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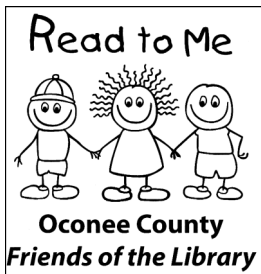
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President's Message – from Barbara Askew

Hi Everyone,

Wow, what a summer. It has been really busy for Friends, we've accomplished so much – and we are ready to launch! First tho', I want to thank several people who have made it all possible: Tricia Lightweis, from the Booksmith in Seneca, has partnered with us in our two biggest projects - "READ to ME" and the in-store discounts; Susan Roberts, Friends of the Library V-P, has made contacts and co-operation with Oconee Medical Center (OMC) possible; Christin Hirleman, Youth Services Librarian at OCPL, provided and suggested the "extras" and the entire Friends of the Library Board which has been so supportive throughout the process!

"READ TO ME" will begin in early October at OMC.



This program is designed to encourage parents to read, even to their infants and very small children. To this end, we have purchased books, bags and bibs to be distributed to each new baby born at OMH (approximately 600 each year). Included in the bag will be a board book (chosen

with the help of Tricia Lightweis who also provided us with a substantial discount), a bib that says "Read to Me", a growth chart, a "first library card" to be validated at any of the OCPL branches, a "book buck" for use at the Friends book sale and brochures explaining why it is so important to begin reading early in a child's life. The READ TO ME program is a public service of the Friends, financed by money from membership dues, donations, and primarily, by the monthly book sales.

According to Sue Baldwin, OCPL Director, the READ TO ME project has also enhanced an award from HOLA (Hispanic Outreach for Library Awareness) since a percentage of the board books and reading awareness brochures are bi-lingual and will be given to Spanish speaking parents.

On Page 3 you will find notice of a great opportunity.

Starting immediately, the Booksmith will offer a 15% discount on all book purchases from the bookstore. To receive the discount, you must present a current Friends of the Library membership card. Only one discount option is allowed per purchase. (In other words, this discount cannot be combined with any other.) This is a wonderful offer and provides an opportunity to support a local business.

In addition to all of the above, we have almost completed fulfilling the staff Wish Lists for this year. Among items purchased: additional book shelves (Walhalla), KIK step stools (Westminster), a cross-cut shredder (Salem) and a new desk chair and small refrigerator (Seneca). These "extras" that the county cannot supply because of budget cuts are a fun way for us to show support for the staff at OCPL.

One additional bit of news - at the August 23rd free movie showing in Salem (supported by Friends), 93 people came to see *Rango*! The Town of Salem linked with, supported and promoted the movie event by holding its annual Back to School Ice Cream Bash an hour before the movie and the largest ever audience stayed to see the "picture show"!

I hope that everyone will attend several programs of the New Harmonies Exhibit beginning September 10 and running through October 23 at the Walhalla Branch. Several FOL board members will be docents and we'd love to have you stop by and say hello.

Books Unite Friends

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Oconee County Public Library Receives Anonymous Gift

Anonymous donors have contributed \$11,000 to the Walhalla Branch of the Oconee County Public Library to establish a Memorial Fund in honor of George H. Chastain.

“This is truly an extraordinary gift that was totally unexpected,” said Sue Baldwin, director of the Oconee County Public Library. “It couldn’t have come at a better time because with the continued down economy, the Library will be assured of a timeless collection for generations to come. It will touch the lives of many people.” The gift was made by descendants of George H. Chastain. Mr. Chastain (1903 - 1983) was born in Walhalla, and retired to Mountain Rest after many years as a bus driver for the City of New York.

“The anonymous donors felt this would be a powerful way to encourage others to step forward and support the Library,” said Baldwin. “We hope that everyone who feels that the public library adds to the quality of life in our community will follow

this example.”

The donors were especially concerned with children and families who rely on the Library for so much. The donors know that children will continue to be inspired to a lifelong love of reading and libraries if classics like *The Little Engine That Could* remain on the shelves.

When complete, The George H. Chastain Memorial Collection will span a significant number of subject areas including math, science, art, Appalachian English, ESL, conservation, nature, and cartography. Do-it-yourself enthusiasts will be rewarded with additional selections in crafts and quilting, home repair and construction, dog care and training, birding, and woodworking.

Baldwin adds, "The Library is honored to have the opportunity to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Chastain family for their incredible gift."

Let's Talk About It

This is a book discussion group in which a Clemson University professor (typically) leads each of the discussions. Participants choose the books which are available FREE OF CHARGE to the public at the Seneca library. The South Carolina Humanities Council and the Oconee Friends of the Library fund this series.

“Masters of the Mother Tongue”

Monday, Sept. 12	<i>The Stone Diaries</i>	by Carol Shields
Monday, Oct. 3	<i>Heart Of Darkness</i>	by Joseph Conrad
Monday, Oct. 24	<i>The Woman Who Walked Into Doors</i>	by Roddy Doyle
Monday, Nov. 14	<i>As I Lay Dying</i>	by William Faulkner
Monday, Dec. 5	<i>Jasmine</i>	by Bharati Mukherjee

All meetings take place at the Seneca library, in the meeting room in the back of the building, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. The books will be available at the Seneca library. You should return the books to the library after each meeting, or as soon as possible thereafter. For more information, contact the Seneca library at 882-4855. The library is located at 300 E. South Second Street, Seneca, SC 29678.

New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music

This traveling Smithsonian exhibit, part of Museum on Main Street, is a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and The Humanities Council which explores Americans' creative expression through music. The Walhalla Library will host this exhibit from September 10 to October 23.

Walhalla Library to offer FREE Gardening Classes

OCPL is proud to announce that we have partnered with the Clemson University Master Gardeners Association to provide informative garden programs to the public. The selection of topics, taught by Master Gardeners, are geared for novice to advanced level gardeners. The classes will be held monthly at the Walhalla Library and are FREE and open to the public. **Registration is required.** The first class will be held on September 13th at 1 PM. The topic is “Plant Wars: Native vs. Alien.” Master Gardener Darlene Sprowls will provide information about having an ecologically sound garden using plants native to the area. Contact the Walhalla Library (864) 638-4133 for more details or to register.

Future class dates and topics:

October 11 – 1 PM	Bulbs
November 8 – 4 PM	Gardening in the Upstate
January 24 – 4 PM	Woody Stem Florals, featuring Pussy Willows and Friends
February 13 – 1 PM	Soil Amendments and Fertilizers
March 6 – 1 PM	Gardening with Children
April 3 – 1 PM	Hypertufa*
May 8 – 1 PM	Rain Gardens
June 12 – 1 PM	Herbs

*Hypertufa is an artificial stone material that is made of several different aggregates and mixed with Portland cement. It is much lighter than cement but can still withstand harsh weather conditions. It is primarily used as garden art and is fairly easy and fun to make.

Sheila Kay Adams Program Free to the Public

As part of the **New Harmonies Exhibit**, on September 15, 2011 at 7 PM at the Walhalla Civic Auditorium, Sheila Kay Adams, author, storyteller, singer and banjo player, will read excerpts and sing songs from her novel, *My Old*

True Love (Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, 2004). The novel is set in Madison County, North Carolina during the Civil War. Ms. Adams is the seventh generation of her family to live in this mountainous area west of Asheville.

Welcome to these new members:

Archie & Barbara Barron	Seneca
Cheryl Wills	Walhalla
Joann Wagner	Seneca
Mary Ann Hutcheson	Pickens
C. Lee Barrett – Barrett Trading Co.	Westminster
Ron & Barbara Fienberg	Seneca
Janice Garcia	Seneca
Sharon Hoeft	Seneca
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Janis Sutter	Seneca

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Your Library's Branches

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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 and Thursday 9 AM to 9 PM
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9 AM to 6 PM
Saturday 9 AM to 5 PM
Sunday CLOSED

Westminster Branch

112 West North Ave., Westminster, SC 29693

Phone: 864-647-3215

Hours: Monday 11:30 PM to 8 PM
Tuesday – Friday 9:30 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 6 PM
Tuesday – Friday 8:30 AM to 5 PM
Saturday & Sunday CLOSED

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Do your friends belong? If not, pass this newsletter along and ask them to become a member!

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