



# The Foundation

## The Alachua County Library District Foundation

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### Washington Irving is the Celebrity Author for the ACLD Foundation's Eighth Annual Non-Event Gala



Since 2012, the Foundation has hosted an annual Non-Event Gala to raise funds for its work on behalf of the Alachua County Library District and its patrons. This year's Gala honors Washington Irving on the occasion of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of *The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon, Gent* (including his famed stories "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" and "Rip Van Winkle").

An actual event would be at the Van Tassel mansion, with a menu containing "the ample charms of a genuine Dutch country tea table in the sumptuous time of autumn," including the "doughty doughnut, the tender olykoek ... sweet cakes and short cakes, ginger cakes and honey cakes, and the whole family of cakes." Mr. Van Winkle would lead the ninepins play and provide a keg "with the flavor of excellent Hollands," which one quaffs at one's own risk, as Mr. Van Winkle would attest from his own experiences.

Alas! Mr. Irving and his literary creations could not be with us, so instead the ACLD Foundation encourages you to stay home with a good book,

safe from the specter bridegrooms and headless horsemen and Tom Walker's Devil and little men playing ninepins. As the author himself states, "I would draw forth one of my cherished story-books, stretch myself on the green sward, and soon lose myself in its bewitching contents."

As you relax at home, please consider how **your donation of \$100 or more to the Alachua County Library District Foundation Non-Event Gala supports your public library.**



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 and 100% of your donation goes towards

building our library endowment, which in turn enables the Foundation to provide substantial annual funding to our library district.

Thank you for keeping Washington Irving's storytelling and that of other great authors alive for future generations.

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