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Volunteer Award Dinner

Janice Lovinggood and the Library Staff did their usual wonderful job of honoring their volunteers on May 3rd. The theme was "Disney characters" Here are some of the folks who received various awards:



Best Costume Award went to Lucille Lappie as Sebastian the Crab from "Finding Nemo"



The Lucile Bellotte Moore Award was presented to Emily Hitchcock (center) for outstanding service by the Friends of the Library.



Ellen Plumpe received the Sarah Mills Norton Award for outstanding service to the Oconee Public Library System.

Let's Talk About It

Our fall LTAI series (book discussions led by Clemson professors) is "Making a Living, Making a Life: Work and it's Reward in a Changing America". The dates are: September 10th, October 1st, October 22nd, November 12th and December 3rd.

All of our member list will be notified when the books arrive at the Seneca Library. If you would like to be on that list, contact Libby Dunlap at robertwd@bellsouth.net. There is no charge for this program.

New Members

Susan & Christopher Overly	Salem
Rick & Doris Sommer	Seneca
Bonnie Stevens	Seneca
Linda Wells	Seneca
Barb & Jerry Duncan	Seneca
Julia Terry	Seneca
Dan Sheppard	Walhalla
April Sanders	Westminster
Thomas & Anne Snyder	Walhalla

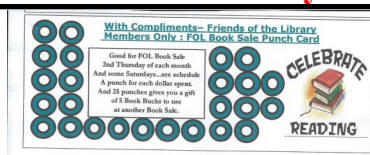
Public libraries should be open to all-except the censor. John F. Kennedy

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Members Only Punch Cards

This program was initiated in October of 2017 and is ongoing.



each dollar spent there.

When there are 25 punches, the member will be given a new card AND 5 BOOK BUCKS to spend at the next book sale.

Every FOL member gets a special Punch Card sent to them with their annual renewal or with a new membership. It can also be picked up at the monthly book sale in the basement of the Walhalla Library.

Look for our signs at the book sale stating:
ASK AT THE BOOK SALE ABOUT HOW YOU CAN GET FREE BOOKS!!!

Members bring this Punch Card with them to any of the monthly book sales and get one punch for

We will gladly answer any questions you have about the Punch Cards.

Book Bonanza!

If you can't attend Friends' second Thursday of every month book sale in the basement of the Walhalla Library, you can still take advantage of wonderful book bargains every day.

In three bookcases in the lobby of the Walhalla Library, and across from the circulation desk in the Seneca Library, are books for sale at the very affordable price of \$3 per book. In Walhalla are fiction, non-fiction, puzzles, adult and children's books. Seneca also has a variety of books for purchase. All money raised directly benefits Oconee County Public Libraries.

Here is the book sale schedule for the rest of the year including one Saturday sale: August 9th, September 13th, October 11th, October 20th (Saturday), November 8th and December 13th. Thursday sales are from 9 AM to 5 PM. Saturday sales from 9 AM to 12:30 PM.

New Faces at the Oconee County Public Library

There are a several new staff members at the OCPL.

As of May, our new Technical Services Librarian is Phillip Bergen. Phil came to us from Blue Ridge Community College in Flat Rock, NC. He previously worked at Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Pittsburgh. He holds a Master's in Library and Information Studies from The University of Wisconsin, Madison. Phil is an avid hiker, having hiked the Pacific Coast Trail and a significant portion of the Appalachian Trail. He is looking forward to exploring the natural wonders of the area.

Our new Youth Services Librarian is Kayla Hamilton. Kayla comes from the Greenville County Library System. She also worked previously at the Pickens County Library System and at the Gunnin Architecture Library at Clemson University. She holds a Master's in Library and Information Science from the University of South Carolina. She will start with the OCPL this month.

The Seneca Library recently hired Jenna Hardy as the Assistant Branch Manager, replacing Megan LaVere, who took a job with the Georgia State University system. Jenna previously was a part time circulation assistant at Seneca. She has a Bachelor's degree from Clemson University in Sociology. In addition to reading, Jenna enjoys going to concerts, planning potential trips to Disney World, and hanging out with her new husband John.

Dear Friends

In the beginning was the word. No, I wasn't the one who said this first; I got it from John. But I never did get his last name. But he certainly did get it right. Nothing ever started without first being expressed by a word.

The point is that language is the essential instrument of thought. Every concept, idea, and even a universe had to start by using the basic tools of thought that became words. Nothing can ever be formed in our minds or expressed without those basic tools that create reality and relay it to others. And the imprecise use of words will produce only poorly developed thinking that blurs distinctions and fails to get the heart of anything.

When we realize that the average child memorizes 4 to 8 words a day and accumulates a vocabulary of 8 to 14 thousand words by age 6, the more words they can use correctly means that their ideas can become more precise in meaning, more effective in their presentation, more logical in their reasoning, and more complex in their development. And language skills can lead to achievement and with it, perhaps, the unexpressed privileges from an education. With fewer words we have fewer thoughts, and those can be ill-formed and poorly expressed. And the most complex ideas, if not shaped or developed by more finely-defined words, may not as well exist.

And all of the work of Friends is an effort to promote reading and any program that encourages reading and its joys and the benefits of good grammar, syntax, and reasoning.

Here's an example of my grammar in my younger pre-reading days when my family was at a farmer's market, and my dad sent me to ask the farmer about his tomatoes:

Me: "Sir, can you tell me what you do with all of those tomatoes?"

Farmer: "Well, son, we eat what we can, and what we can't we can."

[Back to dad]

Dad: "And what did he say?"

Me: [Drawing on my fine command of the English language] "He said that they ate what they could, and what they couldn't they could."

Dad: ??

So, you do the best you can with what you've got. And here's the thing, the more of the good tools that you can get, the better you're going to do.

Anonymous

Showing Our Colors at the FOLSC (Friends of the Library South Carolina) Annual Meeting



Friends of Oconee County Library went to the Annual Meeting ready to "Celebrate Reading" They were the only group whose picture appeared in their newsletter, probably because we really stood out in our bright green t-shirts. Several people wanted our picture.

Unfortunately, the newsletter is not published in color, but go to www.oconeelibrary.org/friends-of-the-library, choose the current newsletter and you can see how great they looked!

Pictured are (Left to right): Jean Mercer, Libby Dunlap, Ellen Plumpe and Su Hannon

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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