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Atlanta-Fulton County News and Notes

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From left: Judy White of the awards committee, Palatini, Cathy Hope of the awards committee and Becky Hamilton, Milner Award executive director.

Atlanta-Fulton County news and notes

The Atlanta-Fulton Public Library presented Margie Palatini with its 26th annual Milner Award. The winner is chosen by Fulton County and city of Atlanta elementary schoolchildren, who vote each year for their favorite living author and then get an opportunity to meet the winner in person. The award was created in 1982 by the Friends of the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System using a gift from Vera Milner, a former Atlanta schoolteacher. A ceremony was held Nov. 13 at the system's central library. »»

Cobb County Library news and notes

Mark Malkoff has been featured on the "Today" show, "Good Morning America," CNN, Fox News, ABC News and "The Tonight Show." The comedian and filmmaker, known for his humorous real-world experiments — like visiting 171 Starbucks in one day, living in an Ikea for a month or living on Airtran for 30 days — stopped to visit the Cobb County Public Library System in Marietta on Oct. 14. Malkoff is traveling cross-country for four weeks with the goal of convincing 100 mayors to give him a key



Malkoff receives a bookmark from Poyer. (Photo: Erika Ruthman/CCPLS)

to their cities. He visited the Cobb library to check his e-mail. Although the CCPLS Director Helen Poyer (right) opted out of giving Malkoff any library keys, she presented Malkoff with a special-edition Georgia brass bookmark to commemorate his visit. »»

Flint River Regional news and notes

Daniel Ceabron Williams, M.L., has been promoted to head of information technology services at the Flint River Regional Library System in Griffin. He has been employed with the library system since 2001. »»

Kinchafoonee Regional news and notes

The Kinchafoonee Regional Library board has selected Jean Turn to be the Dawson-based system's new director. She will replace Norris Wootton, who has retired. Turn most recently served as librarian at the Clay County Library in Fort Gaines. She holds a master's degree in information studies and library science from Florida State University. The Kinchafoonee Regional Library serves citizens in Calhoun, Clay, Quitman, Randolph, Terrell and Webster counties. »»



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Northwest Georgia news and notes

A new rose garden presented to the Dalton-Whitfield Public Library is the focal point of the entrance to the headquarters of the Northwest Georgia Regional Library.

Library advocate JoAnn Williams, wife of state Rep. Roger Williams, and members of the Four Seasons Garden Club of Dalton presented the library with nearly two dozen Knock Out Roses with the intention that they would provide a welcoming splash of color for patrons arriving at the library. The roses were selected for their striking appearance, ease of maintenance and length of bloom.



Forsee (right) and garden club members at the dedication.

Joining the garden club in establishing the garden were landscape firm Starrscapes Solutions and the 44th Georgia Volunteer Infantry North-South Skirmish Association. During the dedication ceremony held in late August,