



FRIENDS OF THE WINDER LIBRARY SUMMER NEWSLETTER

We hope this letter finds you enjoying this summer. A lot has happened since our last correspondence.

BOOKSALE

The library remodeling **FINALLY** began in late June. Fortunately, the Winder Library is able to use some space in the old Russell Middle School to continue to serve the citizens of Winder and Barrow County. If you've been by there, you will see that there are multiple cars at the school almost all during the day so our library is continuing its excellent service. However, that start date does jeopardize our book sale date. So, please stay flexible! We are hoping to get it done in October but the date depends upon library reopening.

501c3

The Executive Committee met and made some important decisions. To obtain our 501c3 Federal non-profit status, the Friends of the Winder Library will need to dissolve as a Georgia Corporation and start over as a new non-profit corporation with both the state and the Federal Government. Don't worry, as a member of the current Friends group, your membership will remain. There will be no new dues owed until we start our new fiscal year.

We WILL need a new name! I'm hoping that YOU will have a great one for us. Please email or call your suggestions (239-248-5748). The word "Friends" is not a requirement so get creative! Here are a few ideas but I know you have better ones:

SUPPORTERS OF THE WINDER PUBLIC LIBRARY

WINDER PUBLIC LIBRARY CHAMPIONS

HEROES OF THE WINDER PUBLIC LIBRARY

WINDER PUBLIC LIBRARY ALLIES

We know you are more creative so please send your great ideas!

SECRETARY

Our Secretary, Shadie Thompson, has resigned. Shadie, we wish you wonderful travels and much fun with your grandchildren. So, we need a new Secretary. Anyone wishing to volunteer, please contact me at (239) 248-5748 or by email. The duties of the Secretary are attached.

FINANCIAL INFO

FRIENDS:

We were again able to provide \$3000 to the Library for the Summer Reading Program which has gone on throughout the remodeling. Hundreds of kids and parents have been enjoying the summer program and champion readers are enjoying thousands of books again this year. Thank you for your hard work and generosity. The funds that we have remaining will be used to pay fees for incorporating the new group. We are not obligating the group for any other contributions until that is done. YOU have the final say on any expenditures over \$50.

LIBRARY:

Barrow County increased its funding of all the Barrow libraries by 33% for fiscal year 2018. The City of Winder maintained its SAME multi-year PRIOR YEAR level of funding for the Winder Public Library. The Cities of Auburn and Statham both show the amount budgeted for the library in their annual budgets. Winder does not. When asked by your President what it would take to increase the amount that the city "donates" to the library, the City Manager stated "a public referendum". A follow up question asked was any such referendum required for any other expenditure, citing the golf course, the acquisition of buildings, etc as an example. There was NO response. If you disagree with the City Manager or the current budget, **YOU MUST** make your voice heard. Contact the city at <http://www.cityofwinder.com> or **CALL (770) 867-3106**

Now, a critical need has arisen. Due to legal restrictions on the use of library funds, the Winder Public Library needs to raise \$21,000 for its Renovation Fund. Donations should be made directly to the Winder Public Library, 189 Bellview St. Winder, GA 30680. I am appealing to all of you to contact your friends, neighbors and any businesses you frequent to support this need. We, in Winder, can do this and show our support for **OUR LIBRARY.**

