



NewsLetter

Meet Leslie Young

Leslie Young, our Youth Services Specialist, is an enthusiastic asset to the Pickens Library Staff. Whether she is planning events or reading at Story Time (Thursdays at 10:30 and 4:30), recommending books to the younger set or working with the area schools, she is happy to help patrons get the most out of our local library.

Summer is usually the busiest time for Leslie as she guides school-age children through the ins and outs of the Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is "A Universe of Stories." This outer space-themed, incentive-based program will begin on May 24 this year.

Pickens Library is fortunate to have Leslie, a graduate of the University of North Georgia, guiding our youngest patrons. Please feel free to ask questions about children's books or request the latest STEAM or coding activities for your child's use. She is very accommodating and looks forward to helping you and your child!



Leslie Young.



A Message from Susan White

President, Friends of the Pickens Library

YOU are invited to attend a wonderful program sponsored by the Friends of Pickens Library on Thursday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pickens County Library. Information about this program can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. There will be refreshments for your enjoyment afterwards. Come and enjoy an entertaining, informative, and worthwhile evening.

The dates have been set for the annual book sale! The book sale will be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, September 5, 6, and 7 at the Chattahoochee Technical College. The Thursday evening sale will be for Friends' members only. So, please put these dates on your calendar and plan to attend. This is the only fund raiser our group has each year, so we depend on your help and attendance.

As the famous saying goes, "Spring has sprung!" There is no better time than now to visit your local library and see all they offer. One can now go outside and read. Enjoy your favorite audiobook, on-line book, regular paperback or hardback book while taking in the wonderful sunshine and warm breezes. Have a great Spring!

— Susan

Mike Buffington discusses his book: *A Conspiracy of Silence*

The award-winning journalist Mike Buffington from Madison GA will discuss his book about the 1967 assassination of Floyd "Fuzzy" Hoard, the Solicitor General from rural Jackson County GA. Mr. Buffington will bring to light the corruption in Jackson County and the events surrounding the death of Hoard. Learn how Hoard's crusade to combat corruption, bootleggers, and car thieves lead to his death. Also, learn about the Pickens County connection to this horrific event.

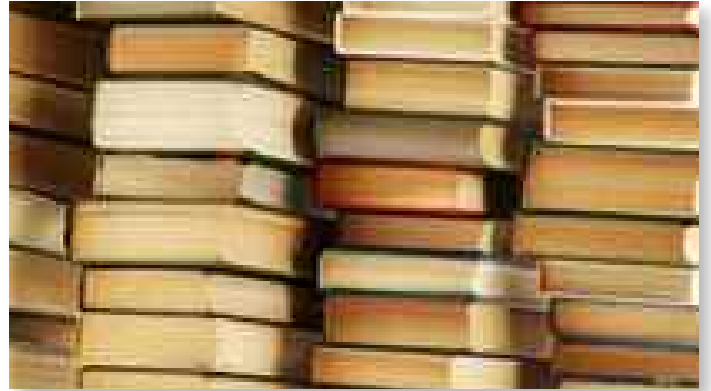


Don't miss this **free** Friends-sponsored author event. It takes place at the **Pickens County Library** at **7:00 p.m.** on **May 2, 2019**. A reception will follow.

Question: *How do you become a trendsetter, benefit the Pickens County Library, and clean out your bookshelves at the same time?*

Answer: Take your gently used books to the Pickens Library.

According to Marie Kondo, a leader in the latest trendsetting, movement, people are finding joy after letting go of some of the physical items that don't bring joy into their lives. Most books are a joyful thing, but too many could cause one to be classified as a hoarder! Besides, one can take comfort in the fact that someone else may find joy in one of your discards. Start on your decluttering journey today, and remember the staff at the Pickens County Library will happily repurpose your gently used books.



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“A book is a dream that you hold in your hands.”

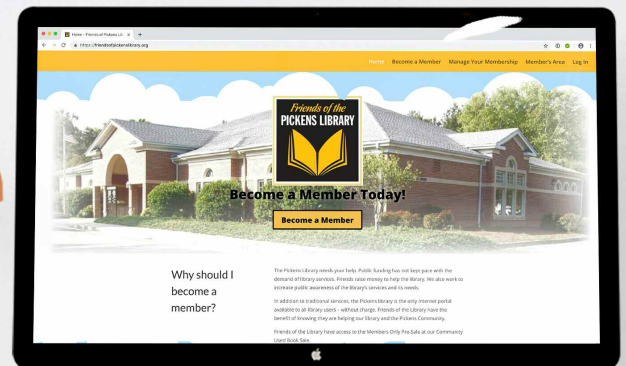
– Neil Gaiman

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You are invited to visit the Friends' website. On it, you can become a member online, read past newsletters, and check out the latest news from the library. It also has a link to our Facebook page and our mission statement. Come join us, and become a member today!

Become a Member

Today



What Book Are You Reading?

Cool rainy days inside lounging in our favorite chair or warm sunny days hanging out on the porch are where you will find FOPL board members reading. Each recently volunteered what they are reading as the season changes to Spring and the selections are diverse!



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Paige Reynolds – *Queen Victoria: 24 Days that Changed Her Life* by Lucy Worsley

Ann Dobson – *The Cold Dish* by Craig Johnson

Sandy Tatum – *H is for Hawk* by Helen Macdonald

Nancy Hammer – *The Winter Garden* by Kristin Hannah

Scott Jackson – work related information/the Bible for Sunday School

Peggy Simmons – *Her Royal Spyness* series by Rhys Bowen

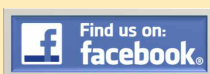
Susan White – *The Chocolate Cream Pie Murder* by Joanne Fluke

Brenda Wynn – *The Butterfly's Daughter* by Mary Alice Monroe

Nancy Davis – *Becoming* by Michelle Obama

Emma Ingle – *Adobe Moon* by Mark Warren

Carol Hagadorn – *The Eighty-Dollar Champion* by Elizabeth Letts



Seeking New Reads

Author Elizabeth Letts penned two books about horses. I recently read both of them: *The Eighty-Dollar Champion: Snowman, The Horse that Inspired a Nation* (2012) and *The Perfect Horse* (2016).

Historical fiction is my favorite type of books. I find I can painlessly learn about people and events in history when they are presented in a story. Elizabeth Letts' stories about Snowman and the horses who were unwittingly involved in creating a perfect specimen for the Nazis helped me to learn more about horses and the events and time periods on which each book concentrated.

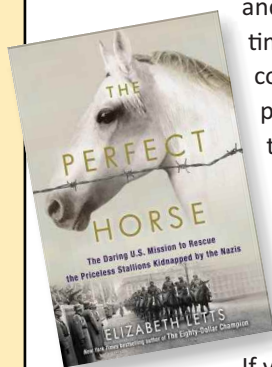
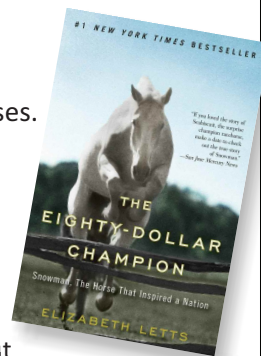
The story of Snowman, a horse rescued from the back of a truck loaded with horses headed to the glue factory, is the Cinderella story of both the horse and his owner/trainer, Harry de Leyer. Harry, a recent immigrant from post-World War II Holland, was looking for an inexpensive lesson horse to use at the Knox School on Long Island where he ran the stables. On that winter day in 1956, Harry made eye contact with the rough-looking horse his own children named Snowman. The events of the next few years were amazing. Snowman and Harry's close relationship and success in the show ring showed that sometimes love and respect outweigh money and social standing in the competitive world of horse jumping. The book covered what is involved in training a horse, competing in horse shows, and most importantly, how much commitment it took on Harry and Snowman's part to be successful.

Ms. Lett's book *The Perfect Horse*, is subtitled: *The Daring U.S. Mission to Rescue the Priceless Stallions Kidnapped by the Nazis*. This book tells the story of a select and prized group of horses, including the beautiful Lipizzaner stallions from the Spanish Riding School. These horses became the focus of Gustav Rau, a Nazi affiliated with the German Army High Command, who believed he could breed the perfect horse for the Third Reich. During the war, the horses were moved throughout Europe with the intention of saving them. But as the war was winding down, the Germans could no longer protect them, and as starving Russians traveled east, it became a race against time to save these beautiful animals. The story of U.S. Army commanding officer of the 2nd Cavalry, Hank Reed, also played a part in the events which involved trying to save these horses. A man in his early forties, Reed had spent his whole career in the U.S. Army working with the U. S. Army Cavalry. Unfortunately, horses were phased out as the world turned to jeeps and tanks as transportation during wartime. As the story unfolds, you will learn how he and others risked their lives to help these valuable horses.

If you like horses and history, with some human interest, too, I think you will enjoy these books. Both books can be found at in the stacks at the Pickens Library and on Overdrive.

Carol Hagadorn

P.S. Elizabeth Letts' new book, *Finding Dorothy* hit the shelves in February. It is about the making of the *Wizard of Oz*. L. Frank Baum wrote the famous story, and this book tells the story of the author's wife, Maud, and her involvement in the production. I am looking forward to settling down with this book soon!





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Spelling Bee

by David McCord

It takes a good speller
To spell *cellar*,
separate, and *benefiting*;
not omitting
cemetery, *cataclysm*,
picknicker and *pessimism*.
And have you ever tried
innocuous, *inoculate*,
dessert, *deserted*, *desiccate*;
divide and *spied*,
gnat, *knickers*, *gnome*,
crumb, *crypt*, and *chrome*;
surreptitious, *supersede*,
delete, *dilate*, *impede*?

David McCord (1897-1997) was an American poet and a fundraiser for Harvard University. He earned a BA and an MA at Harvard. McCord authored and edited more than 50 books during his life. He lived for a time on his uncle's farm in Oregon. It was there that he discovered "Poetry is rhythm, just as the planet Earth is rhythm; the best writing, poetry or prose – no matter what the message conveys – depends on a very sure and subtle rhythm." The Scripps National Spelling Bee will begin on Sunday, May 26 and it ends on Friday, May 31, 2019.



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