



# The Foundation

## The Alachua County Library District Foundation

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### ACLD Foundation Hosts its Sixth Annual Non-Event Gala

Beginning in 2012, the Foundation starting hosting an annual Non-Event Gala to raise funds for its work on behalf of the Alachua County Library District and its patrons. The first Gala honored Charles Dickens on the occasion of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth. The 2017 Gala recognizes yet another 200<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary, that of Henry David Thoreau. The Foundation thus invites any and all to participate in our Non-Event Gala honoring Mr. Thoreau's milestone birthday anniversary.

If Mr. Thoreau were able to join us, our menu might well include the great man's own dishes, which he has so artfully described:

- Bread: "I cannot resist joining you. My brown bread, sweetened with molasses and raisins, will soon be gone. I will go with you gladly soon."
- Rodents: "I could sometimes eat a fried rat with a good relish, if it were necessary."
- Strawberries: "I have been inspired through the palate, that some berries which I had eaten on a hillside had fed my genius."
- Rhubarb shrub: "The rhubarb had crystallized, covering the bottom of the bowl with perfect cubes."
- Special sauce: "But put an extra condiment into your dish, and it will poison you."

Circumstances, however, prevent Mr. Thoreau from joining us: "My residence... [is] more favorable, not only to thought, but to serious reading." Hence, Gala attendees are encouraged to

celebrate with "a broad margin of leisure," relaxing in the comfort of your own home (or in the woods, or beside your favorite pond) with a good book, while remembering your public library.



Unbeknown to others, Thoreau would sometimes, in the middle of the night, sneak out for a few odds and ends.

Suggested donations of \$100 or more show support for the Alachua County Library District, as the "non-event" allows the ACLD Foundation to put 100% of Gala donations toward building our library endowment fund. Checks should indicate that they are for the Gala, be payable to the ACLD Foundation, and mailed to the ACLD Foundation,

401 E. University Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601. All proceeds go directly to the ACLD Foundation. This gift is tax deductible.

We thank you, because, as the philosopher himself said, "Books are the treasured wealth of the world and the fit inheritance of generations and nations."

*The ACLD Foundation is a support group for the Alachua County Library District.*