



FRIENDS OF THE HALL COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

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Summer 2020 Friends of the Hall County Library System

## Turning a New Page: Gainesville Library Renovation

The Gainesville Library renovation is on track to be completed in late summer and early fall. The final construction details are being finished this summer. The library system plans to close the temporary Gainesville Library in the late summer in order to move into the renovated library. Over \$200,000.00 has been raised in donations to go towards the renovation project. The Friends of the Hall County Library System have donated funds towards the purchase of a new circulation desk.



Hallway into community room



Community room



Exterior



Vestibule and Friends store



Staircase going into youth area

### Legacy Wall Gift Levels

|            |         |                  |
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| Gold Level | \$5,000 | 12" Gold Plaque  |
| Diamond    | \$3,000 | 10" Gold Plaque  |
| Star       | \$2,000 | 9" Gold Plaque   |
| Platinum   | \$1,000 | 8" Silver Plaque |
| Silver     | \$500   | 7" Silver Plaque |
| Bronze     | \$250   | 6" Bronze Plaque |
| Patron     | \$100   | 5" Bronze Plaque |



Commemorate someone special in your life or publicly show your own appreciation for our great library system with the Legacy Wall.

To donate:

<https://squareup.com/store/hclsfriends/>

Hello, Friends!

I do hope everyone is staying well and adjusting to the realities of life during a pandemic. I know many of you are still sheltering at home as much as possible, while others may be working in essential jobs or getting out more. Whatever you're deciding to do during this time, I hope you are all able to manage the logistics and find ways to successfully manage the stress involved as well. During the mandated shut-down when the library buildings are closed, our wonderful library staff worked working remotely to provide needed services to the Gainesville/Hall County community. And now they've set up a contactless curbside pick-up service, to allow patrons to request books and retrieve them safely. The book drops are also open on a limited schedule, so you can safely return any books you may have checked out what seems like a year ago! They are also available via email and phones to help with your questions, issue library cards, and continue to guide you in your research. If you haven't visited the library website at <https://www.hallcountylibrary.org/> in a while, I encourage you to do so, because it is a door to many opportunities. The HCLS home page includes links to resources for small business owners, parents, children, readers, and anyone seeking information about the pandemic. They've expanded online offerings for children and put up links to allow them (and us grown-ups too!) to explore places like the Georgia Aquarium and ZooAtlanta online. Free resources available via the website include HOOPLA, RB Digital, E reads Kids, Tumble Book Cloud Romance, Cloud Audio books, Teen Tumble books, Tumble Books Kids, Math Tumble books, and the Internet Archive Emergency Library.

I know I speak for all the Friends when I say thank you to all of the library employees for their work to keep our county residents informed, connected, and mentally stimulated. I also want to say a special thank you to Friends members Billie Lynn Sanders and Joyce Branch, who made earmarked donations to put towards the Friends sponsorship of the circulation desk in our new Gainesville Branch. They are an inspiration for all of us who believe so strongly that having a vibrant library system is a critical asset in making Hall County a wonderful place to live! And if you or someone you know wants donate, the capital campaign page <https://www.hallcountylibrary.org/index.php/capital-campaign-renovation> has many options. The renovation is still on schedule for completion by the end of the summer, and Friends will be making plans for a grand re-opening during the coming months. It will be at least August before we meet together in person, so in the meantime, please stay safe, stay informed, and stay focused on coming through this as a community. Keep those hit by illness and job loss in your thoughts and prayers, and find ways to help when and where you can.

Sincerely yours,  
Denise

Denise Lee  
President of the Friends of Hall County Library System



## Library Resources and Services for Summer 2020

# Starting June 15th Hall County Library service will add limited services



### Computer and Internet Services

One hour in person computer use by appointment. User has one hour in building to use the computer/printer. One person per appointment. Patron will clean their computer station before and after use.

All branches available.

To make an appointment go to call 770-532-3311



### Passport Acceptance Services

Blackshear Place Library by appointment. To make an appointment, call 770-532-3311 x151 or email [bpl@hallcountylibrary.org](mailto:bpl@hallcountylibrary.org). Please confirm the number of individuals completing an application at this time.



### Test Proctoring Services

Murrayville Library only.

By appointment, \$20 per test, credit card payment only  
To make an appointment, call 770-532-3311 x171 or email [bhood@hallcountylibrary.org](mailto:bhood@hallcountylibrary.org).



Visit [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov) information on obtaining a passport including fees and required documents. Please read the Department of State statement on delays in passport processing on the link above. There are significant delays in processing all but emergency passport applications.



### Genealogy Room Use

North Hall Tech Center by appointment.  
To make an appointment, call 770-532-3311 x181 or email [nhtc@hallcountylibrary.org](mailto:nhtc@hallcountylibrary.org).

Appointments are limited to two hours, once per week.  
Currently appointments are available from 12-6pm on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Only one patron will be allowed in the genealogy area at a time due to the small size of the room.

**Summer Reading Program 2020**   
Sign up today!  
[www.hallcountylibrary.org/srp-2020](http://www.hallcountylibrary.org/srp-2020)



### Notary Services



Gainesville Temporary Library by appointment.  
By appointment, \$2 per stamp. We can only take credit cards at this time.

To make an appointment, call 770-532-3311 X118 or email [hglenn@hallcountylibrary.org](mailto:hglenn@hallcountylibrary.org).

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