



# FRIENDS TO FRIENDS

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### President's Message – from Barbara Askew

Since I wrote last in March, Friends have had an interesting and a productive couple of months! First let me note that our Annual Meeting/25th Anniversary was a great success. Susanna Ashton, author of *I Belong to South Carolina* and an English professor at Clemson, kept her audience interested and asking questions, both about the stories and about the research project that was the nucleus for her book. Susanna is also a favorite facilitator for the Let's Talk About It book discussion group and will again lead a discussion in the Fall series.

After a few slow winter months, the Book Sale income for April and May was especially good and is allowing us to proceed with planning new programs while continuing to support both the Children's and Adult Summer Reading Programs and to plan to fulfill most of the Library Staff Wish Lists.

At our May meeting, the FOL Board of Directors voted unanimously to fund a partnership position in the Leadership Oconee County (LOC) project. The \$500 tuition is for a library staff member to become involved as a participant as the LOC develops a group of informed, committed and qualified individuals, capable of providing dynamic community leadership. The tuition covers a 10-month program which includes a retreat, meetings, speakers, materials and meals. Friends

of the Library feels that no Oconee County decisions being made, both for the present and the Future, can be complete without input and participation of an Oconee County Library staff person. (See announcement of the chosen participant in a separate article).

Something that I have been hoping to start (or re-start) since becoming President, is a Books for Babies program – in conjunction with Oconee Memorial Center. We will probably re-name the program *Read To Me* and include board books in English and in Spanish. Basically what the program involves is providing each baby born at OMC with a bag containing a book, probably a bib, a facsimile of a library card (to be turned into any branch of the OCPL for a "real" card) and pamphlets for parents stressing the importance of reading to babies and toddlers. Vice-President, Susan Roberts will be in charge of *Read to Me*. If you would like to become involved, please contact Susan at 944-6561.

I'm running out of room here so will just mention a few other things for you to watch for in the coming months. There will be additional opportunities to receive Book Bucks; the Smithsonian's *Celebrating American Roots Music Presentation* will be held at the Walhalla Library from

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#### Welcome to these new members:

Patricia Baker	Salem
Josh & Monica Leaning	Salem
Melissa Menin	Seneca
Donald Sanders	Mountain
Rest	



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## President's Message (cont'd)

September 10 to October 3 – be sure to mark your calendars! Oconee County is one of only 12 library systems in the entire state to be so honored! AND coming soon – members of the Friends of the Library with an up-to-date membership card will be able to receive a

discount from the Booksmith in Seneca, thanks to an arrangement being worked out with the store's owner, Trish Lightweis, who has always been a great supporter of our library system and of the Friends.

*Barb*

*"My guess is (it will be) about 300 years until computers are as good as, say, your local reference library in search."* Craig Silverstein, Director of Technology, Google.com

### COMING THIS SEPTEMBER !

## *New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music*

Is a traveling Smithsonian exhibit that explores Americans' creative expression through music - music known by names like blues, country and western, folk ballads, and gospel. The Walhalla Library will host the exhibit from Saturday, September 10, 2011 to Sunday, October 23, 2011. Volunteers will be trained as docents in August to conduct tours of the exhibit by classes from public and private schools. A companion exhibit on the history of radio in Oconee County will be displayed at the Oconee Heritage Center in Walhalla. For more information, contact Philip Cheney at pcheney@oconeesc.com or (864)638-4133.

*New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music* is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and The Humanities Council.

### **The Recipient of the FOL Leadership Oconee County Scholarship is: Stacy Powell**

"I'm honored that the library chose me. I believe LOC is a wonderful asset to our community. As you are already aware, the library staff, Friends, and Board know what an important role OCPL plays in our community. I hope our involvement with Leadership OC will help advance this awareness to other civic leaders and organizations."

If you haven't yet visited our Book Sale, we hope this will entice you to do so.

If you have, please accept this with our thanks!

**\$1<sup>00</sup>**

**CELEBRATE  
READING**

**\$1<sup>00</sup>**

Redeem this coupon at the Friend's Used Book Sale the Second Thursday of each month  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Walhalla Library Basement  
501 West Broad Street, Walhalla SC (Not redeemable for cash)

## Seneca Branch News

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For the second year in a row, the OCPL will host an Adult Summer Reading program along with our ever-popular children's and teen summer reading programs. Leah Price, Library Services Coordinator at the Seneca Branch, heads up our program again this year. The theme is "Novel Destinations." Adults fill out Bingo cards as they read books from various categories. Readers earn a chance for prizes like a "Novel Destinations" set, which includes a reading journal, ink pen and 2 "Book Bucks" for the Friends of the Library book sale and will be eligible for the Grand Prize drawing, at the bingo party on July 30<sup>th</sup> at the Seneca Library.

The schedule of events for Adult Summer Reading is:

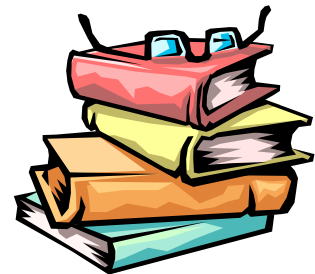
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Flamingo Fling, 2-4 PM  
June 23<sup>rd</sup> - (Janet) Evanovich Party, 7 PM  
will be giving away prizes, including an autographed copy of *Lean Mean Thirteen*  
July 7<sup>th</sup> - Trivia Night, 7 PM  
will be giving away prizes  
July 18<sup>th</sup> - Digital Photography Class, 10 AM  
July 30<sup>th</sup> - Bingo Party, 3 p.m.  
will be giving away prizes, including the grand prize of an annual park pass to Oconee County parks with 4 "Book Bucks" for the Friends of the Library book sale, or a Nook e-reader with 4 "Book Bucks".

We would, of course, like to thank the Friends for their generous support of the Adult Summer Reading program.

While the OCPL has long featured travel and language books, as of June 3<sup>rd</sup>, we'll be featuring a new electronic resource: Mango Languages. Mango is the fastest and most intuitive way to learn a new language. Patrons can access Mango from inside the library, or from home. And it's free with an OCPL library card.

One other addition we're looking forward to is Overdrive. Overdrive is one of the leading providers of electronic content (eBooks and audio books). While the OCPL has offered audio books in the past, with Overdrive we will for the first time be offering eBooks, which have been in high demand. Later this year, Overdrive will be partnering with Amazon to offer Kindle books, which will expand our reach even more!

Finally, the Seneca Branch recently underwent renovation as part of the fulfillment of an Energy Grant. In addition to new lighting and HVAC, the Seneca staff and County Maintenance also painted the walls at the Seneca Library. We hope you'll stop by soon to take a look!



## Let's Talk About It

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Our Fall series is called "Masters of The Mother Tongue". The books are as follows:

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

These book discussions are held at the Seneca Library at 6:30 p.m. To be put on the e-mail list contact Monica Leaning at 944-5897 or jhlmmml@aol.com. When the books arrive from Columbia, she will notify the readers. That should be sometime in late August - early September.

## 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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[www.oconee.lib.sc.us](http://www.oconee.lib.sc.us)

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- Benefactor \$100+/year
- Lifetime \$500

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- Renewal?  Donation? (Tax Deductible)

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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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