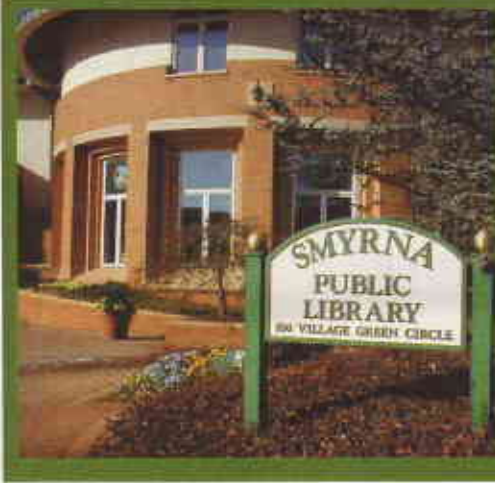


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FOSL Presents “Murder Goes South”

It can be dead around town in January... and some of us like it that way!

In January 2003, the Friends of the Smyrna Library (FOSL) and the Southeast Mystery Writers Association sponsored a standing-room only evening with four mystery writers. The forum was enjoyed by 90 people from around the country. Following that success, we are presenting an expanded, day-long forum:

“Murder Goes South: Projecting the Beauty, History, and Allure of the South in the Mystery Novel”

The forum explores how writers use the natural beauty, history, traditions, and unique culture of the South – not just as a backdrop but as a key ingredient in their thrillers. Join us and a panel of nine distinguished Southern mystery writers. Each writer will discuss some of the critical aspects of their work that reflect the beauty and history that is uniquely “the South,” and read from their books.

There will be a Q&A session, book signings, and a chance to meet the writers. The scheduled topics include:

- Southern Fried Characters – with Murder on the Side
- The Mysterious Southern Flavor – Setting and Dialogue
- The Bloody Haunting Past – The Fate of Our Future

We are accepting reservations now – attendance is limited to 200 people. Don't delay... send in your reservations now!

Sponsors

The forum is sponsored by the Friends of the Smyrna Library, the Southeast Mystery Writers Association, Barnes and Noble, and the Georgia Humanities Council. FOSL received a grant of \$2312 from the Georgia Humanities Council to host the event (to learn more about the grant, see page 4).

Jim Wooten will moderate the Q&A session with the writers. He is a member of the board of directors of the Friends of the Smyrna Library, and associate editorial page editor of the *Atlanta Journal Constitution*.

Thanks go to **David Jones**, Associate Professor Emeritus at Kennesaw State University, for being our Project Advisor.

Registration and Event Details

- Saturday, January 24, 2004, from 10AM to 4PM
- Smyrna Community Center
- \$8 registration includes lunch catered by Café Michel and beverages

Go to www.friendsofsmyrnalibrary.org and click Friends Events to access an online registration form. Or, sign up at the library.

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