

Summer 2023

# FRIENDS TO FRIENDS

Quarterly Newsletter  
of Oconee County Friends of the Library



Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?  
Thou art more lovely and more temperate:  
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May  
And summer's lease hath all too short a date..... *Sonnet 18, Shakespeare*

## Our Little Free Libraries - The Little-Known gems within our County

With Your Support and Donations, Friends over several years has built 9 Little Free Libraries [LFLs] that have been installed throughout our County. **Thank You.**

**Our Mission is to provide an easy access** of a variety of books to underserved areas, especially **to those readers incapable of conveniently acquiring books.**



**Our LFLs are registered** as part of a global non-profit network to promote a love of reading, understanding, and empathy. Our volunteers continually replenish our LFLs. [Our list is on page 2.]

**Our LFL book-exchange boxes are open 24/7 and are accessible to all for sharing. Our precept is "Take a Book, Share a Book."**

**The pictures here** are of two of the many visitors to Friends' LFLs. Ms. Freddie Walters on the right is at one of our newer units at the Sloan Street apartments, Seneca.

**Book access matters.** In many areas, there is only 1 book for 830 people. Children growing up in homes without books are on the average 3 years academically behind children with lots of books.

**Our vision is to improve literacy outcomes** and understanding when all people are given the opportunity to discover a relevant book without the limits of time, income, or privilege.

How easy it becomes, then, **to listen to brilliant people and geniuses** from the past and consider what they have left for us to learn and to enjoy.

### *Hello and Welcome!, New Members*

Anna Davison - Walhalla  
Leslie D. Gibson - Seneca  
Cathie Pritchard - Mountain Rest

Della S. Gardner - Westminster  
Katherine Gordon - Walhalla  
Jarod A. Smith - Seneca

**Location of LFLs** 1. Fair Play Pres. Church 2. Lake Hartwell State Park, Fair Play 3. Backwoods Comm. Center, Long Creek 4. West Oak HS 5. South Cove County Park 6. High Falls County Park 7. Sloan St. Apts., Seneca 8. Devil's Fork State Park 9. Lake Jocassee

**Ah, Summertime.....**

**If you are still receiving a hard copy of our Newsletter, you may wish to consider an emailed copy.** Here are the **bountiful benefits:**

1. **You can view our Newsletter in Majestic and Delightful Color. All you're getting now, including this notice, are shades of grey, and not even 50.**

[We can't afford to print in color, and you'll save us postage.]

2. **You don't have to handle or recycle paper.**
3. **And you now will still have the gratifying pleasure of disposing of Friends more efficiently with a single finger stroke without leaving a trace.**

**Just email Cyndy at [OCPLFriendsSC@gmail.com](mailto:OCPLFriendsSC@gmail.com)**



And on that cheek, and o'er that brow;  
So soft, so calm, yet eloquent,  
The smiles that win, the tints that glow;  
But tell of days in goodness spent,  
A mind at peace with all below,  
A heart whose love is innocent!

*George Gordon, Lord Byron*

### **To our Loyal and Gracious Supporters -**

Please accept this **Book Buck** and know that prices at our **Book Sales** are so blushingly inexpensive that **our most accomplished shoplifters** are too embarrassed to "ply their trade."

**We have considered that quite possibly some of our excellent donated books may have been given out of penitent charity.** But be assured that **Friends** will never question the provenance of any donation.

[**G. B. Shaw** in his play Major Barbara wrote that The Salvation Army would even accept donations from **Lucifer** himself and use them to further their sacred cause.]

Thank you for your membership in Oconee County Friends of the Library!

**\$1**



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Redeem this coupon at the Friend's Book Sale every Thursday from 10:30—3:30

and scheduled Saturday sales

Walhalla Library Basement, 501 West South Broad Street, Walhalla SC

(not redeemable for cash)

## Dear Friend: For Unrequited Lovers Only

I may be showing my age, but I remember the **Four Aces** singing the theme song in the movie "**Three Coins in the Fountain**" when they sang: Three coins in the Fountain, Each one seeking happiness,  
Thrown by three hopeful lovers, which one will the Fountain bless?

Now, I could never understand how duplicitous [**swindling**] the **Trevi Fountain** could be by blessing only one coin and pocketing the other 2 for a 67% profit and abrogating two prepaid and equally valid contractual offers. And if you tried to get a **timberso** [refund], the unamused **polizia** would certainly apprehend you **scalzo** [barefoot] in the water with rolled up pants searching for your unredeemed **moneta** [coin], and don't expect a sympathetic **giudice** [judge] in this eternal romantic city for lovers to express any **compassione**.

So, here's the plight of the unrequited who suffer from the uncontrited. You know, sometimes, you just can't seem to win for losing.

And some of the most poignant feelings are best expressed in verse and song.

**[And so it is]** When I was one-and-twenty I heard a wise man say, "Give crowns and pounds and guineas  
But not your heart away; "Give pearls away and rubies, But keep your fancy free,"  
But I was one-and-twenty, No use to talk to me.  
When I was one-and-twenty, I heard him say again,  
"The heart out of the bosom Was never given in vain;  
Tis paid with sighs a plenty And sold for endless rue."  
And I am two-and-twenty, And, oh, 'tis true, 'tis true.<sup>1</sup>

**[And tell me]** Why so pale and wan, fond lover? Prithee, why so pale?  
Will, when looking well can't move her, Looking ill prevail? Prithee, why so pale?.....  
Quit, quit for shame! This will not move; This cannot take her,  
If of herself she will not love, Nothing can make her: The devil take her!<sup>2</sup>

**[Say, Goodbye]** Since there's no help, come let us kiss and part.  
Nay, I have done; you get no more of me,  
And I am glad, yea, glad with all my heart,  
That thus so cleanly I myself can free;  
Shake hands for ever, cancel all our vows,  
And when we meet at any time again,  
Be it not seen in either of our brows  
That we one jot of former love retain.<sup>3</sup>

**[And then]** Don't tell me what it's all about, 'Cause I've been there and I'm glad I'm out.  
Out of those chains, those chains that bind you, That is why I'm here to remind you.  
What do you get when you fall in Love? You only get lies and pain and sorrow,  
So for at least until tomorrow, I'll never fall in love again.<sup>4</sup>

**[Forget Trevi]-** They should have named it **Grifti-** So, leave off with the moaning already.  
So, here's some good, solid Jewish advice: "My mother would say, 'If you're looking for a  
helping hand, you'll find one at the end of your own arm.'" Sam Levinson

*As always, Your Friend*

**[But here's the never ending story] Last Words** are sung by **Frank Sinatra**:

Here I go again, I hear those trumpets blow again.

All aglow again, taking a chance on love.....

On that ball again, I'm riding for a fall again.

I'm gonna give my all again, Taking a chance on love.<sup>5</sup>

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**Friends** would love to have you as a member.

Each new member and renewal receives a punch card that is worth 5 Book Bucks toward your next purchase of books after \$25 is spent and recorded on the card.

In addition, every member receives 1 Book Buck for each \$10 spent for joining initially and for renewing. And with most books priced from 50 cents to \$3, Book Bucks go a long way.

☐ New Member

☐ Renewal

☐ Donation

If you would like to volunteer, and we sincerely could use your help, check here ☐

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