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Hall County Library news and notes

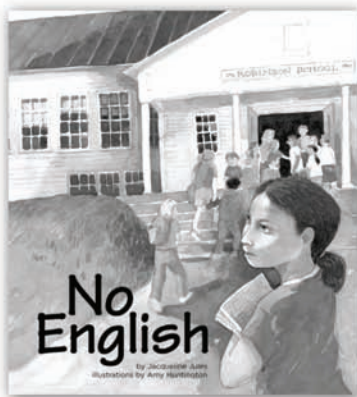
The Hall County Library System recently completed greatly needed repairs on three of its six branches, thanks to Major Repair and Renovation grants from Georgia Public Library Service. The East Hall Branch and Special Needs Library and the Murrayville Branch, both built in the early 1990s, had been experiencing significant problems with their HVAC systems, leading to total loss of heating and air on many occasions. Many times during the past summer temperatures in these facilities stayed upward of 80 degrees throughout the day. In addition, the systems' Gainesville branch and headquarters building completed repairs on two elevators, each approximately 40 years old.

The Northeast Georgia Historical & Genealogical Society and the Hall County Library System held a workshop specifically targeted to those researching Scottish and Irish heritages. The Ulster Historical Foundation Workshop was held Oct. 11 at the Spout Springs Library in Flowery Branch. The workshop was led by Brian Trainor, who has served as research director of the Ulster Historical Foundation. Trainor has served as director of the Public

Record Office of Northern Ireland and chairman of the Irish Manuscripts Commission. He has also held a lecturing post at Queen's University in Belfast and a fellowship with the Institute of Historical Research in London. Also leading the workshop was Dr. William Roulston, research director of the Ulster Historical Foundation. Roulston has spoken widely on Irish genealogical research at conferences and festivals in Ireland and internationally. ►►

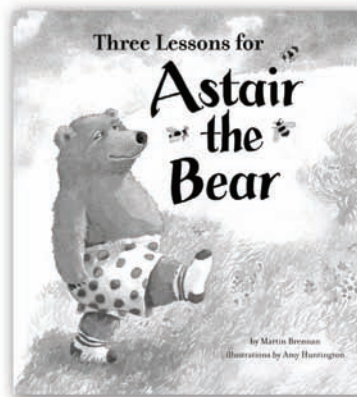
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The Northwest Georgia Regional Library System, which is based in Dalton and serves Whitfield, Gordon and Murray counties, has named Nicholas Fogarty as deputy director for the system. Most recently, he served as the system's assistant director for administration. Fogarty will coordinate regional technical services and administrative functions, such as federal, state and local reports; human resources; finance; and fundraising. Fogarty has 34 years of library-related experience that includes serving as director of the Sequoyah Regional Library System in Canton. ►►



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