



Biography of Barbara Selwyn

Barbara began her volunteer years with the Alpharetta Library in 2002 working at the monthly book sales. At that time she worked as an 'after school' teacher in Alpharetta reading with and to those children enrolled in after school programs.

The Alpharetta library was then located at the corner of Mayfair and Canton streets. Barbara volunteered at the monthly outdoor book sales managed by Ben Statham. What began as a few hours at those monthly sales developed into her being an active member on their Board of Directors. Her never ending love of books along with her interests in children's reading and literacy led to 22 years participating in every aspect of the Friends.

When the present Library moved into its new building in 2015, Barbara helped pack up books from the 'old' library for the move. Then she began organizing the bookstore space which was considerably smaller than what was available on Mayfair Street. Not to be intimidated, she managed to get the store started and together with other volunteers gathered enough people so it could be opened daily. Through all the difficulties of managing when the bookstore was open to the public, Barbara filled in when no one was available and assured donations were processed or recycled.

As time went on, Barbara also took over banking for the bookstore and work with FOTAL's treasurer assuring accurate financial information. Regular patrons frequently came in to chat with Barbara and get her book suggestions. She had a circle of 'readers' who loved getting her book reviews – good and bad!

Always a smile, always a willing participant, Barbara's passing left a void that cannot be filled. Barbara was a dear friend, a fellow book lover, and a joyful helping hand. She is missed every day.