

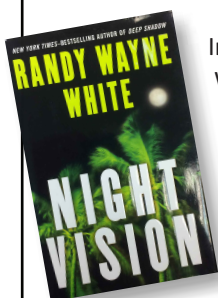


NewsLetter

A few of the new books at our library

Yes, the library is acquiring new books. Not as many as avid readers would like, but that is why the Friends exist. We raise money to help the library add to and maintain its supply of books and materials.

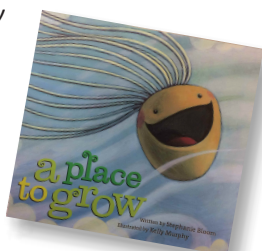
Here are just a few of the recent additions:



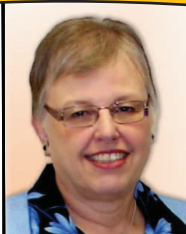
In *Night Vision*, by Randy Wayne White, Doc Ford is called upon to save a girl who talks to God. At least that is what most of the residents of The Red Citrus Trailer Park believe.

The steroid-powered park manager and his grotesquely muscular girlfriend want to sell the park, but the residents, who are mostly illegal laborers are troubled. They believe the girl saw the manager dump a corpse into a lake.

Updated version: Stephanie Bloom's *A Place to Grow* continues to be featured in Learn, Grow, Eat & GO! (LGEG) — the innovative new evidence-based curriculum project of the International Junior Master Gardener® Program. Illustrations by Kelly Murphy.



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A Message from Susan White

President, Friends of the Pickens Library

What a wonderful evening for those who attended our program on May 18 at the library. Author Dr. James Mahaffey spoke to a standing room only crowd – the biggest group on record for our presentations. Thanks to everyone for attending and sharing in a fun and informative evening.

Our Annual Community Used Book Sale will be Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, September 7, 8, and 9 at Chattahoochee Technical College.

The Thursday evening sale will be for Friends members only. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. The library is depending on you.

Something new: We are offering an opportunity for a three-night four-day stay at a home at Sea Palms at St. Simon's. Tickets will cost \$20 each. If you buy \$100 worth, you will get a bonus ticket — six tickets instead of five. Only 200 tickets will be available. This is a fantastic opportunity to win a free stay at St. Simon's.

The Friends Board members have tickets for sale now, or you can buy them at the book sale. If all 200 are not sold prior to the sale.

The summer reading program at the Pickens County Library is in full swing. There are programs for children, teens, and adults. If you have children, grandchildren, or if you want to be recognized for reading during the summer, visit the library soon and sign up for one, two or all three of these programs.

Have a safe and happy summer! We look forward to seeing each one of you at the book sale.

Oh, about those St. Simon's tickets, you will find a list of our current board members below.

— Susan

The 2017 Board of Directors of the Friends of the Pickens Library, Inc. are:

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Sue Appleton



Susan White and Sue Appleton are excited about co-managing the 2017 Community Used Book Sale.

Donating books for the book sale

Sue Appleton said, "We know there will be a wide variety of books, because every book in the sale represents someone's donation to the library."

Almost all books in the sale come from individuals, and 100% of sale proceeds benefit the library.

The library is accepting donated books during business hours.

Please, do not bring more than three boxes at one time. It is a matter of time and space. The staff needs time to examine the books, and their workspace is tiny. The library building does not have storage space. The Friends take care of storing the books after the staff has done their work.

If you have more than three boxes of books to donate, please telephone the library and ask the Friends of the Library for help.

Speaking of boxes. Look at the accompanying photo to see the preferred box size and shape. They hold just enough books for volunteers to lift easily, and they stack evenly.



Annual Membership Form

Friends of the Pickens Library

Yes, I want to help my library purchase books, material, and equipment.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email(s) _____

Amount of contribution: _____ Date: _____

Members have access to the PRE-SALE at our Used book Sale.

Please make check payable to:

Friends of the Pickens Library

100 Library Lane

Jasper, Ga 30143

A 501(3)(c) all volunteer organization dedicated to helping the library serve Pickens County, GA.

Membership categories:

Please check one.

Student: ☐ \$5

Individual: ☐ \$15

Family: ☐ \$30

Contributor: ☐ \$50 to \$99

Sponsor: ☐ \$100 to \$199

Benefactor: ☐ \$200 or more

You do have time to read

By Olive T Reed

Have you read a good book lately? Try asking a few people that question and pay attention to the responses. I ask it often, and continue to be disappointed when I hear, "I'm so busy. I don't have the time to read books."

Oh, but you do have time. And you don't have to be a speed reader.

What is a speed reader? When John F. Kennedy was president, the press made a big deal about his reading speed. Allegedly, he was disappointed in his 300 words per minute, so he studied speed reading and raised it to 1200. Suddenly all us average readers felt inadequate, and speed reading courses made a mint.

Several reliable sources say that average Americans read between 150 and 300 words per minute.

A personal note: I am not a fast reader, but I do read at least an hour every day. I choose to read before bedtime. Other habitual readers have their own favorite times. I have tried morning, but it doesn't work for me.

My speed for an ordinary novel is about 200 – 250 words per minute. A little arithmetic: 200 wpm x 60 min = 12000 words per hour. If I read one hour per day, I can read 84,000 words in one week, the equivalent of an average novel.

But what novel? Here are a few sample word counts, but note: all the numbers are approximate and I make no claim to having verified all of them. Skeptics will know how to check, but I suggest using the time to start reading one of the books.

Kurt Vonnegut, *Slaughterhouse-Five*: 49,459 words

Ernest Hemingway, *The Sun Also Rises*: 67,707 words

George Orwell, *1984*: 88,942 words

Georgette Heyer, *The Black Moth*: 94,354 words

Harper Lee, *To Kill A Mockingbird*: 100,388 words

Orson Scott Card, *Ender's Game*: 100,609 words

Jane Austen, *Emma*: 155,887 words

Leo Tolstoy, *Anna Karenina*: 349,736 words

Those eight books, selected with no intent other than to show a range in novel lengths, contain slightly over a million words. Read 200 words per minute for one hour per day for 10 to 12 weeks and you will have read more than a million words.

I think it is time to head to the library.

This photo shows only one-half of the sale room at Chattahoochee Tech. It takes a lot of volunteers to get the sale ready. Please be one of those wonderful working library lovers.



Book sale needs volunteers

We know all library users and book lovers want the book sale to succeed. Making it happen takes about 500 hours of volunteer work.

We need your help, even if you can work only a few hours. Each year, about 40 people contribute some of their time and effort. If you would like to help please let us know. We need help moving and sorting books. It is not necessary to do both. Some volunteers sort, some move books and some do both.

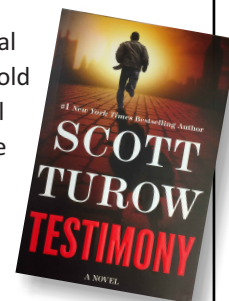
Telephone the library at 706 692 5411 or email: friendsofpickenslibrary@gmail.com

A few of the new books at our library (cont.)



In *Dragonmark* by Sherrilyn Kenyon, Illarion, a dragon made human, was enslaved and separated from everyone he knew and from his own dragon brothers. He was forced into exile in a fey realm where he lost the only thing he ever really loved. Now he has a chance to regain what's been lost.

In *Testimony*, the new legal thriller by Scott Turow, a fifty-year-old former prosecutor is called by the International Criminal Court to investigate the disappearance of 400 Roma refugees in the chaotic aftermath of the Bosnian war. A witness claims they were buried alive. From The Hague to secret meetings in Washington, D.C., the hero deals with a disgraced American major general, a sergeant major based near the site of the crime and others, including the brutal former leader of the Bosnian Serbs.



A new look

You don't have to look twice to see we have changed. Karen Webster of BrickHouse Design has created the fresh look for the Newsletter. In addition, Karen designed our new bookmark (with a Friends membership form on the back). You can view her portfolio at www.brickhousedesign.com. And take a peek at our new web site header at friendsofpickenslibrary.org.

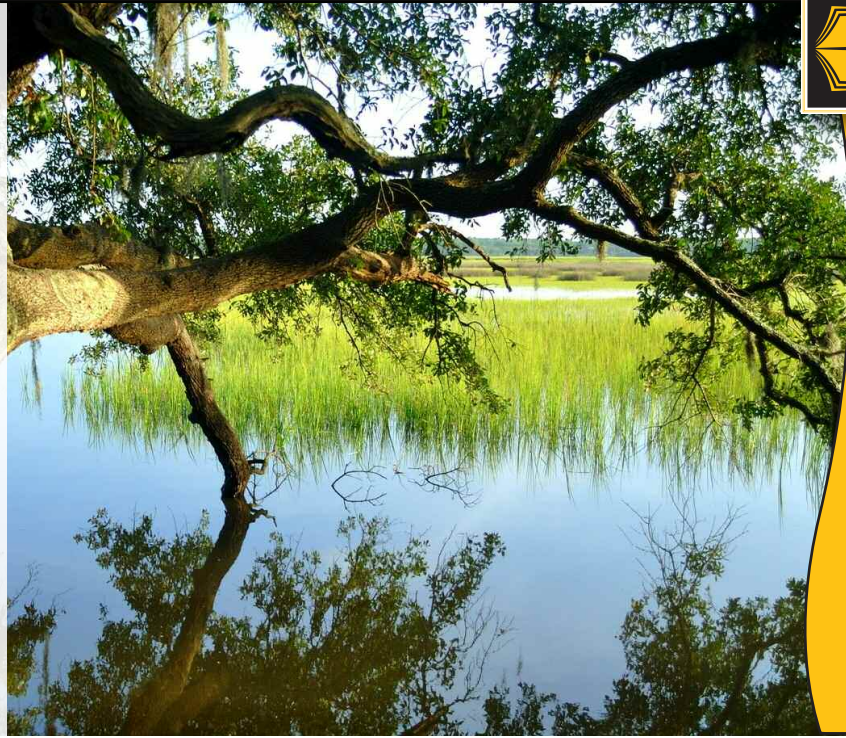


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Summer in the South

A poem by Paul Laurence Dunbar

The oriole sings in the greening grove
 As if he were half-way waiting,
 The rosebuds peep from their hoods of green,
 Timid, and hesitating.
 The rain comes down in a torrent sweep
 And the nights smell warm and piney,
 The garden thrives, but the tender shoots
 Are yellow-green and tiny.
 Then a flash of sun on a waiting hill,
 Streams laugh that erst were quiet,
 The sky smiles down with a dazzling blue
 And the woods run mad with riot.



Paul Laurence Dunbar (1872-1906) wrote his first poem at the age of six. He went on to edit his high school newspaper. He had published his first book before he was twenty. In addition to a dozen books of poetry, he wrote novels, short stories and plays. Dunbar also wrote the lyrics for In Dahomey, the first Broadway musical written and performed entirely by African Americans. He was 33 years old when he died of tuberculosis in 1906.



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