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President's Message – from Barbara Askew

Hi Everyone!

In the fall of 1985, a group of Oconee County residents joined together to form a steering committee to organize a Friends of the Library group for the County Library system. They were given help by the Greenville County Friends, and the first Constitution and By-Laws were drafted in November of that year. The Kick-Off meeting was held on February 20, 1986 with the election of officers. There were 60 members in the first year of our Friends group.

President of the new organization was Leo Cohan; Janet Smalley was Vice- President; Secretary, Alice Badenoch; and Treasurer, Denise McCormick. Present (2011) Library Board of Trustees member, Danny Day chaired the committee that drew up the Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE III of the Constitution states the purposes of the organization:

- A. Maintain an association of persons interested in the Oconee County Library System.
- B. Encourage and promote an interest in the role of the Library in serving Oconee County's cultural, educational and recreational needs.
- C. Focus public attention on and stimulate use of the Library resources and services.
- D. Encourage and receive gifts, donations and bequests to Oconee County Friends of the Library for the purpose of improving the Library.
- E. Cooperate in providing volunteer services to the Library with the approval of the Library Director.
- F. Raise funds through membership dues and special

fund raising activities to support Library programs and activities sponsored by this organization and to provide the necessary operating funds for this organization.

Book sales began in 1989 with one annual sale. In 1993, when Renee Bennet took over the management, there were enough donated used books to begin the current monthly books sales. Book sales still provide the income used by Friends to assist the OC Library System.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on March 20 when Oconee County Friends of the Library will celebrate it's 25th birthday!! We invite you to join us for birthday cake and other refreshments, door prizes and best of all, as **guest speaker, Susanna Ashton**, Associate Professor of English at Clemson University. Along with several of her students, she published the widely acclaimed book, *I Belong to South Carolina*, a compilation of slave narratives. We will honor several of the Friends' original steering committee and board members and have a very short business meeting. Please join us at 3 PM on Sunday, March 20 at the Walhalla Library.

"Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counsellors, and the most patient of teachers."

Charles W. Eliot

Welcome to these new members:

James E. Cooper	Salem
Collette Johnston	Salem
Carol Deem	Clemson
June Hutchins	Seneca



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Walhalla Children's Area Remodel



We are all thrilled to have a fresh and bright Children's Area in Walhalla. Thanks to the many staff and Facilities Maintenance who pulled this off. We removed the carpet, bulletin board and slatted wall, and painted. The shelves were rearranged to create an open space with only one entrance and exit. There have been many many compliments about the area and how wonderfully colorful it is! Thanks again to the Friends who funded this amazing project.

Some Upcoming Library Events

The Westminster Library will be celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2 at 4 PM with stories, movies and cupcakes. This is for ages 5 to 11. On May 9th and 16th at 1:30 PM we will offer knitting classes free to the public. Just bring yarn and number 7 knitting needles.

The Seneca Library has added a few improvements. We received an LSTA grant and were awarded an AWE Bilingual Literacy Station. Our Youth Services Librarian, Christin Hirleman, held multiple programs for POPS (Principles of Parenting Successfully) families as part of the grant. The Early Literacy Station features a number of classic titles that are must-haves for kids. *Kidspiration*, *Reader Rabbit Toddler* and *Kid Pix* make the program instantly comfortable to kids. ELS is a winning combination of the familiar and the new! The Literacy Station is now housed at the Seneca branch and is used by the public.

We host basic computer classes utilizing the talents of Mr. Harry Wertheimer, a VIP volunteer. These teach basics like using the mouse, Windows, and navigating through files and folders, signing up for free e-mail accounts and using the Internet. We will soon be offering an evening class, as well as a class on using e-book readers.

Other upcoming events and programs are: OneStop On-the-Go workshops to help job seekers connect with the resources they need to apply for Unemployment Insurance and find a job. These will be held on the first Friday of each month from 1:30 to 4 PM at Seneca.

In addition to Mother Goose on the Loose on Thursday mornings, we added Toddler Time as well.

Planning for Westminster Library's Expansion

A planning committee comprised of Brian Deichman of McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture; Lee Barrett and John Adams, OCPL Board of Trustees; Bobbie Cole, Westminster Branch Manager; Sally Long, former OCPL Children's Librarian; Louise McClure, special education teacher at Westminster Elementary; Philip Cheney, OCPL Branch Services Librarian has met twice to discuss future expansion of the Westminster Library. The ex-

pansion is included in the OCPL's Five Year Capital Projects Plan. An LSTA grant from the SC State Library is paying part of the costs of Mr. Deichman's work with the committee. Mr. Deichman's estimate for the cost will be discussed at the third meeting of the group. The proposed plan envisions a 3,000 square foot addition to the existing building and an upgrade to the library to meet current standards. The Westminster Library was dedicated in September of 1979 and its floor

National Volunteer Week and National Library Week Contributed by staff members of OCPL

Both of these celebrations will take place the week of April 10 – 16. Some of the special events that will be going on are:

April 11 – We want to invite all of you to attend our VIP Annual Awards Luncheon from 11:30 to 1:30 PM in the Walhalla Library Meeting Room. Gail Marion, VP of Program with the Alzheimer’s Association, SC Chapter, will speak on volunteering and the this disease. The Library Board Chairman will present the Lucile Bellotte Moore Award for the Volunteer of the Year at the luncheon. We will also be presenting 11 individual and group Presidential Volunteer Service Awards for those that have completed at least 100 hours. The VIP Program for OCPL has been adding new volunteers each month. As the program grows, we hope to be able to add more categories of recognition. We appreciate all that our VIP’s are doing to enhance our service to the community.

April 12 – This is National Library Workers Day, a day for library staff, users, administrators and

Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers. To celebrate this, we will send out Star Reviews by library staff during the month leading up to this day. If a staff member wants to recognize another staff member for being helpful, kind or just going out of the way, they will do so by sending them a big yellow star! The staff is looking forward to showing each other appreciation for the hard work that may go unnoticed on a daily basis. These forms will also be available for patrons on the counter by the self check-out station.

April 12 – William Jameson, an artist and teacher, will be at the Walhalla Library to share his artwork from 3 to 5 PM. Mr. Jameson loves to travel and paint. His land and seascapes feature the Bahamas, Italy, France, Mexico, Colorado and Montana, as well as his beloved home state of South Carolina. He has also published a book, *Blue Ridge Textures*, containing reproductions of his work inspired while hiking the highlands of the Carolinas, Tennessee and Georgia.

Let’s Talk About It

The Spring series of the Let's Talk About book discussion group “ An Unsuitable Job For a Woman” is already under way. Following are the books yet to be discussed. Unfortunately all the books have been taken, but folks are returning them if they finish early, so check with the Seneca branch to see what titles may be available.

Monday, March 14	<i>"An Unsuitable Job For A Woman"</i>	by P. D. James
Monday, April 4	<i>"Madness In Maggody"</i>	by Joan Hess
Monday, April 25	<i>"Copy Kat"</i>	by Karen Kijewski
Monday, May 16	<i>"The J. Alfred Prufrock Murders"</i>	by Corrine H. Sawyer



All meetings take place at the Seneca library, in the meeting room in the back of the building, from 6:30-

2011 Summer Reading Program

We are already getting ready for Summer Reading! This year’s theme is “One World, Many Stories”. As we book talent and come up with crafts, we are planning our many school visits. Youth Services is very lucky to have helpers at the branches that can visit local schools, pre-schools and home school associations. We are very excited to start Summer Reading with the help of the Friends funding; it is going to be a huge success!

Next Saturday Book Sale: April 9th

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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