _____ Telephone _____ Ways & Means _____ Other

Membership Level (Check One)

_____ Individual \$10.00 _____ Couple \$15.00 _____ Organization \$25.00 _____ Donor \$50.00

_____ Patron \$100.00 _____ Benefactor \$500.00 _____ Corporation \$1,000.00

To complete registration, please include your check with the application.

Make checks payable to: The Friends of the Hoover Public Library. THANK YOU! Please mail this card to :

The Friends of the Hoover Public Library, 200 Municipal Drive, Hoover, AL 35216

or drop it off at the Circulation Service Desk at the entrance to the library.

Library Leaves



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Hoover, AL 35216
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FRIENDS OF THE HOOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library Leaves

President's Message

by Roberta Atkinson

Books constitute capital.

A library book lasts as long as a house, for hundreds of years.

It is not, then an article of mere consumption but fairly of capital, and often in the case of professional men, setting out as in life, it is their only capital.



Attributed to Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826) in a letter to James Madison.

What a great start to a great year the Friends have had with the first two programs lined up by First Vice President Margaret Truly. The September program with Hoover employees Colin Conner, Sharon Nelson and Kim Marlin and the October program with Ken Keister of Norton's Florists were well attended and outstanding. Hospitality Chair Pat Bendall and her committee have provided wonderful refreshments for the meetings.

The Friends bookstore is setting records with September sales at \$3,595.00. They still need a few workers for one shift a month and could use some more substitutes. Call Sue Simpson at 979-4835 to volunteer. The bookstore needs your donations of gently-used books, particularly paperbacks. If you have not gotten your new Friends yearbook, they may be picked up in the bookstore.

The Hoover City Council proclaimed the week of October 19-25, 2008 as National Friends of Public Libraries week. Stop by the library to read the proclamation. Membership tables were manned by the friends at various times during the week. Second Vice President Lea Pennington did a great job scheduling them. Thanks go to Mayor Petelos and the Hoover City Council.

Mark your calendar for the mayor's annual State of the City address on January 5, 2009. It's always interesting to see what's happening in Hoover. The Library Plaza Project should be close to completion by then, with the new Friends bookstore space in a much more visible location.

Check out the Hoover Public Library website: www.hooverlibrary.org. Be sure to look at the Friends space on the website. Library employee Mike Benson does a great job of maintaining the website. Also, check the Friends bulletin board in the corner by the main circulation desk. We are so fortunate to have the great staff at the Hoover Public Library. Thank them when you visit.

Roberta Atkinson

President of the Friends of the Hoover Public Library

MONTHLY MEETINGS

November 3, 2008

Monday 10:00 a.m.

Pat Scofield presents *The History of Jewelry*, illustrated with pieces of jewelry she creates.

December 2008—no meeting, happy holidays

January 5, 2009

Monday 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Tony Petelos – The State of Our City

February 2, 2009

Monday 10:00 a.m.

Glyn Denton of Crave Chocolatier – *Craving Chocolate: The Story of Our Most Tempting Treats*

March 2, 2009

Monday 10:00 a.m.

Dolores Hydock – *Through the Back Door: The Music That Bridged the Bayou*, sponsored by the Alabama Humanities Foundation

April 6, 2009

Monday 10:00 a.m.

Membership Tea featuring a revolving slide presentation showing the Friends of the Hoover Public Library at work and the library programs they sponsor

May 2009

Friday 11:00 a.m.

Luncheon and installation of officers – location and date to be announced

Meetings will be held in the Hoover Public Library lower level meeting rooms starting at 9:45 a.m. with refreshments.

BOARD MEETING DATES

October 30, 2008

January 29, 2009

March 26, 2009

April 30, 2009

Regular meetings of the board will be held in the Theatre Conference Room, lower level of Hoover Library, behind the Ticket Office at 10:00 a.m.

Events sponsored by the Friends of the Hoover Public Library

Nonfiction Book Discussion Group

The Nonfiction Book Discussion Group will discuss John Grisham's, *The Innocent Man* at their meeting on Thursday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the library meeting rooms. For reservations, call 444-7816.

Alabama Authors Series

Meet the nationally known authors of *Cajun and Creole Cooking with Miss Edie and the Colonel*. Learn about Louisiana folklore and cooking and sample their recipes. A book signing will follow the program. Reservations required. Call 444-7840.

FRIENDS BOOKSTORE NEWS

Our bookstore continues to do well! Proceeds for last year were \$31,374, the best yet, and June, July and August totaled \$10,106 which was a great summer.

For September, our proceeds continued well at \$3,596. We need and appreciate your donations of books, CDs, videos and audiobooks, ESPECIALLY paperback fiction.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support, and thanks to our stocking and sorting committee for their continued hard work.

We can all be proud of our bookstore because of our combined efforts. Keep up the good work!

Gallery Artists

- November - Veteran's Week Art Show
- December - Maud Belser
- January - Floyd Hosmer
- February/March - Pamela Daugherty-Watters
- April - Deborah Ballog

In Memorium

Juanita Mock



MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT: Ginger Collins

Where were you born? Gadsden, Alabama.

How long have you lived in Hoover? Since December, 2007.

What work experience do you have? Primarily the insurance industry in Atlanta and Nashville, but moved back to Gadsden to care for my parents.

Why did you choose to live in Hoover? It has a small town atmosphere where it would be easy to meet people and also offered a variety of social and cultural

activities.

What motivated you to join the Friends of the Hoover Public Library? The Hoover Library provided information about the Friends.

Do you volunteer? The Friends Bookstore and Aldridge Gardens.

Name some of your favorite books and authors. Anne Riddons Siddons is a favorite for her southern themes and character development. Her latest book, *Off Season* is set partially in Maine, but with a southern perspective. Other favorites include *Devil in the White City* and *Eat, Pray, Love*.

Do you have any hobbies or special interests? Reading and volunteering; also traveling, especially to New England and Canada.

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