



FRIENDS TO FRIENDS

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Summer Reading

Come to the libraries this summer and bring the kids and grandkids for some great fun and entertainment!

Adult Program

Thanks to the generosity of the South Carolina State Library and the Friends of the Oconee County Public Library, the OCPL is hosting its 9th annual Adult Summer Reading Program. Our adult program promotes adult literacy and encourages patrons to interact with the library in new ways. Plus it's just a lot of fun!

This year's theme is "Libraries Rock." We plan to have a fabulous time with lots of music themed programs, rock crafts, fandom nights, lots of prizes, and much more.

Anyone 18 years and older can participate by signing up at any OCPL branch starting May 21. The fun will conclude on July 27 with our End of Summer Reading Bash held at South Cove Park.

Please see our calendar of events and flyers (at www.oconeelibrary.org) or pick them up at any branch for dates, times, and details about each program



Youth Program

This summer babies, elementary school-aged children, and teenagers will experience for themselves why "Libraries Rock." Beginning May 21, participants may sign up for one of Oconee County Public Library's Youth Summer Reading Programs.

Events at the Library will begin June 4 and run until July 30. Magical Educator Chad Crews will present his "Reading Rocks" show at all four branches. Dr. Adam Smith, Vertebrate Paleontologist and Curator of Clemson University's Campbell Geology Museum, will present "Paleontology in the 21st Century" at both the Seneca and Walhalla branches. Additionally, there will be numerous other events featuring both geology and music. Programs will wrap up on July 27 with the End of Summer Bash at South Cove County Park. Please help us spread the word by encouraging any children you know ages birth through eighteen to join our Summer Reading Program. They will not be disappointed as they have fun reading, learning, creating, and winning prizes!



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A Note From Our Friend, Joe Simmons

I've always said that I would never join an organization that would have me as a member. You're asking why. Since moving here, I've joined two choral groups, a quartet, and mentored at Tamasse-Salem HS. The choral groups folded, the quartet disbanded, and the mentor program was dropped. And you know what happened to TS High School.

I felt like the Al Capp character, Joe Btlspk, who always had a black cloud following him. So, with foreboding, I joined FOL after demonstrating my keen ability to recite the alphabet.

My first day: I walked into the Walhalla lower level and saw 30,000 books cheaply-priced for a quick sale. I thought: OMG! It's happening already. The libraries are going under, and the

facilities will probably be turned into bowling alleys.

I was relieved to learn that the sale of unused, discarded, and donated books along with Friends donations help promote the joys of reading by supporting reading programs for youth, adult, and babies; helping to buy books; promoting book discussions; maintaining Little Free Libraries in distant areas; paying for free family movies; and buying library learning tools. But still, when I help Ellen Plumpe carry books upstairs for the Walhalla lobby sales, I confess, I do always look to see if the lights are still on.

And they always are, and always will be for all of us....with the help of Friends.

Punch Cards = New Members



Our new Book Sale punch cards seem to be bringing in many new members! If you come to the book sale on the 2nd Thursday each month from 9 AM to 5 PM (and on some Saturdays), and join Friends of the Library, you will be given one of these punch cards. Each dollar you spend will earn one punch and when the card is filled (25 punches) you will be given 5 Book Bucks which are each worth \$1.00. Most of the books are in excellent condition and are priced at \$3.00 and less. A great way to add to your library or use as gifts. Many of these people did just that. We are happy to welcome all of these new members!

Jennifer Bausman	Seneca	Laura Martin	Long Creek
Beth and Ray Minasi	Seneca	Diane Phillips	Westminster
Fred Ballenger	Westminster	Kevin Robinson	Walhalla
Mary Bell	Seneca,	Betsy Smith	Salem
Linda Cameron	Salem	Debra Smith	Salem
Candace Coffman	Walhalla	Iva Spring	Seneca
Oliver J. Cote III	Long eek	Gene Waller	Wst Union
Yvette Earle	Westminster	Rebecca Clement	Walhalla
Joyce Edwards	Salem	James Manzelli	Walhalla
James R. Gurley	Long Creek	Elizabeth Fant	Belton
Charlotte Hirt	Seneca	Susan Agnew Worthington	Piedmont
Richard Lally	Mt.Rest	Barb and Jerry Duncan	Seneca
Cynthia Leggett	Seneca	Steve Coleman	Pickens
Lisa Maloy and Jeff Steele	Walhalla	Kate Dodd	Seneca

Volunteer Update from Stephanie White

I'd like to welcome three new members to our team.

ready to make a new friend. Don't be shy - say, "Hi!".

Judy Roth is a retired elementary teacher, wife, and grandmother. Linda likes to hike and READ (favorite genre is mysteries).

Some Volunteers preparing for a book sale.

Linda Cameron is also a retired teacher having served early childhood children and has been involved with Family Literacy Programs. Linda is also a wife and grandmother. She is a well rounded home maker (quilting, sewing, cooking, grows food and cans results, etc.). Linda's favorite genre is Fantasy/Science Fiction.



*Jean Mercer,
President of Friends*



Emily Hitchcock

Lastly, Diane Richards is yet another retired teacher. She enjoys boating and exploring her new home. FOL is lucky that these interesting ladies have joined in our efforts to help Oconee County Public Library and the people they serve. Please take time to get to know them...all of us enjoy the flexibility of volunteering for the library, but I for one am always

Let's Talk About It

“The Journey Inward: Women’s Autobiography”, which was our current series is now over, **but since April Pelt was ill for discussion on the book *Dust Tracks on the Road* by Zora Neale Hurston, we needed to reschedule. We were able to do that, so April will review this book on May 7. Same time and place.**

This is a book discussion series led by University Professors. 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.

We are very happy to have new people coming to LTAI. And hope everyone who attends will spread the word and come again in the fall when the new series begins. That news will follow later in the summer. 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

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