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New Faces at the Oconee Public Library

The Oconee County Public Library has experienced many changes in personnel since the spring of 2017. With the departure of Philip Cheney as director in March, Branch Services Librarian Blair Hinson was named interim director by the Board of Trustees. After a national search, the Board hired Mr. Hinson as Library Director in July. He was previously the Seneca Branch Manager from 2009 to 2014. He has a bachelor's and a Master's degree in History from Clemson University, and a Master's in Library and Information Science from the University of South Carolina. A native of New Mexico, Blair has lived in the Clemson area for 30 years. He and his wife Kelly have one daughter and two grandchildren.

In addition to a new Library Director, the OCPL also has a new Youth Services Librarian. Donna Wales replaced Stacie Powell in August, 2017. Donna was previously the OCPL's Youth Services Librarian in 2006 and 2007. A native of Oconee County, Donna holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Clemson University, and a Master's in Library and Information Science from the University of South Carolina. Donna and her husband Greg, a former insurance agent in Seneca, have two daughters,

one of whom recently graduated from Clemson University and is now a teacher in the Pickens County School District. The other is a sophomore at Clemson. "I'm excited to be working at OCPL again and looking forward to leading the literacy efforts of the children in our community" Donna noted.

The Walhalla Headquarters Branch also has a new Branch Manager - Quientell Walker. Before coming to Walhalla he worked with the Pickens County Library System for six years as a Reference Librarian, and five years as the Genealogy/Local History Librarian. A graduate of West-Oak High School, he went on to obtain a bachelor's degree in English from Anderson University, and a Master's in Library and Information Science from the University of South Carolina. He is the President of the Old Pendleton District Genealogy Society and Vice Chairman for the Birchwood Center of Arts and Folklife. Quientell has more than 700 books in his personal collection (mostly history books) and is very interested in our South Carolina Room. He sees much potential in meeting the needs of those interested in local history.

We are happy to welcome these new members:

Eleanor Richardson	Seneca
Dennis & Melanie Brindley	Seneca
Diane C. Micenko	Salem
Ernie & Carol Kozmo	Seneca
Nancy & John Johnston	Seneca
Quientell Walker	Liberty



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Let's Talk About IT

The fall LTAI series will be a continuation of the Spring series "Tragic Affairs Abroad". The books have been available since mid-August so **check with the Seneca Library to see if there are any still available since the newsletter comes out well after that.**

There are only two books and two movies in this series:

Memoirs of a Geisha by Arthur Golden

Passage to India by E.M. Forester

Kalhleen McNally will lead the first discussion and April Pelt will do the second. Both are professors from Clemson University.

Book discussions will be held at the Seneca Library - 6:30 to 8 PM on September 18th and November 6th.

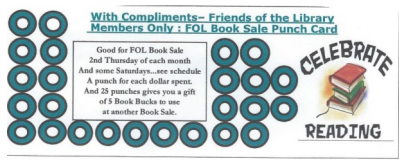
Movies which correlate to the books will be shown at the Walhalla Library starting promptly at 6:30 PM on October 23rd and December 4th. A snack or soft drink may be brought to enjoy while viewing the movies.

Let's Talk About It is a book discussion group in which a University professor leads each of the discussions. Participants choose the books, which are available FREE OF CHARGE to the public at the Seneca library. The South Carolina Humanities Council and the Oconee County Friends of the Library fund this program.

There is no need to "join". Just pick up the books at the Seneca Library, read them and join the group.

Book Sale Punch Cards for FOL Members

Friends of the Library will be giving all FOL Members a new and fun benefit: a FOL Book Sale Punch Card!



You can come to the book sale and pick one up (**starting with the Saturday, Oct 21st Book Sale**) or wait until you get one in the mail with your annual membership renewal. This punch card is for FOL members only and is non-transferable. At the book sale,

when you check out with your purchases, a book sale helper will punch your card with one punch for every dollar of purchases. When you get 25 punches, you will be given 5 Book Bucks (each worth \$1.00) to spend at a subsequent book sale!



When you complete one Punch Card, you can be given a new one for the next sale you come to. The FOL Board hopes that you enjoy this new benefit of being a Friends of the Library Member. And if you are not a member yet, this is a good time to join up!"

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month

As a benefit during this month, the Oconee Public Library will offer FREE replacement library cards. If you've lost your card, this is the time to replace it. Normal cost is \$2.00

Summer Reading's Spotlight Program

One of the programs for Summer Reading was Curtis Wright Falconry. Friends spent \$400 on this program and it was well worth every cent! The turnout was huge. Kids were packed in on the floor and adults stood or sat against the wall.

The Falconer was terrific and he stayed so that each child present could get a picture with one of the magnificent Harris Hawks he brought. FOL Board member Nancy Woods and her husband, Joe, attended as did I. Great program. I'm so glad I went.



Fortunately Stacie decided just before the program was to start to hold it inside which turned out to be the right decision because rain came down in buckets in Walhalla. Submitted by Ellen Plumpe - FOL Treasurer

Events at the Library Branches

There are many interesting (both educational and fun) programs going on at the different library branches during September.

For any month, go to oconeelibrary.org and access the calendar to find out which ones may be of interest to you. Take advantage of all that OCPL offers!



Upcoming Book Sales

Regular book sale are held on the second Thursday of each month.
Next Saturday book sale - October 21st

Your Library's Branches

(Hours subject to change)

Walhalla Branch (Main Library)

501 West South Broad St., Walhalla, SC 29691

Phone: 864-638-4133

Hours: Monday and Tuesday 9 AM to 9 PM
Wednesday – Friday 9 AM to 6 PM
Saturday 9 AM to 1 PM
Sunday* 2 PM to 5:30 PM*

*during school year only

Seneca Branch

300 East South Second St., Seneca, SC 29678

Phone: 864-882-4855

Hours: Monday - Thursday 9 AM to 8 PM
Friday 9 AM to 6 PM
Saturday 9 AM to 4 PM
Sunday CLOSED

Westminster Branch

112 West North Ave., Westminster, SC 29693

Phone: 864-364-5760

Hours: Monday 11:30 PM to 8 PM
Tuesday – Friday 10 AM to 6 PM
Saturday 9 AM to 1 PM
Sunday CLOSED

Salem Branch

5 Park Ave., Salem, SC 29676

Phone: 864-944-0912

Hours: Monday 10 AM to Noon; 1 PM to 6 PM
Tuesday – Friday 8:30 AM to Noon; 1 PM to 5 PM
Saturday & Sunday CLOSED

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