



News Letter

Meet the Circulation Department

Behind the front desk of the Pickens Library there are three dedicated employees, Debbie, Beth and Jacque, who spend their days at work looking for books and helping with



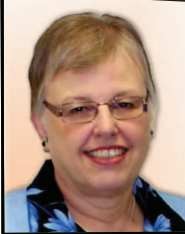
Missing from the photo is Debbie.

technology. In fact, Beth, who agreed to sit and talk with me about her job, said she enjoys the challenge of finding a book on the library shelves when no one else can.

Patrons who frequent the library like to see the knowledgeable and friendly faces who are behind the desk. This staff also enjoys meeting all the members of a family and watching the children grow. They get to see a child attending story time as a preschooler and years later, that same child may ask for help on school projects.

As for the busiest times for the staff, summer wins, hands-down. There are 2 to 3 programs a day planned for children and adults. Those school projects mentioned in the previous paragraph can be the catalyst for a visit to the circulation department. As a project deadline gets closer, the staff gets busier!

The biggest change in the circulation department in the past few years has been the influx of technology. Job applicants, seniors learning new computer skills and patrons wanting to use "Overdrive" and "Libby" have made the library not just a place for books. Debbie, Beth and Jacque are always ready and able to help, no matter what your request. Thank you for your many years of service!



A Message from Susan White

President, Friends of the Pickens Library

The annual book sale is over and what a success it was!! This was the best sale that the Friends have had. A huge thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, and especially bought items from the sale. The money raised will be used to purchase new materials for the Pickens County Library. The Board of the Friends of Pickens Library is extremely grateful for everyone's support. THANK YOU!

The board members of the Friends who were scheduled to "roll off" have all said that they plan to continue as board members for another three years. So, there will be no new members of the board for 2019. This shows the dedication of these wonderful supporters of this organization.

The Festival of Trees at the Pickens Library will be here before you know it. Immediately following Thanksgiving, there will be several unusual and beautifully decorated trees at the library for you to enjoy. Organizations and other groups will place a tree decorated to highlight their cause or interest. In addition, a wonderful and entertaining program will take place on Monday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m. This will be the 25th annual Christmas program at the library. Come and help celebrate at this wonderful holiday event.

Whenever you are asked to join the Friends, or if you see a form to do so, please help this organization out by submitting your dues. Dues are only \$15 per person and this allows you to support this wonderful organization. There is no better way to help your local community!

— Susan

All the reading she had done had given her a view of life they had never seen.

— Roald Dahl, *Matilda*

Become a Friend!

"Anything is possible when you have the right people there to support you."
~ Misty Copeland

If you are reading this newsletter, you are likely a Friend of the Pickens Library already. Thank you! We appreciate your support. Our goal this fall is to increase our membership to 250 members. Please help us by contacting your friends and family members to encourage them join you in supporting the worthwhile cause of adding additional titles to the library's collection.

You can become a member by donating \$5 for a student membership, \$15 for a single membership, or \$30 for a family. To become a member or to renew a membership online, please enter friendsofpickenslibrary.org and follow the instructions.

Become a Friend of the Pickens Library this month.

According to Emma Ingle

Please sign the Thank You card.

October is *Friends'* Month at the Pickens Library.

Established in 1990, our Friends of the Library group provides much needed money for the purchase of materials. They provide funds for programming and resources. The Friends annual used book sale is a testimony to their commitment, hard work, and dedication to make the Pickens Library the best it can be.

Show your appreciation by signing the **Thank You** card.

Emma Ingle / Library Manager



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

Why Do I Like That Book?

By Carol Hagadorn

This summer, the PBS program "The Great American Read" gave its viewers a chance to vote on their favorite book. You can find the list of the 100 best books at www.pbs.org/the-great-american-read/read/quiz/. My favorite from this list is *To Kill a Mockingbird*. I thought about the reasons why it is my favorite.



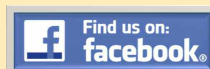
When I read a fiction story, I refer to that elementary school list of story elements: characters, setting, plot, problems and solutions.

In *To Kill a Mockingbird*, main characters like Scout, Jem, Dill, and Atticus came to life in this book. I wanted to be Scout, have a big brother like Jem, and a dad like Atticus. Dill was such a fun-loving, quirky neighbor. His innocent and active imagination helped to fuel the excitement of spying on the reclusive Boo Radley, a neighbor. This book also had a host of secondary characters who played important roles in making this book so interesting to me. There were the Finch's maid, Calpurnia who made Scout and Jem "toe the line," and Aunt Alexandra, a thorn in Scout's side, who cared deeply about what others thought about the Finches. Then there were the Ewells, Bob and Mayella, who accused Tom Robinson of raping Mayella. Their accusations created tension throughout the novel.

The town of Maycomb, Alabama was the setting, and 1933-35 were the years when the events of this story took place. When I first read it during high school, this sleepy southern small town seemed so different from the Kansas City suburbs where I grew up.

There were multiple problems in the story, but racial prejudice and events surrounding the trial where Atticus Finch defended Tom Robinson were the main issues. There were plausible solutions to this and many other problems, but ultimately, Atticus could not overcome the racial issues in this case against Tom.

I often race through a book to find out what is going to happen. When I finish, I then reflect on what I liked or disliked about a certain story. During that reflection, I allow myself to be my own critic, which puts me in a powerful place as a reader. The book, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, my all-time favorite, remains in my thoughts, and I look forward to rereading it every few years to remind me why I still find it so extraordinary. Fellow readers, think about your favorite book from PBS' 100 best list and try to figure out why it is special to you. Happy reading!



October is Friends' Month at the Pickens Library

The Pickens County Public Library gets by with a little help from our Friends ... actually, we get by with a lot of help from our Friends!

October 21st- 27th is National Friends of Libraries' Week, and it is the perfect opportunity for the trustees and staff of the Pickens County Public Library to give our Friends a big Thank You for all they do and the hours they volunteer for the annual book sale.

Established in 1990, our Friends of the Library group provides much-needed money for the purchase of materials. They also provide funds for programming and resources when the library is in need. We could not do all that we do without the support, hard work, and dedication of our Friends.

Most public libraries are supported by a Friends of the Library group. Next time you visit the library, ask for information about the Friends. Join the Friends, support their events, and volunteer your time with them.

Joining the Friends of the Library is a terrific way to make new friends of your own, give back to your community, and help your library grow.

Emma Ingle / Library Manager

Remember to renew in October
or become a member!



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October

A poem by John Updike

The month is amber,
Gold and brown.
Blue ghosts of smoke
Float through the town,
Great V's of geese
Honk overhead,
And maples turn
A fiery red.

Frost bites the lawn.
The stars are slits.
In a black cat's eye
Before she spits.

At last, small witches,
Goblins, hags,
And pirates armed
With paper bags,
Their costumes hinged
On safety pins,
Go haunt a night
Of pumpkin grins.



John Updike (1932-2009) John Updike was an award-winning fiction writer of novels and short stories, a poet, and a literary and art critic. He spent his entire life writing. He once said to booksellers in a speech at the American Booksellers Association, to "defend [their] lonely forts....For some of us, books are intrinsic to our human identity."



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