



News Letter

Follow the Readers to the Used Book Sale!

The Friends of Pickens Library is about to give each one of you, preschoolers to senior adults, an opportunity that is available for only three days a year. The Friends' **Annual Used Book Sale** will be held September 6, 7, and 8 at the Chattahoochee Technical College with special admission on the 6th for Friends only.

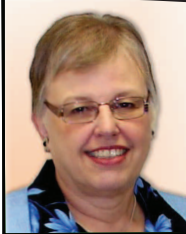
You will find a large selection of quality children's books youth and adult fiction, non-fiction, classics and much more. This is an opportunity to peruse thousands of books that are priced at a fraction of the bookstore price. You will never find a better bang for your buck!

Many of you may have built your own home libraries. You can fill your shelves with classics you have always wanted. Imagine choosing from a shelf full of books on that rainy, cold day. You then settle into a comfortable chair by the fire with a good book in your hands – pure delight!

If you need to make room for new titles, pack up your gently used books now and take them to the library. Dust off those empty shelves and get ready to restock them in September.

See you at the Friends' Annual Book Sale!

Brenda Wynn



A Message from Susan White

President, Friends of the Pickens Library

The dates have been set for the annual book sale! It will be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, September 6, 7, and 8 at the Chattahoochee Technical College. The Thursday evening sale will be for Friends members only. Please put this on your calendar and be sure to attend. This is the only fund raiser that our group has each year. We depend on your help and attendance.

The summer reading program is over and it was a huge success. There were many wonderful programs for children, young adults, and adults. If you participated – wonderful! If you did not, be sure to check these programs out next summer.

The newest addition at the library is a 3D printer. The public, with the library staff's assistance, can make an object for a nominal cost. If you have never seen one of these new 3D printers, be sure to visit the library and view this amazing device! Additionally, the Friends of the Library paid for the display case that shows what amazing items can be made with this printer. Check it out!

We look forward to seeing each one of you at the book sale!

— Susan

friendsofpickenslibrary.org

Welcome to our new Friends' website, friendsofpickenslibrary.org, designed by one of our newest board members, Brent Turbeville. It features an easy way to become a member online, the latest news from the Friends of the Pickens Library, past copies of the quarterly newsletter, a sign-up form to help before, during, and after the book sale, a link to our Facebook page, and our mission statement. You can now check out the new website and our Facebook page for the latest news from the Friends of the Pickens Library.



*Now is the Time for All Good Men (and Women) To Come to the Aid of Their Library!

I've taken liberties with this familiar quote to remind you that it is the perfect time to sort and donate books you've read, books you will never read, and books you want to share with others. August is the perfect time to make room on your shelves for the new books you plan to buy at our upcoming book sale. The staff at the front desk at the Pickens Library will happily take your donations!

**The original phrase, first spoken by Patrick Henry, was "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their party." It was introduced by Charles E. Weller in 1867 as a part of a practice exercise for typists trying to increase their speed.*



The only thing that you absolutely have to know is the location of the library.

— Albert Einstein



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

More Little Free Libraries in Jasper?

Ahh, the last lazy days of summer when it is too hot to spend time outside in the afternoon sun, too hot to do much besides spend time inside or in the shade of a porch or favorite tree. Reading counts as one of my favorite activities anytime of the year, and especially now. As a Friend of the Library, I know I am “preaching to the choir” when I extol the benefits of reading to other Friends who receive this newsletter. Each of us who has spent money on membership dues to help increase the number of new release books in the stacks has in a small way helped make our library the community center for Pickens County residents. However, in order to promote literacy and encourage reading, one must be creative and persistent to enable everyone to have easy access to books.

One recent and creative movement taking hold all over the world has been the creation of Little Free Libraries. They consist of a small waterproof box with a door, usually mounted on a pole. The boxes are uniquely painted or decorated, and inside are books that are free for the Little Library visitor to take and read. The books can be returned and switched for new reading material. In this way, people who are unable to get to the library have a ready source of free reading material.



The closest one to Jasper is at Hill City Elementary School. Suzanne Hardison received Charter #70133. On the website, littlefreelibrary.secure.force.com, she writes “At Hill City Elementary School, we are always looking for ways to get more books into the hands of more children in our surrounding community. This Little Free Library, generously made possible by the Rotary Club of Jasper, is perfect. As a steward, HCES will keep it filled with exciting titles for young readers. Please visit often and join in on this “Take a book. Return a book.” reading adventure!”

Thanks, Suzanne and the Rotary Club of Jasper. I think Little Free Libraries are a wonderful idea worth exploring!

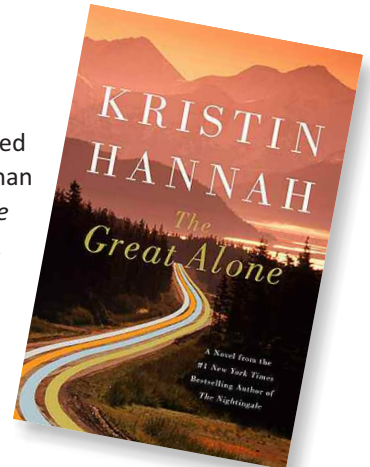


Seeking New Reads

The Great Alone

by Kristin Hannah

When I told friends I was headed to Alaska this summer, more than one recommended reading *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah, author of the book of *The Nightingale*, a wonderfully written story, in my opinion, so I had high hopes for a good read.



I was drawn in immediately by the characters.

The main characters were Ernt, a Vietnam vet who suffers from PTSD, his wife, Cora, who is supportive of her husband even when she realizes how she would suffer by his hand over and over again, and Leni, their 14-year-old daughter, the narrator of this saga. There are many other colorful secondary characters who live off the grid in or near the very small fictional town of Kaneq. These people generously take care of this unprepared young family and supply them with important staples and indispensable information about how to survive in their harsh new environment.

Alaska’s scenery, weather and topography are described in great detail so that the reader can easily imagine them. Also, Ms. Hannah describes what the homesteads look like, the smells her characters experience, and how the extreme cold feels. While reading, I realized I would not be making the choice to be a pioneer in the cold, dark, unforgiving wilderness that is winter in Alaska. The main characters did learn to brave the wild animals, the shortage of food and the long periods of dark and isolation in their quest to escape the “Outside.” They also knew that making mistakes when outdoors in the elements was often a death sentence.

Problems propel a fictional story and there are plenty of problems encountered by these characters that keep this story moving along. It is a page turner.

Kristin Hannah shares her knowledge and love of Alaska in her newest novel. In an interview with Goodreads, she shared that she asked several Alaskan friends if her depiction of the homesteader people was accurate. They gave her the go-ahead, so she felt good about her efforts.

Would I recommend this book? Yes, but with reservations. There are graphic scenes of domestic violence.

You can find this popular book at the Pickens Library. Check it out!



I Meant to Do My Work Today

A poem by Richard Le Gallienne

I meant to do my work today-
But a brown bird sang in the apple-tree,
And a butterfly flitted across the field,
And all the leaves were calling me,

And the wind went sighing over the land,
Tossing the grasses to and fro,
And a rainbow held out its shining hand-
So what could I do but laugh and go?



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Richard Le Gallienne (January 20, 1866-September 15, 1947) Le Gallienne was born in Liverpool, England. He started work as an accountant, but failed his final exam and left to become a professional writer. He was active as a critic, lecturer and author throughout the 1890s in England. He spent time in the United States, but he was unsuccessful there. His work was considered old-fashioned. He liked to write about birds and flowers and compose odes to autumn. This poem seems appropriate during the last lazy days of summer. My apologies to Pickens students and teachers whose last lazy days are long gone!



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