

FRIENDS TO FRIENDS

Quarterly Newsletter

OF OCONEE COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



What wondrous life in this I lead!/
Ripe apples drop about my head;
The luscious clusters of the vine/
Upon my mouth do crush their wine;
The nectarine and curious peach/
Into my hands themselves do reach;
Stumbling on melons, as I pass,
Ensnared with flowers, I fall on grass.

from The Garden - Andrew Marvell



The little reader at the left has engrossed the therapy dog with her improving skills at reading during a session of the **Summer Reading Program**. Kayla Hamilton, the Youth Services Librarian, thanks the Friends of the Library for their contributions to this and many other programs offered by the library system such as Chad Crews Magic Show and Dr. Adam Smith, Geologist. Prizes for children who completed their Summer Reading goals were also provided through the contributions of Friends. Kayla anticipates an even larger participation next year by having already scheduled the Roper Mountain Science Center as the main performer.

A reminder that **book sales** have been scheduled for November 8th and December 13th both from 9:00 to 5:30. These sales, along with your donations, provide so much of our means **to support youth and adult reading groups, to contribute to library projects, and to maintain the Little Free Libraries among many other programs.**

Hello and Welcome, New Members

John Bowers	Mountain Rest
Virginia Campbell	Mountain Rest
Nancy Churchwell	Tamassee
Alexandra Daim-Brando	Walhalla
Diane Duciewicz	Salem
Karen Gomez	Westminster
Thomas Johnson	Asheville
Susan Reiter	Walhalla
Teresa Rogers	Salem
Roy Rousset	Toccoa
Debra Sargent	Mountain Rest
Betty Taylor	Walhalla

To our Great Friends: Please consider voting for our Christmas Tree that will be at the **Duke Energy Christmas Festival** in December. Winning means a donation to Friends of the Library.

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Let's Talk About It - Free Book Discussions

Nov. 19th - **Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller** will be led by Christopher Benson of Clemson
Dec. 3rd - **The Professor's House by Willa Cather** will be led by Dr. Cameron Bushnell of Clemson

This program is **funded by Friends of the Library** along with the SC Humanities Council, and the discussions take place only at the Seneca Library. The books are free and may be picked up at the Seneca library, and there is no cost to attend the sessions. The only requirement is that the books must be returned by the last day of the session. All sessions are on Mondays from 6:30 PM to 7:50 PM.

There is no need to join. Just pick up the books and come to the sessions. If you wish to get advance notice of the series, call Libby Dunlap at **864-944-7477** or contact her at robertwd@bellsouth.net.

Of special note: One of our members of the discussions, **Inez Gillespie**, is the mother-in-law of the best-selling author **Susan Orleans** who wrote The Orchid Thief, Rin Tin Tin, and other popular books.

Farewell to Sandy Yuda, Our Longtime Editor

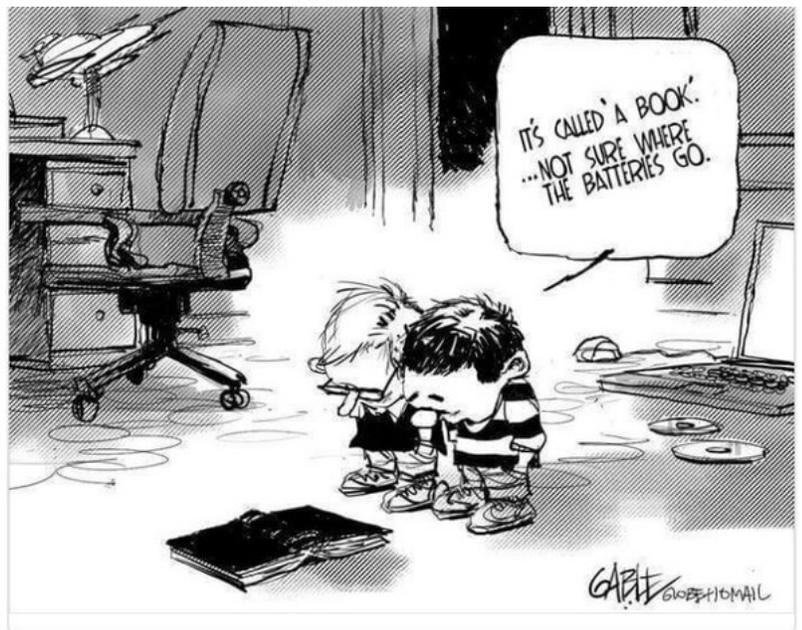
One of the attributes of grace is the ability to perform a complex task without apparent effort, without seeing the work that underlies the presentation with what appears to us observers as easily gained, easily learned. Sandy Yuda has shown that kind of grace with her abilities as our newsletter editor.

Sandy has recently elected to retire as your editor after 15 years of such a performance of collecting, arranging, and presenting FOL and library news and events in an interesting and engaging manner. Her newsletters were professionally constructed. The presentations were always interesting. The reading was always smooth and facile. Sandy showed in print all how well we were all doing.

Sandy is originally from Cleveland, Ohio and married her husband Larry in 1959. She and Larry moved here with their 3 children and their company in 1979. All of her children have married locally, and they, with 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren, all live in the local area.

Sandy had to develop the newsletter using programs that were less user-friendly than today. She learned; she "winged it;" and she developed the newsletter that we were able to enjoy for all of these years. Well done, Sandy - you can retire pleased with your accomplishments.

No Comment



Dear Friend,

-On the Importance of Learning Spelling-

You know, there are a lot of gottas in this life. Duties, I mean. Even the name evokes a certain distaste in our thoughts. I'm thinking of Ogden Nash's Ode to Duty: "Oh Duty, why hast thou not the visage of a Sweetie or a Cutie?"

And one of the things we used to be told that we gotta do was learn how to spell. Before Samuel Johnson first codified English spelling in his 18th century dictionary, people had the privilege of spelling words any way they wished. I think that still happens sometimes.

In a literate society now, correct spelling is expected, and more than a few small errors is equated to ignorance or incompetence. You use spellcheck, you say? But studies show that spell checkers catch between 30 to 80% of misspellings. You have to know the right word first; think of their, they're, and there. When you're writing your resume or writing a paper, you don't want to appear like the cow in the Chick-Fil-a ads.

We're learning that research shows a strong relationship between spelling and writing. Research is solid that claims that spelling is important for young children and should be an integral part of language instruction. "Spelling and reading build and rely on the same mental representation of a word."

Research has shown that spelling improves reading and writing fluency and improves vocabulary and comprehension. Teaching spelling and handwriting together enables a student, especially a struggling one, "to use different senses to learn and master the relationship between the sounds and symbols of our language." So to write it, to spell it, and to read it are the three basic assets that lead us toward comprehension.

Poor spellers restrict what they write to words that they can spell, with the inevitable loss of expression. — — — I remember how embarrassing poor spelling can be when I heard Aunt Clara calling for transport for Uncle Fred's therapy. Now the only thing that Auntie ever read was the overdue notice from the power company.

Auntie: Hey, Acme Transport, I gotta pick up here! [Auntie could be a little rough.]

Acme: Yes, Madam. And where may we find the patient?

Auntie: We're on the corner of Chrysanthemum and Eucalyptus.

Acme: Thank you, Madam. But kindly tell me how do you spell Chrysanthemum and Eucalyptus?

[Long pause]

Auntie: I'll tell you what. I'll drag him over to Oak. You can pick him up there.

Each of us has a purpose in life, if only to serve as a bad example.

As always, Your Friend

Last Words

Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none.

from All's Well that Ends Well - Shakespeare

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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