

FRIENDS TO FRIENDS

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President's Message – from Barbara Askew

Report from the Friends Board:

We have had a busy couple of months since I last wrote. Following a review of the By-Laws last fall, we then turned to the Constitution and made what we think are a few necessary changes. If you would like a copy of the new Constitution before the meeting when it is presented to the membership and the Board votes on it, please call Ellen Plumpe at 864-944-8745 and she will send, or e-mail, you a copy. This meeting will be held March 15, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Walhalla Branch Library. It is open to the public and members are encouraged to attend.

The Friends of the Library are happy to note that we have two new board members: Vickie Hinson is a former nurse AND has secretarial experience, so is our new secretary, following the "retirement" of Emily Hitchcock. During the work days in the sales area, she prices and stocks books and, along with the rest of us, does whatever needs doing! Frank Miller is a retired engineer who has already put his skills to work fixing, carrying, repairing and moving bookcases plus the thousand other odd jobs that he does besides stocking books. We are delighted to welcome both!

And, last but not least, we are about to launch our third Little Free Library - this time in Long Creek! (The first two, in Fair Play, were dedicated this past August and, according to all reports, are working almost independently with the LFL concept of TAKE A BOOK, RETURN A BOOK). *This Long Creek LFL was designed and constructed by two students of Andy Jacobs' West Oak High School Industrial Technology class.* It will be installed in Long Creek at the Back-



woods Visitor Center and Community Shoppe (Rt 76, two miles past the General Store, on the left). We will be cutting the ribbon on Saturday, March 12 at 2 p.m. Everyone is invited! Refreshments will be served. For more information about Little Free Libraries, go to littlefreelibraries.org.

I really hope to see lots of people at our two March events, especially at the LFL ribbon cutting because this concept does what FOL does best: Promotes Reading! And it honors the work and dedication of two students from West Oak High School!!

Introduction of LTAI Professors:

We are so lucky to have for our Let's Talk About It book discussion group the two professors, Rhondra Thomas and Cameron Bushnell, that I profiled in the Winter 2015 *Friends to Friends* newsletter. In this issue, I will introduce you to April Pelt and Dr. Peter Cohen, two of our other regular facilitators of the LTAI series.

Dr. Cohen earned a PhD in Religion and Humanities and an M.A. in Biblical Studies from Florida State University, a B.A. in Religion and Philosophy from Springfield (MA) College, and studied Rabbis at Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem. He has taught at Appalachian State University, Tallahassee Community College, Florida A&M University, Florida State University and is currently a senior lecturer in Religious Studies at Clemson. He also serves as an Advisory

Welcome to these new members:

Janis Ross	Seneca
Bonnie Holmes	Seneca
Ellen Zaki	Salem
Dr. & Mrs. Frank Axson	Seneca
Judy L. Roth	West Union

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President's Message (Cont'd)

Board Member in South Carolina for the Atlantic Institute and regularly teaches a course on an aspect of religion for Clemson's OLLI. Recently he was inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr College of Laity and Sponsors, Collegium of Scholars at Morehouse College in Atlanta.

April Pelt works as a Digital Pedagogy Advocate for Clemson Online. Or, as she describes it, she "helps make sure that online courses in humanities offer engaging learning experiences for students"! In addition, April teaches literature and

writing courses in the English Department at Clemson. Her research focuses on the relationship between storytelling and political movements. In her almost non-existent spare time, April enjoys reading contemporary fiction, writing screenplays and watching classic movies with her husband David. April enjoys talking about books with the "adults" in LTAI because we actually read the assignments and really become involved in the discussions!



I read my eyes out and can't read half enough. The more one reads the more one sees we have to read.
John Adams

Above and Beyond!

We very much appreciate and thank **ALL** of our **MEMBERS** for their support of Friends of the Library and the Oconee County Libraries. Here we wish to particularly recognize our current members who have contributed above the basic membership levels. Listed are those at the new Golden Level, Benefactor, Business/Organization, Donor and Patron Levels from January 2015 to the present:

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None at this time

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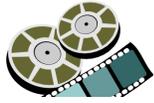
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Michael & Mary K. Wall
Nancy & Joe Woods

Let's Talk About It

Let's Talk About It is a book discussion group in which a University professor 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 County Friends of the Library fund this series.



The Spring series is entitled "Stiff Upper Lips". There are 3 books and 3 movies in the series. The book discussions will be at the Seneca Library and the movies at the Walhalla branch. The titles and dates are:



Washington Square by Henry James

February 29	Book	Discussion Leader - April Pelt
March 14	Movie	a 1997 film starring Jennifer Jason (Leigh)

Daisy Miller by Henry James

April 4	Book	Discussion Leader - April Pelt
April 18	Movie	a 1974 film starring Cybil Shepherd

The Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton

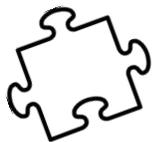
May 8	Book	Discussion Leader - Cameron Bushnell
May 23	Movie	a 1993 film starring Daniel Day Lewis

Good news! Since the series has already started and you may not have been able to obtain the books, you will be glad to know that all three books were published before 1923. That means they are out of copyright and can be read for **FREE** on your Kindle, iPad, Nook or any other tablet.

Note for Kindle and Kindle App users: You do NOT have to be a "Kindle unlimited" subscriber to read them for free. You can click "Buy" on the Kindle version and it will do a transaction for \$0.00. (You do not have to choose to add audio or narration.) **Make sure it is the correct version as the first Kindle one that comes up might not be the free one.** It can be confusing! So if anyone needs assistance with downloading free books, or using our Overdrive service, they are welcome to come in or call Emily Whitmire, Seneca Branch Manager at 882-4855.

There is no need to "join". Just pick up the books at the Seneca Library (or in the case of this series, download them and just come to the events).

Wanted - Jigsaw Puzzles in Good Condition



During December many jig saw puzzles were sold at the monthly book sale and from the Walhalla lobby sales. If you have jigsaw puzzles you no longer want (any size from children's to adult's with a large number of pieces), please bring them to any library and tell the staff that they are for the Friends book sales.

Or better still, bring them with you when you come to a book sale the second Thursday of every month.

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 - Thursday 9 AM to 8 PM
Friday 9 AM to 6 PM
Saturday 9 AM to 4 PM
Sunday CLOSED

Westminster Branch

112 West North Ave., Westminster, SC 29693

Phone: 864-364-5760

Hours: Monday 11:30 PM to 8 PM
Tuesday – Friday 10 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 –12, 1 to 6 PM
Tuesday – Friday 8:30 -12, 1 to 5 PM
Saturday & Sunday CLOSED

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