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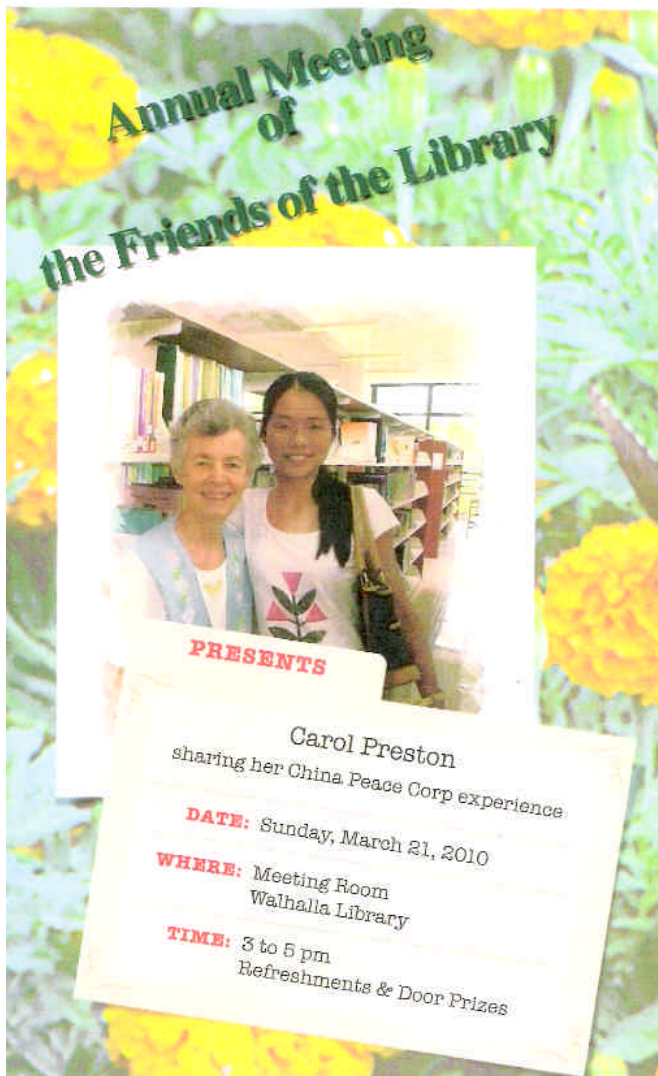
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YOUR LIBRARY'S BRANCHES

Salem, Seneca,
Walhalla, Westminster,
Bookmobile

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was born in Chicago, Illinois, the youngest of three girls. After the death of her father, her mother moved back to her home town, Kalamazoo, MI, where Carol spent most of her childhood and young adulthood. In 1953 she graduated from Western Michigan University with a B.A. Degree and a Secondary School Teaching Certificate.

Soon after graduation she married her husband, Ron, and began her teaching career in Kalamazoo. After the first of their three sons was born, she became a homemaker and remained so until moving to South Carolina when they were in college or about to be. At that time Carol began teaching again and earned an M.Ed. degree in Reading from the University of South Carolina. She taught at Lexington, SC High School and Batesburg-Leesville Middle School.

When Ron died suddenly in 2006, she got the idea of joining the Peace Corps, an organization that she had admired since it was formed in 1961. It was a very long application process, but she was finally accepted and sent to China to teach English.

Join us for our annual meeting and hear all about this courageous woman's great adventure!



We welcome these new members:

Gene Nix	Mountain
Rest	
Judy Lilly	Walhalla
Patricia & Peter McNulty	Seneca
Alice & Bill McGraw	Clemson
Susan Roberts	Tamassee

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President's Message – from Barbara Askew

There is hardly an edition of the local newspaper that doesn't contain an article about the huge monetary cuts to the state and local school budgets. Not noted is the additional decrease in **all things** educational – and **educational** includes

In FY 2007-08, state aid to the Oconee County Public Library system came to \$148,984. The projected aid for FY 2011 is \$66,215. That is almost a 56% reduction and comes at a time when SC education is rated among the very worst in the U.S., although fortunately not in the Upstate. But it is also at a time of extremely high unemployment in Oconee County when families need all the help they can get. To continue cuts to school and library funding is unbelievably short-sighted,

Our libraries are one of our greatest educational resources. The increase in the need for computers is certainly a case in point. There are many homes in Oconee County where computers are not available and students in these homes increasingly depend upon the libraries in order to do required assignments, apply for summer jobs and to colleges of their choice. All these activities are now done on-line and keeping up with new technology alone is a tremendous expense for our li-

Along these lines, Friends of the Library will continue to support our libraries as much as possible. In 2009, we contributed \$19,055, mostly derived from the monthly book sales. We spent the money on new books, dvd's, cd's,

Children's and youth programs, staff development and training programs, and the licensing that allows free movies to be shown at three of the libraries. Some monies were spent on "fun stuff" that makes the libraries more pleasant places in which to spend time: comfortable chairs for Salem, shelving and a water heater/cooler for Seneca, a love seat and rug for the children at Westminster, a children's computer table and shelving

The libraries have some wonderful programs being planned for the upcoming year. All are free to patrons and some are subsidized, partially or in full by the Friends. We will be there wherever and whenever we can. You too can help by supporting our book sales, by donating your used books, audio and video tapes and by always supporting educational and library funding. In particular, write to the County Council members encouraging them to reassess their priorities by returning a new library in Seneca to the top five most important items for this year. At the present time, this all-important step in the right direction is at the bottom of Council's list, a place which will force the forfeiture of land given by the School Board on which to build a much needed

Come join us! Our annual meeting is open to the public and we think that we have a very interesting program for you to enjoy. See details in this

Barb

It is not true that we have only one life to live; if we can read, we can live so many more

S.I.Hayakawa, PhD, (1906-1992) Senator (R) California (1976-1983) and semanticist



Special Saturday Book Sale!

April 17th from 9 AM to
12:30 PM
at the Walhalla Branch

Regular monthly book sales are held on the second

Movie Schedule (All movies are shown at 6 PM)

Planet 51	Princess and the Frog
3/15 Seneca	4/15 Westminster
3/22 Walhalla	4/19 Walhalla
3/29 Westminster	4/26 Seneca



Congratulations are in order for:

Christin Hirleman, Youth Services Librarian, for being chosen to represent all children's librarians at a national conference in Tacoma, WA later this year. As Sue Baldwin, Library Director, put it "This is an honor well deserved. Christin has turned our Youth Services program around. That makes all of us even more proud to be members of the OCPL team! Thanks to Denise and the State Library – you made the best choice!"

The Walhalla Branch Library which was selected by the S.C. Humanities Council to host the traveling Smithsonian exhibit *New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music* in 2011! This will be one of two exhibits shown in the state. Stephanie Howard, Assistant Branch Manager, wrote and submitted the grant proposal to the Humanities Council. This will be a major exhibit which will require many hours of work and re-arrangement of part of the library. You will be hearing much more about this great event in the months to come.

Oconee County Friends of the Library for being highlighted three times in the Winter-Spring newsletter published by the *Friends of South Carolina Libraries*. On page four is mention of some of the programs that we have conducted, or that are planned: the Let's Talk About It Series, our contribution to the homeless shelter, Our Daily Rest, of a small start-up library and also our upcoming Annual Meeting with speaker Carol Preston (see Page 1 of this newsletter). On page five, our recent financial contributions to the Oconee County libraries are noted and on page ten, we are recognized for a mention in the *Voice for American Libraries*, a national publication, for our inventive participation in the local Earth Day (2009) celebration.

A Week of Celebration

During the week of April 19th, the libraries will be combining Volunteer Week and Bookmobile Day into one week of celebration. The bookmobile will be spending the day parked at each library with a volunteer so the public can go onboard and check out the bookmobile. You would be surprised at the many people who have no idea that the county has a bookmobile as part of the library system. The schedule for the bookmobile will be:

Monday, April 19th at Walhalla Tues-
day, April 20th at Westminster
Wednesday, April 21st at Seneca and
Thursday, April 22nd at the Salem Library.

Let's Talk About It

Thanks to Monica Leaning for volunteering to take this over. Unfortunately, the Spring Series of Let's Talk About It had to be cancelled due to a conflict with the professors and the dates. Just to "keep the candle lit", as Monica put it, there will be a gathering on March 11 at 6:30 PM in the Seneca library. There will be no particular book to talk about; just the general theme - Contemporary Reading. Come and enjoy the fellowship and some good discussion.

Special Library Outreach Project



You may have seen the posters already for the Southern Appalachian Gathering's Tale Spinners Storytellers event at the Walhalla Civic Auditorium April 9th and 10th. Many community organizations, **including the library**, have come together as "The Southern Appalachian Gathering" to start what will eventually be Walhalla's own week-long Storytelling Festival!

The first event will be a two day sampling of storytelling from four of the greatest storytellers in the Nation. Andy Irwin, Bil Lepp, Lyn Ford, and Kim Weitkamp will be in town to give two performances at the Walhalla Civic Auditorium, along with a storytelling workshop and FREE kids storytelling event in downtown Walhalla on the 10th. Tickets can be purchased from the Walhalla Civic Auditorium, the Walhalla Chamber of Commerce, and local merchants.

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 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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