

THE BLADE

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OUR FRIEND, JOY MANER

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of a beloved member of the Friends of the Nancy Guinn Library, Joy Maner, on November 20, 2016. As one of the most active members of the Friends group, Joy not only served as Corresponding Secretary, penning eloquent letters of thanks that always ended with an appropriate quotation from a famous author, but also spent countless hours carefully stocking the Friends book carts located throughout the library the proceeds from which funded summer reading programs for children and adults alike. Without her efforts, the Nancy Guinn Memorial Library would not have been able to provide quality, educational programs that enhanced and enriched the lives of our Conyers-Rockdale community.

Born December 12, 1934 in Atlanta, Georgia, Joy lived an exciting and adventure-filled life. She married and gave birth to two children, whom she raised as a single mother after divorcing, and she held numerous interesting jobs including a position at Macy's in downtown Atlanta and a position at a college of interior design which sent her to live in London for a year. She often spoke about the culinary delights as well as her ventures with researching her maternal family history whilst residing in England. Joy also held a deep love for Studebaker automobiles, which her grandfather and father sold for Yarbrough Motor Company (Yarbrough being her maiden name), and cherished the Studebaker that she received from her father as a wedding present. When recounting this event, Joy would fondly relay the story of how her father requested that she fill out the loan paperwork to buy the car but later tore it up and presented her with the vehicle as a gift instead.



Joy (on the left) enjoyed working in the Friends' bookstore. Behind her is Charlotte Bauer and to her right is Gwen Ellington.

Joy embodied the true spirit of volunteerism, dedicating her time to helping those in need at women's shelters, sorting books and stocking shelves in the library bookstore, raising money for the Nancy Guinn Memorial Library at the Friends' monthly book sales, working as an AARP driving instructor for seniors, and serving as a member of the Friends of the Library in Clarkston -- all while finding the time to finish her college degree when she was nearly a senior citizen.

The staff, Trustees, and patrons of the Nancy Guinn Memorial Library received good fortune when Joy's daughter Marie and son-in-law David invited her to move from Clarkston, Georgia, to live with them in Conyers. Joy always had a smile for everyone she met and a fascinating story to tell about her life and her love for libraries. In one of the last notes of correspondence she sent to the library Director, thanking her for inclusion in the library's annual staff day, Joy closed with the words of A.J. Cronin: "*Gratitude is something of which none of us can give too much. For on the smiles, the thanks we give, our little gestures of appreciation, our neighbors build up their philosophy of life.*" Joy Maner knew the true meaning of gratitude and we are all the better to have known such a dynamic and caring lady. She is greatly missed.

The Friends of the Nancy Guinn Library hold used book sales on the second Saturday of each month from 10:30am - 2:00pm.



Friends of The Nancy Guinn Library

A wide variety of books for children and adults are in good condition and priced to sell. Proceeds of the sales support special programs and projects of the Nancy Guinn Memorial Library. We thank you for your support! For more information, or to become a member of the Friends of the Nancy Guinn Library, visit: www.conyersrockdalelibrary.org

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Changing of the guard @ CRLS

On October 31, 2016, long-time Circulation Manager, Mary Hardy, retired from the Nancy Guinn Memorial Library after 21 years of service. She began her career at the library in August of 1995 working as a part-time circulation desk assistant and by the year 2000, she was managing the busy circulation department.

Mary says she has always enjoyed reading and that one of the best parts of her job was being exposed to so many new authors and receiving author recommendations from library patrons.

Now retired, she is enjoying a well-deserved rest and filling her days snuggling and spoiling her first grandchild, Violet. Mary says that it took the arrival of little Violet to change her plans of “never retiring” to “never wanting to leave home!” Although she is greatly enjoying her new role, Mary says she does miss her co-workers and some of her favorite patrons. Luckily, we still get to see her when she brings Violet to baby time at the library.

We definitely miss Mary and wish her much joy as she embarks on this new chapter!



We welcome Paula Knight to the Nancy Guinn Memorial Library as our new Circulation Manager!

A Georgia native, Paula holds an M.A. in History and an MLIS from Valdosta State University and comes to us from the Gwinnett County Library System. She asserts that she knew from an early age that she wanted to work in libraries and is very happy in her new position at the Nancy Guinn Memorial Library. Paula states she loves both the staff and the patrons and especially enjoys talking to the patrons about their favorite books and authors.

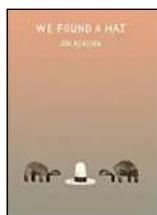
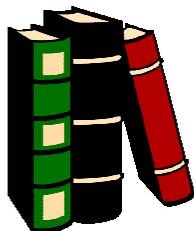


When not at the library, Paula enjoys crafting and gaming and is a veteran World of Warcraft gamer. She loves to travel when the opportunity arises and has already been to Europe twice, once to study at the University of Roehampton in London.

It goes without saying that Paula relishes a good read when she gets the chance. She particularly enjoys romance novels as well as humor, fantasy, and science fiction stories. One of her favorite books is the classic: *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. She says that in the sixth grade, when she first heard that iconic story, she realized she, like Scout, appreciated reading and has felt connected to the novel ever since.

We are very pleased that Paula is a member of our library team! If you have not yet met Paula, please take a moment to stop by her office in the circulation area to say “Hello”!

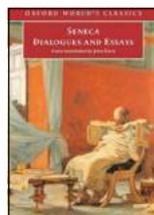
Staff Picks



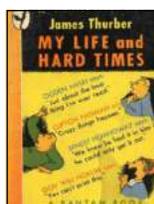
Youth Services Specialist, Carolyn Cathey, has chosen *We Found a Hat* by Jon Klassen. It is the third book in the *Hat* trilogy and the author is a Caldecott Medalist and a New York Times best-seller.



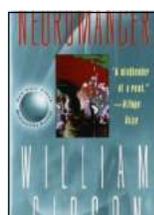
Jane Devenports’ “*Beautiful Faces*” is one of the best how to draw books I have read in a long time. Her explication of her shadowing technique is to the point and simple. Easy peasy and she writes the way many artists think. Recommend by the Administration Dept.



Adult Services Specialist, Shannon Bond, has chosen *Seneca: Dialogues and Essays*, translated by John Davie and says she is mesmerized by how inspiring and relevant this ancient text is to modern life.



Circulation Manager, Paula Knight, has chosen *My Life and Hard Times* by James Thurber to recommend. She credits this humorous read as being her “go-to” book for when she needs a good laugh.



Technology Specialist, Alex Boardman, has picked *Neuromancer* by William Gibson. He describes this book as cyberpunk set in a dystopian future. *Neuromancer* is compared on Amazon to 1984 by George Orwell and *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley.

Mark Your Calendar

Programs at the Nancy Guinn Memorial Library

Adult Services Events

Adult Coloring Club

Every 1st Friday of the month
Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm *

Tied in Stitches

Every 1st Monday of the month
Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm *

WorkSource Mobile Career Lab

Select Wednesdays - January through June
Time: 10:00am - 3:00pm | * See website for dates

Vision Board Party

Tuesday, January 17th
Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm *

Cooking @ the Library

Friday, February 17th
Time: 12:00pm - 1:30pm *

Local Author Expo

Saturday, March 18th | Time: 2:00 - 4:00pm *

Family Events

Love Framed in Black and White

Saturday, February 4th
Time: 2:00pm - 4:00pm *

Movies @ the Library

Mr. Peabody & Sherman (lower level meeting room)
Friday, February 24th | Show time: 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Horton Hears a Who! (lower level meeting room)

Tuesday, April 4th | Show time: 2:00pm - 4:00pm



Adult Services Classes and Programs will be held in the library meeting room (lower level) For more information, please see our website @ www.conyersrockdalelibrary.org or pick up a brochure at the Adult Services Desk. (770)-388-5040 ext.118 * Registration is required.

Youth Services (including Young Adult Events)

Preschool Story Time

Select Mondays: **
Time: 3:30pm - 4:15pm *

Toddler Story Time

Select Tuesdays: **
Time: 10:30am - 11:15am *

Baby Time

Select Wednesdays: **
Time: 10:30am - 11:15am *



Homeschool Book Club

Wednesdays: Jan. 25th, Feb. 22nd, March 29th **
Time: 1:00pm - 2:00pm *

Pajama Story Time **

Thursdays: February 16th and March 16th
Time: 6:00pm - 6:45pm *

Black History Month Program

Thursday, February 23rd
Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm **

Read Across America Day

Thursday, March 2nd
Time: 3:30pm - 4:30pm (No registration required)

Young Adult Events

Anime and Manga Club

Thursdays: February 2nd and March 23rd
Time: 5:00pm - 7:00pm *

Tabletop RPG Games

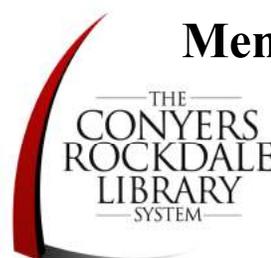
Wednesdays: February 8th and March 29th
Time: 5:00pm - 6:00pm *

TEEN TECH WEEK

Monday, March 6th thru Saturday, March 11th

Nancy Guinn Memorial Library

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For more information about our Children's and Young Adult programs, please visit our website @ www.conyersrockdalelibrary.org or pick up a brochure in the Youth Services Dept. For more information call: #(770)-388-5040 ext. 113 *Registration is required ** Story Time Room (Youth Services Dept.)