



# FRIENDS TO FRIENDS

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## A Message from our New President - Jean Mercer

Hello Friends: As the new President of the Oconee Friends of the Library, I was dismayed to learn I had to write an article for our newsletter. As a trained musician, a former French horn player turned fundraiser, the written word is not my strongest suit. However, I have great respect for the words of others, for I still have much to learn. Consequently, you can understand my dedication to libraries in general so that we can keep a well informed and happily entertained public. No fake news there.

Before taking this office, I told the Friends Board that I had 2 goals as President: first, recruit and increase volunteers and second, to grow our income for the benefit of our libraries. To accomplish this first goal I set up an informal process to involve and train new volunteers. Hopefully, this will assist our newer ones to become more knowledgeable of our operations and more understand of our purpose. They will get to know other volunteers and enable all of them to feel appreciated.

There are several openings available as listed in the following article. Please consider joining our friendly band of readers and dedicated volunteers.

The County Libraries do much to show their appreciation of both the Friends of the Library and the in-house library volunteers through awards and recognition events. However, FOL has done little to recognize them. Therefore, I would like to dedicate this issue to our present volunteers who give many, many free hours of work for the Book Sales and Programs of the Friend of the Library.

The following volunteers perform their duties selflessly and well, with dedication above and beyond the call of duty. This small group has accomplished a great deal and takes little credit for what they do.

First, we must mention our former President, Barbara Askew, who served faithfully for many years.

### PRESENT LEADERSHIP VOLUNTEERS:

President/Publicity, Jean Mercer  
Book Sale Coordinator, Renee Bennet  
Book Sale Assistant, Linda Blackwell  
Treasurer/Lobby Sales Coordinator, Ellen Plumpe  
Vice President/Membership Coordinator/Newcomers Outreach, Nancy Woods  
Newsletter Editor/Historian, Sandy Yuda  
Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Soper  
Little Free Library Coordinator, Kyra Carbone  
Let's Talk About It, Libby Dunlap and Karen Graves  
Read to Me, Su Hannon  
Volunteer Trainer, Shari Waldo  
Development Coordinator, Diane Smathers  
Better World Book Coordinator, Emily Hitchcock

### PRESENT BOOK SALE, SHELVING AND READ TO ME VOLUNTEERS:

Many of the above plus:

Frances Bolling  
Mary Anne Grabarczyk  
Mary Ann Johnson  
Janice Jones  
Hylton Lynam  
Dianne Marcengill  
Diane Roberts  
Susan Roberts  
Judy Roth  
Diane Schmidt  
Joe Simmons  
Bill and Kembra Smith  
Cynthia Snyder  
Stephanie White  
Judy Carlton

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## Healthy for You - Good for Us

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According to a recent study of 40,000 people,\* researchers found that those who volunteered were as healthy as someone five years younger, even after controlling for variables like education and gender.



Assist us in greeting Newcomers at their meetings with information about Friends of the Library and our exciting new book sale punch cards for Friends members.

Volunteering gives you an extra perk...getting better health.

Participate in our exceptional Let's Talk About It book discussion series. Participants receive books from the S. C. Humanities Council to read in preparation for discussions led by terrific Clemson professors. (Alas, books have to be returned but the discussions are free.)

Join us, feel better physically and mentally, while doing a good deed for our community.

Record us. We need a recording secretary for our Board which meets every other month.

Join our friendly group that restocks for book sales and works at the book sales. We restock every Thursday afternoon for about 2 hours. Come when you can.

You must be a member of Friends of the Library to participate in all the above activities except the Let's Talk About It book discussion, which are open to the public.

Help us assemble Read to Me canvas tote bags for every baby born at Oconee Memorial Hospital. The bag contains a board book and other items for babies stressing the importance of reading. The assembly takes about 1 hour 4 times a year.

*\*Published in PLOS ONE*

## A Special Gift

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We are pleased to announce that Friend of the Library recently received a special gift from The Wayne and Pauline Thrift Family Trust.

This will go toward the OCPL Summer Reading Program. This is deeply appreciated!

Here's an Idea:

Come to the FOL Book Sale on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 9 AM to 5 PM. If you're not a member, join FOL and get your book sale punch card, as many of these new members did!



to our newest members:

Steve Brucker	Salem	Larry D. McCall	Walhalla
Jess Huey	Clemson	Carol Miller	Seneca
Karen & Joe Lenderman	Walhalla	Diane Richards	Seneca
Barbara J. Williams	Walhalla	Robert Sawicki	Walhalla
Allison Berkemeier	Walhalla	Patti Seyller	Mountain Rest
Tara Cashin	Mountain Rest	Bonnie Surface	Fairplay
Christopher Des Marais	Fairplay	Keith Wilkes	Seneca
Gerge K. Dilworth	Walhalla		

## A Special Thank You to These Donors

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At the beginning of the year, we like to give a big thank you to those who donated a bit extra during the previous year. The year listed after each name is the year they joined Friends of the Library. Notice a few have been with us for over 30 years!

### **Benefactor Level:**

Judy L. Roth - 2016

Seneca Woman's Club - 2013

Becky Hetherington, President

Betty Watkins - 1989

### **Business Level:**

Toussaint Law Firm, K. Scott - 2015

### **Donor Level:**

Bob & Margaret Alexander - 1992

Linda & Wilson Blackburn - 2007

Paul Hayne Circle - 1985

Jean Mercer - 2008

### **Patron:**

Allison Griffin & Jacob Addison - 2017

Jim & Martha Alexander - 2000

Lamar Bailes - 2008

Jane & Peter Brazy - 2012

Susan & Jeff Buckalew - 2012

Kyra Carbone - 2014

Peter Cohen - 2016



Jane & Danny Day - 1988

D. Deane & V. McDonough - 2001

Jody & Gary Gaulin - 2008

James & Susan Hannon - 2001

David & Janice Howells - 2015

Nancy & John Johnston - 2017

Floyd & Susan Jones - 2005

Mary K. & Richard Montanucci - 1993

Bill & Sandy Nelson - 2000

Linda Newmark - 2013

Sally Price - 1988

Eleanor Richardson - 1985

Jean Richter - 2017

Jay Roberts - 2013

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph F. Simmons - 2015

Drs. Diane G. & Webb M. Smathers - 2014

Nancy Soper - 2015

Lisa Thompson - 2012

Nancy & Joe Woods - 2006

## Let's Talk About It

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Once again, a new LTAI session is about to begin - "The Journey Inward: Women's Autobiography". This is a book discussion series led by University Professors. It promises to be interesting and enlightening. All sessions are held at the Seneca branch from 6:30 to 8 PM. There is no need to "join", just pick up the books, read them and come to the discussions.

February 5 - *Dust Tracks on a Road* by Zora Neale Hurston - Led by April Pelt

February 26 - *One Writer's Beginnings* by Eudora Welty - Led by Peter Cohen

March 29 - *Letters of a Woman Homesteader* by Elinore Pruitt Stewart - Led by Megan MacAlystre

April 9 - *My Life* by Isadora Duncan - Led by Kathleen Nalley

April 30 - *West with the Night* by Beryl Markham - Led by Cameron Bushnell

The books are already in and ready for distribution. You can pick up your set from the Seneca Public Library. If you wish to be on the LTAI list in order to get early notice of the series, contact Libby Dunlap at (864) 944-7477 or robertwd@bellsouth.net.

**Please note:** This program is funded by Friends of the Library along with The S.C. Humanities Council who provide the books without fees. There is no cost to borrow the books or to attend sessions. However, the books **must** be returned to the Seneca Library before or on the day of the last session so that they can be returned to The S.C. Humanities Council in Columbia. All books need to be returned in order that a future series can be requested.

## 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

Connect to the library web site at [www.oconeelibrary.org](http://www.oconeelibrary.org)

## Join 'Friends' Today!

- Individual Membership \$ 10/year
- Family Membership \$ 20/year
- Patron \$ 50/year
- Business or Organization \$100/year
- Donor \$100/year
- Benefactor \$100+/year
- Golden \$500+

- New Member?  Volunteer?
- Renewal?  Donation? (Tax Deductible)

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Dues and Donations are Tax Deductible!

Do your friends belong? If not, pass this newsletter along and ask them to become a member!

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