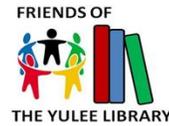


NEWSLETTER



A Message from the President Derryl B. Johnson



Derryl B. Johnson

Greetings Yulee Community,

The Friends of the Yulee Library (FOYL) are looking forward to 2020 as a year of steady growth and partnerships. But first let us take a look back at 2019 highlights. In 2019, the Friends became an official nonprofit Florida corporation in May and subsequently filed for its 501c3 status in November. We expect to get the official status any day now. A joint effort Book Sale with the Fernandina Friends helped us to get our feet wet

in the Book Sale arena and to grow our membership. Thank you to the Fernandina Friends for all of your help and support

Our keyword for 2020 is “Partnerships”! Partnerships help all parties to achieve their respective goals. And, as we strive to reach our goals in 2020, it is our hope that we can also help our partners reach their goals, a classic “win-win” situation. There is strength in numbers and we will be striving to strengthen Yulee as a

community through our efforts with the Yulee branch library.

We look forward to the opening of our new Yulee branch library location in the FSCJ Betty Cook Nassau Center. We anticipate holding book sales, more programs for all ages, and special events as the library explores the options of its new space. Join us and become a part of the Yulee library community.

Derryl B. Johnson has been a resident of Yulee for 36 years.

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Election Results for 2020 FOYL Executive Officers

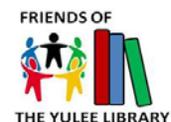
An election to select officers for the Friends of the Yulee Library for 2020 was conducted during the December public meeting. The results are as follows:

- President
Derryl B. Johnson
- Vice President
Susan Rudov
- Secretary
Susan Rizkalla
- Treasurer
KarenAnn Weingartner
- Member-At-Large
Lynn Steiner

The term of office follows the fiscal year: January 1st to December 31st.

The Executive Officers are responsible for administrative work and strategic planning. They also determine priorities for projects and establish committees or task forces that will help the group accomplish its yearly goals.

Members of the board can be reached for comments and concerns by emailing FriendsOfTheYuleeLibrary@gmail.com



Library News from Dawn Bostwick,

Nassau County Director of
Library Services



Dawn Bostwick

New Year! New Yulee Branch! This year, 2020, will be an exciting year for the Nassau County Public Library! At the top of the list is a new location for the Yulee Branch Library! The Yulee Branch is now located within the College (FSCJ) Library. The new location will be in Room B110; it is just on the opposite side of the computer lab.

Both the College Library (FSCJ) and the Public Library (NCPLS) are looking for ways to grow. The College would like to provide their various information services from one location. The Public Library continues in its mission to provide residents with access to content, through print

resources, digital resources and through unique educational programming. Both libraries will continue to be partners on special projects.

The new space, at 1631 sq. ft., is more than twice the size of our current space allocation. This additional space will allow our Yulee Branch Library to grow: the collection will increase approximately 25%, add seating for both adults and children, add a young adult section and the ability to hold adult programs within the Yulee Branch space.

Most important will be the change in hours. This autonomous space will

allow the Yulee Branch Library to maintain its own hours. The schedule will mirror that of our other public library branches. The Yulee Branch Library will be open 40 hours per week; that will include at least one night per week. Please take our brief survey and let us know what hours you would like the Yulee Branch Library to be open.

New overhead signage directing people to the two libraries will be placed.

Stay tuned! More exciting library news will come throughout the year.

Take the survey at
nassaureads.com

Introducing Julie Cannavino, Yulee's New Branch Librarian



Julie Cannavino

Happy New Year! My name is Julie Cannavino, and I'm happy to join your library family as the new Branch Librarian at Yulee. I am so excited for all the growth potential that I see here.

I have been a librarian for over 10 years in both school and college libraries in Atlanta. I am passionate about not only promoting the love of reading but also reinforcing the important role

that public libraries play in our communities.

We will strive to provide programming that is beneficial to all members of our community and to provide excellent customer service to our patrons. My goal for the Yulee library is to continue to grow so that we might better assist each and every one of you.

I look forward to meeting

you. If I can assist you in any way, please let me know!

Sincerely,

Julie Cannavino

Visit the Yulee Branch Library currently located within the college library of FSCJ
76346 William Burgess Blvd.
Yulee, FL 32097

Letter From A Friend Gary D. Morgan, member FOYL

Prior to coming to live in Yulee I was a life-long devoted card-carrying member of the public library in New York City where I resided. For me the library was a place where I could go and discover worlds and ideas well beyond the one mile that was the distance by bicycle to the local library. The library allowed me to translate dreams into realities through books.

Getting involved in the Yulee

FOYL was a no-brainer after a visit to the Yulee Library. The librarian was fantastic, the setting was nice, but the collection was small in comparison to most libraries I have visited. It was clear to me that as nice as the setting was, that families and individuals of all ages were not going to visit this location because of the hours open, the limited stock, and the distance people had to travel.

I had to be part of making

this a library that would mean as much to the Yulee residents as all of the libraries in my past have meant to me. Accessibility, size and diversity of the collection, staff and technology are the keys to making the library relevant to all and I will continue to be involved into the future.

Gary D. Morgan lives in Yulee with his wife Deborah.



Gary D. Morgan

How Can You Help The Yulee Library?

If you're a member of the Friends of the Yulee Library, you're already helping.

Membership dues are a primary source of funding to support some additional library programs and other FOYL activities. Our goal is to enhance library materials and programs that would be valuable to the citizens of Yulee.

If you're reading this

news letter, you're already helping the library by discovering accurate and current information about the Yulee branch library that you are now able to share with family, friends and neighbors.

If you're wondering about the Yulee library, you're already helping by letting us know where we should focus our outreach

efforts and strengthen our communication to the public. We want to be sure that what we have to say and news we have to share reaches as many people as possible.

If you're interested in helping the library grow, you're already helping by using the local Yulee branch library's services and programs.

"If you're a member of the Friends of the Yulee Library, you're already helping."

FOYL Book Club

The Friends of the Yulee Library will begin hosting a book club. The meetings are open to the public and there is no fee to attend. We invite you to join us!

Questions? Email
FriendsOfTheYuleeLibrary@gmail.com

The first meeting will be held on Sunday February 23, 2020 from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm at the

Golf Club of North Hampton
22680 North Hampton Club Way
Fernandina Beach FL 32034

The book selection for February is
The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek
by Kim Michele Richardson.

TOP 3 REASONS TO JOIN A BOOK CLUB

- Meet other book lovers
- Discover new books and genres
- Share observations and gain new perspectives

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**Committees Forming Now**

Call for volunteers! *The Friends of the Yulee Library* is currently forming committees to plan and carry out our projects for the year. We're expecting big things this year and we need your time and talent to help us make it happen.

The committees are:

Community Outreach, Membership, Fund Raising, Event Planning, Book Sale and Book Club.

Do you have experience or talent in these areas? Looking to make a difference in your community? Let us hear from you – we want you to help us help the library grow.



Many hands make the work light.

About Our Organization...

Public meetings of the *Friends of the Yulee Library* are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 6pm to 7 pm at the

James S. Page Building

96135 Nassau Road, Yulee 32097

2020 Meeting Dates

Jan. 9 OMB Conference Room
Feb. 13 BOCC Chambers
Mar. 12 OMB Conference Room
Apr. 9 BOCC Chambers

The *Friends of the Yulee Library* is a volunteer non-profit organization that supports the library by helping with fundraising, promoting awareness of library events and sharing information with group members and the general public. Our goals and projects are designed to help the Yulee branch library grow and to foster a strong, beneficial relationship between the Library and the Community.

*A library is more than
just a building ... a
library is a cornerstone
of a community.*