



NewsLetter

Meet Katie Dobson

Katie Dobson is the Adult Services Co-ordinator at the Pickens Library. She has served in this role for the last 2 years. Her English degree prepared Katie for this job for which she wears many hats. A partial job description includes: teaching beginning computer courses, manning the reference and research collection, running the genealogy room, implementing adult programs, and overseeing family-centered craft projects.

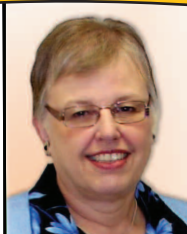
According to Katie, the patrons make up a diverse group with seniors as the most populated. Seniors love BINGO and



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craft projects, especially. She also takes an active role in finding low-cost programs for entire families that fit in with the STEAM objectives (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math). Pop Culture dress-up events like Dragon Con are popular new offerings that make the Pickens Library such a magnet for today's families.

Stop by and say "Hi!" Katie will respond with a smile and an offer to help you any way she can.



A Message *from* Susan White

President, Friends of the Pickens Library

The book sale is over!! And it was a huge success!! Thanks to everyone who worked the sale, came and purchased items, and supported the sale in some way. We have many people who made this a success and for that I am extremely grateful.

The raffle was also a success. The winner was Stacy Gentry from Ball Ground. She was so excited when contacted! Again, we are grateful for anyone who bought a ticket, advertised the raffle, and especially the person who donated their home on St. Simons for us to use.

Of course, the money raised from both the book sale and raffle will be used to purchase materials for the Pickens County Library. Thank you for supporting your local library!

The Festival of Trees at the library will be here before you know it. Immediately following Thanksgiving there will be many unusual and beautifully decorated trees at the Pickens Library for you to enjoy. Organizations and other groups will place a tree decorated to highlight their cause or interest. Coming to the library is a wonderful way to celebrate the holidays. There will also be a wonderful and entertaining program held during the holidays that will include local musical groups performing. Be sure to bring your relatives and friends so that they can enjoy this entire celebration!

The Board members of the Friends of Pickens Library are hard at work to grow the organization. They are collecting annual dues for delinquent members, renewing members' annual dues, publicizing the organization, and spreading the word about the organization that helps their local public library any way that they can. Be sure to do your part when asked! Thanks again for your support – whether that may be membership dues, volunteering, serving on the board, or anything else that you do to assist. Thank you!

— Susan

I have always imagined that paradise
will be a kind of library.

— Jorge Luis Borges

The 2017 Book Sale

On September 7, Chattahoochee Technical College in Jasper opened its doors to welcome Friends of Pickens Library members for their annual sneak peek and advance buying opportunity. Thousands of gently used books awaited their perusal. This particular group of library supporters, "Friends" as they are affectionately referred to, paid their annual dues to help support library programs, to help buy more books, and to be able to get first dibs on all those wonderful books. Attendees were intent on selecting from the thousands of bargain books, movies and CDs for their fall and winter reading, watching and listening. Many thanks to those who donated, manned and bought items this year. A special thanks to sponsors: Squeaky Clean and Community Bank.

This young family has gathered a big basket of new-to-them books!



According to Emma Ingle

Did you know:

- that some of the library's books are leased?
- that Emma has the job of choosing the books and media resources for this branch?
- that you can study for your Driver's test using the Pickens' Library website?
 1. Type into Google....Sequoyah Regional Library.
 2. Choose....Pickens
 3. Scroll down to globe icon and tap WEBSITE
 4. Find the rectangle that says DATABASES
 5. Driving – Tests.org are right there in the second row.WOW! Your teen will thank you!

- that R.T. Jones (RT Jones Memorial Library is the headquarters for the Sequoyah Regional Library System) was Bobbie Jones' grandfather. Bobbie was the famous golfer who, among his many achievements, designed the iconic Augusta National Golf Course where the Masters is held every year. Fun factoid!

Emma serves our community with a smile and the extensive knowledge that comes from working for the Sequoyah Regional Library System for 29 years. She is a valuable resource, and together with her very capable staff, would love to help you.



Emma Ingle,
Branch Manager



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

Membership categories:

Please check one.

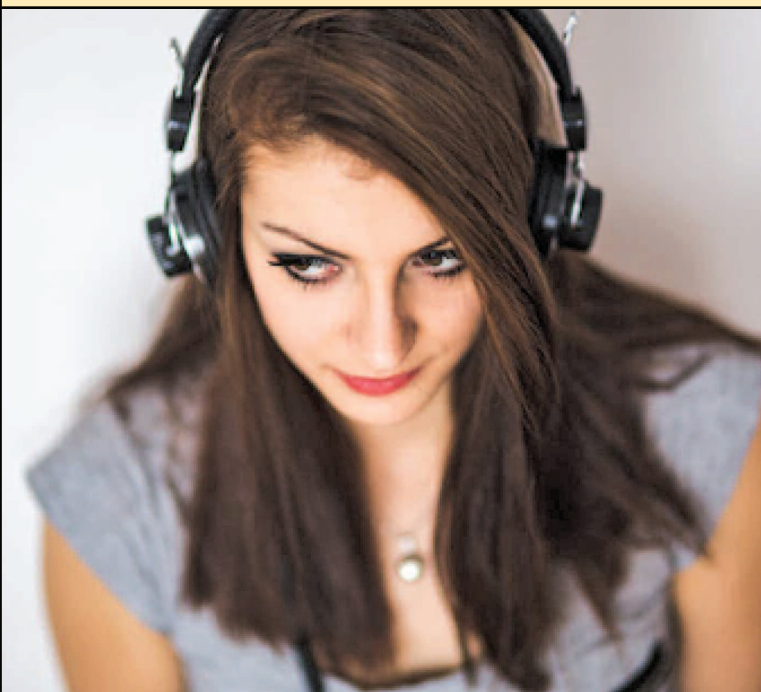
- Student: ☐ \$5
Individual: ☐ \$15
Family: ☐ \$30
Contributor: ☐ \$50 to \$99
Sponsor: ☐ \$100 to \$199
Benefactor: ☐ \$200 or more

Reading is . . .

By Carol Hagadorn

The last issue of the Friends of the Pickens Library Newsletter contained an article, “You do have time to read” by Olive T Reed. Ms. Reed addressed the common complaint among busy modern-day people who say that they do not have time to read. She stated that if you read 200 words per minute for one hour a day for 10 to 12 weeks, you will have read more than a million words. I am working to fit reading into my day, but there is another way one can enjoy books without ever opening a page – books on CD!

My husband, in his long travels around the Atlanta area, is a fan of library books on CD. Before he discovered the joys of listening to a book, he was frustrated with his commute time. Now he finds if he has an interesting book on CD, he can better tolerate the time spent getting from sales call to sales call. In fact, he has listened to so many in the spy novel genre, he thinks his next career will be as a covert operative. For me, the book on CD gives me the chance to catch up on recent titles while I quilt or paint or travel. Our granddaughter enjoys Junie B. Jones books even more when they are read to her in the narrator’s voice. The library has a great selection in all genres, so next time you are at the library try a CD title from the shelves.



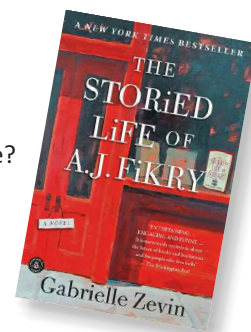
If you are going to get
anywhere in life you have to
read a lot of books.
– Roald Dahl

Seeking new reads

The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry

by Gabrielle Zevin

While on vacation, don’t you love to discover and browse the shelves of a personality-rich independent bookstore? A.J. Fikry, the main character of this novel, is a bookseller who finds, of all things, a toddler in his quirky bookstore. The discovery of the child becomes a life-changing event for him, certainly, but also for everyone who knows him. A cast of interesting characters, a mystery and a love story interwoven with humor makes this book a page turner.



Gwendy’s Button Box

by Stephen King and Richard Chizmar

Spooky October is a great time to pick up the newest Stephen King/Richard Chizmar collaboration. In this novella published in 2017, 12-year-old Gwendy from Castle Rock comes across a stranger who “gives” her a button box (one which has buttons on it, not in it) with lengthy directions and magical powers. All seems well in Gwendy’s life, until curiosity gets the best of her. She presses a certain button and a memorable and unpleasant world event occurs. The charmed life Gwendy had been living is less so.

This short book has just enough creepiness and excellent descriptions to identify it as a Stephen King book. It is on the milder side compared to some of King’s earlier works, so reading it close to bedtime is an option. Richard Chizmar’s style is similar to King’s, and together they have written a book to lose yourself in on a cool fall evening.





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Photo by Leighton Moss

Something Told the Wild Geese

A poem by Rachel Field

Something told the wild geese
It was time to go.
Though the fields lay golden
Something whispered, — "Snow."
Leaves were green and stirring,
Berries, luster-glossed,
But beneath warm feathers
Something cautioned, — "Frost."

All the sagging orchards
Steamed with amber spice,
But each wild breast stiffened
At remembering ice.
Something told the wild geese
It was time to fly, —
Summer sun was on their wings,
Winter in their cry.

Rachel Lyman Field (1894 – 1942) was a novelist, children's book author, playwright, and poet. Born in New York City, she attended Radcliffe College. She was the first woman to win the Newbery Award for outstanding children's fiction for her most famous book, Hitty: Her First Hundred Years. One of her adult novels, All This and Heaven Too, was made into a film starring Bette Davis.



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