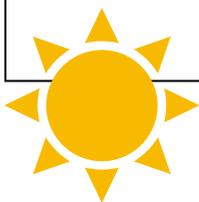


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Quarterly Newsletter

OF OCONEE COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



**If I had wings no one would ask me
should I fly.**

**The bird sings, no one asks why.
I can see in myself wings as I feel
them;**

**If you see something else,
Keep your thoughts to yourself,
I'll fly free then.**

*If I Had Wings - Peter Yarrow [PP&M] &
Susan Yardley and sung by Peter
[see p.3 on [Imagining the Achievable](#)]*



Did You Know? The Library has a Historical & Genealogy Section

The Oconee County Public Library [OCPL] has provided public access to the needs of genealogists and local history researchers for many years. But this year OCPL has assigned one of its managers, **Quientell Walker**, *pictured below*, as the Local History Associate to expand and promote the use and the visibility of the section located in the Ann Rogers Memorial Room at Walhalla.

Quientell comes with years of experience as a Library Manager, but more especially as an expert in historical research. He had been the Genealogy and Local History Librarian for the Pickens County Library System. Along with his expertise, he is indebted to much of the area's success through the work of former and current volunteers and to the OCPL staff.

Here in Walhalla is the center of our county's historical research, not known to many at this time. Quientell is working full-time curating the collection that educates our community by collecting, preserving, and providing access to published materials about Oconee County and its residents and former residents.

Quientell has completed an inventory of section's book and map collection. The book collection consists of nearly 2,000 books of local genealogies and lo-



Hello and Welcome!, New Members

Wendy Coffman - Walhalla

Bob Hagan - Seneca

Gary and Rhonda Logan and Helen Wood - Walhalla

Queen Elizabeth "Liz" - Kensington, London

cal history topics. However, much work has to be done to improve the coverage underrepresented areas such as African-American and Women's history.

Quientell's intent is to add books covering these and other underrepresented groups in the collection.

The map collection that was developed by a local historian, Margaret Seaborn, has a display of maps from the Colonial Period to the 1970s. Quientell is also searching for more historical and contemporary maps of Oconee to expand the current collection.

Should any of our readers have maps or other possibly significant information that can be copied or donated to the collection, please call or see Quientell. He would also like local area yearbooks.

A local historical society has donated an index of the Keowee Courier that covers the years of 1849 to 1976.

And indispensable to all research into anyone's genealogy is the "jewel" of the collection that required years of acquiring and catalogueing: The section features an extensive card catalogue that is indispensable for researching local genealogies. The catalogue includes:

Births, Marriages, Deaths, Anniversaries, Marriage Licenses, Divorces, and other information that appeared since colonial times with the specific periods covered by the Keowee Courier, Tugaloo Tribune, Farm and Factory, Seneca Journal, and Westminster News.

The collection's success is owed to the years of volunteer work by Mrs. Ann Rogers for whom the Historical Room is dedicated and named.

Patrons do have the ability to access the Keowee Courier online for the limited years of 1849 - 1922. But patrons are welcome to use the newspaper microfilm collection at the library to view items of genealogical or local and wider historical interest. You have only to ask Quientell.

The microfilm library is continually growing. **Friends of the Library** has been pleased to provide the section with a new computer and microfilm machine with the funds that our members and patrons have given us. **Thank You!**

And, here's **How You can Help Friends without Donating or Volunteering -**

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Dear Friend - On Imagining the Achievable

To All of Our Gentle Readers who have youth to care, protect, and promote, may we suggest that you forgive their ever-changing states of mind that you may witness while they advance toward more formidable and challenging accomplishments.

To all of our young [especially to girls] - I would suggest that you dream dreams that were never before possible and that you go in directions that were never trod before. In generations ago, when girls had few opportunities and when want ads were segregated by gender as was life itself, their paths in life, if others allowed it, were limited by the approval of our culture.

A woman known to us, call her Helen, had demonstrably superior abilities in math and mechanical visions, and she had a great desire to become an engineer. In the 1930's, a girl pursuing engineering was discouraged and not easily accepted by schools. Of the few approved paths then open to girls, Helen became a nurse, and she was thereafter relegated to a life that she never chose but was left for her to accept.

Ruth Bader Ginsberg was one of nine women accepted to Harvard Law. The dean in 1956 invited them all to his office where he denigrated their presence saying that they were occupying spaces that should have been given to men. She was denied a 3rd year at Harvard by that same dean, so she transferred to Columbia Law, equally prestigious, graduating first in her class. After graduation Ruth was unable to find employment in any law firm. She had these, then, formidable attributes against her: she was a woman, married, a mother, and Jewish. Columbia Law forced a judge to accept her as a clerk; but you know the end of the story. But you may not know one part of the middle: In the 1960's at Columbia, Ruth learned Swedish and coauthored a book with a Swedish jurist. In Sweden at that time, she found that a quarter of the attorneys were women. I offer this not as a motivation for women but rather for any young person who faces obstacles, prejudice, or a culture that chooses to predefine your life for you and confine you within it. **Read on:**

Joseph Campbell*: "What good is it if you've never done the thing you wanted to do in all your life. I always tell my students, go where your body and soul want to go. Follow your bliss and don't be afraid, and doors will open where you didn't know they were going to be. If you can see the path laid out in front of you step by step, you know it's not your path.

The privilege of a lifetime is being who you are. Original experience has not been interpreted for you, so you've got to work out your life for yourself. You don't have to go far off the interpreted path to find yourself in very difficult situations. The courage to face the trials and to bring a whole new body of possibilities into the field of interpreted experience for other people to experience - that is the hero's deed.

Life has no meaning. Each of us has meaning and we bring it to life. It is a waste to be asking the question when you are the answer."

As Always, Your Friend

* Professor of literature for 40 years at Sarah Lawrence, author of many books including The Power of Myth, and The Hero with a Thousand Faces. He was the subject of two famous interviews by Bill Moyers in 1981.

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Last Words are for the young [should they ever read this] and for all of us by Tennyson, Ulysses

It may be that the gulfs will wash us down:

It may be we shall touch the Happy Isles....

...though much is taken, much abides....that which we are, we are;

Made weak by time and fate, **but strong in will**

To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.

Highlights are the editor's

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