



# News Letter

## “Prime Time” to Purchase Great Books!

By Brenda Wynn

September 5, 6, and 7 are the days to mark on your calendar for the 2019 Pickens County Friends of the Library Book Sale.

Amazon Prime Days are known for offering amazing deals on many items for two days only. The Friends of the Pickens Library are offering not just two, but three days of amazing deals on a huge selection of gently used books, movies and music!

For a limited time, you can make this an even better deal. You have a once-a-year opportunity to take advantage of one of the best “perks” of being a member of The Friends of Pickens Library during Prime Days. We will kick-off our annual used books sale at Chattahoochee Tech for members only from 4:00-6:00pm on Thursday, September 5. During these hours on Thursday evening, members are offered the first chance to purchase from thousands of titles.

The membership fee of \$15.00 gives you access to this amazing opportunity – but wait! We will give your entire family a membership for up to six members for only \$15.00 more. Then, your family can be greeted at the door as new members, and each new member can take advantage of these incredible deals.

Please visit our website at [friendsofpickenslibrary.org](http://friendsofpickenslibrary.org) to easily complete or renew your membership online. On the website, you can also find additional information about being a Friend of the Library.

Two additional days of shopping continue for members and the general public on Friday, September 6 from 9:00am to 6:00pm and Saturday, September 7 from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

There will be bargain books in all categories including Children, Young Adult, Fiction, Non-Fiction, Classics and many more. Prices range from \$.25 for select toddlers’ books to \$1.00-\$2.00 for adult paperback and hardcover volumes. Rare first editions and exceptional finds will be offered at slightly higher prices.

Cash, checks, credit cards, and debit cards will be accepted at checkout.

See you at this year’s “Prime Time Sale”!

P.S. It’s not too late to donate your gently used books for this year’s sale.



## 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 5, 6, and 7 at the Chattahoochee Technical College. The Thursday evening sale will be for Friends’ members only. You can become a “Friend” at the door if you are not already one. You can also renew your membership online before you enter the sale. 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 assistance. an entertaining, informative, and worthwhile evening.

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

And speaking of programs – the library continues to schedule all kinds of programs for both children and adults. Check out the schedule in the local newspaper, as well as the listings at the library. There are many programs and I know that you will find at least one that suits you and your family.

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

— Susan

## Sale Set-up Schedule for Volunteers

Active Friends of the Pickens Library members, please consider joining FOPL board members as we set up the annual sale. If you would like to help, but are not yet a member, you can join anytime, in person or online at <https://friendsofpickenslibrary.org>.

We can use extra hands and strong backs to carry, sort, and label the books in their respective categories. The days and hours to work are as follows:

Thursday, Aug. 29, Friday, Aug. 30, Tuesday, Sept. 3, Wednesday, Sept. 4, and Thursday, September 5 (if needed). The hours are 9:00am to 3:30pm. Please email Sue Appleton, [jsappleton@windstream.net](mailto:jsappleton@windstream.net) to sign up to help, or for further information. As always, Friends of the Pickens Library thank you!

## How Did This Happen?

It never ceases to amaze. Every year, thousands of books of all genres, movies, music, books on CD, really anything one can find at a bookstore, are all organized neatly in the gigantic rooms of the Chattahoochee Technical College in Jasper. How do all of these items for sale end up here? From where do they come? Where do they spend their time before the sale?

Starting in early September, many patrons drop off books with the front-desk staff at the Pickens County Library. The library staff makes sure each book is sale-worthy, and the books are temporarily housed on shelves in a back room at the library. Some sale books are discards from the library. Some books are donated from the unsold items from the annual Big Canoe Legacy of Caring book sale in May. All are then boxed up in boxes, mostly provided by Ingles, and then transported to storage rooms at the Georgia

The books have to be transported and mostly are moved load-by-load in the pickup trucks of a very dedicated group of Friends of the Library board members. Another group who help transport are the men from Highland Rivers who will help bring the year's accumulation to Chattahoochee Tech in late August. The technical college's large meeting rooms are perfect for the sale, and the staff is very accommodating during the set-up process.

Once the boxes are opened, the contents are sorted and laid out on long tables in their respective categories by board members and dedicated Friends. Local technical experts help with the advertising at the library, in newspapers, and on bank or other community interest bulletin boards.

All board members and additional Friends' volunteers take turns manning the sales floor during the hours of the sale. Also, local Scouts help carry purchases to cars.

At the sale's end, the Salvation Army comes to collect the unsold books, and tables and chairs are broken down. The venue is returned to its presale state.

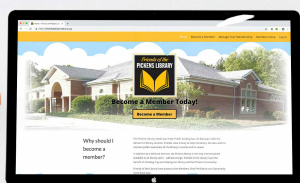
Money collected during the sale is counted and added to the bank account of the Friends of the Pickens Library to fund future purchases to benefit all patrons.

It is clear that it takes the time and efforts of hundreds of volunteers and patrons to have a successful sale. Thank you to all who make this sale possible and profitable for the Pickens Library!



**Become a Member**

**Today**



***friendsofpickenslibrary.org***

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!

## Reading = Traveling in Your Imagination

*"Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are."* — Mason Cooley

One can only travel so much. Job responsibilities, school schedules, lack of funds, time constraints, or health and mobility issues prevent us from taking to the highways or high seas as often as we'd like. That's when reading about a certain place in a book can provide a substitute for actually stepping into a location or a specific time in history. Great authors paint pictures with words. They enable us, from our comfy seats, to experience the confines of Harper Lee's small hometown of Monroeville, Alabama in *To Kill a Mockingbird*, the seemingly endless Texas landscape in *News of the World*, or the interior of the Metropol Hotel in *A Gentleman in Moscow*. Forget packing your



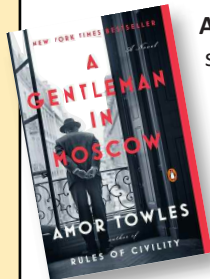
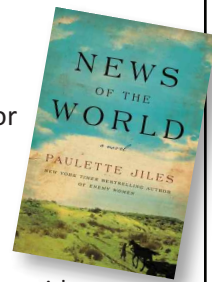
bags, catching a flight, sitting for endless hours in a car. Travel in your mind's eye. Pick up a book and read!



## Books I Read This Summer – Two Thumbs Up!

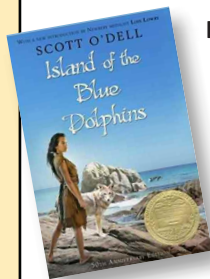
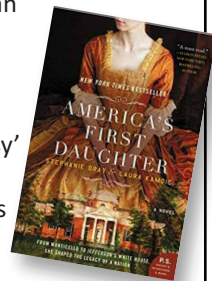
Instead of writing a review about one book, the format for this issue will be books which earn a two thumbs-up-award from me...and why.

**News of the World** by Paulette Jiles (2016). Beautiful writing. Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd's droll sense of humor with references to Ball Ground, GA, addresses moral dilemma dealing with reintroduction to former culture the children who were captured by Native American tribes. Fascinating story about a time not usually covered and many interesting characters introduced along the way.



**A Gentleman in Moscow** by Amor Towles (2016). An incredible setting, the Metropol Hotel in Moscow where an aristocrat is put under permanent house arrest, loyal friends and an antagonist who is a thorn in the side of Count Alexander. Delightful girl characters - 2 of them.

**America's First Daughter** by Stephanie Dray and Laurie Kamoie (2016). The story of Martha 'Patsy' Jefferson Randolph who took care of her father Jefferson after the death of her mother. Well researched using letters written by Jefferson. A very readable book which brings to life the Revolutionary War period.



**Island of the Blue Dolphins** by Scott O'Dell (1961). A true story about survival and loneliness, perfect for 11 to 14-year-olds who see how one Native American girl, Karana, survives on San Nicolas Island for 18 years during the 19th Century. As enchanting now as it was when I first read it.

These books have all been out for a while, so they are generally available at the library in print or on CD, but not on Overdrive at this time...perhaps you will luck out and find a copy at the book sale!

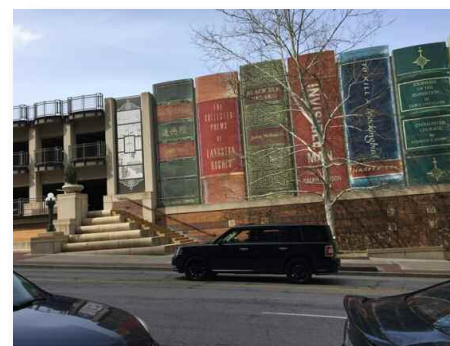
## Vacation Destination – The Library!

My travel plans often include visiting many local attractions when I visit a new place. My wallet and credit cards take a big hit on these visits if too many museums, amusement parks, and shopping malls are included. I like to search for low-cost or free places to explore. Always, I have been pleasantly surprised when I include the area library in my plans.

*Reasons to visit a library even if you are not checking out books:*

1. Friendly and helpful front desk folks who offer suggestions about what to do in the area
2. Cool exhibits and displays to peruse
3. Ideas of possible items to check out to bring back to your local library
4. A free place to entertain your children or grandchildren on a weather-challenged day
5. Most cities and towns have one
6. Clean bathrooms...(a real plus in New York City!)

So, consider a library as a possible vacation destination. It is always a wonderful adventure!



Parking Garage – Kansas City, MO Library



Original Pooh Bear and friends - NYC Library



Gondola car inside library – Telluride, CO



Doing puzzles – Breckenridge, CO



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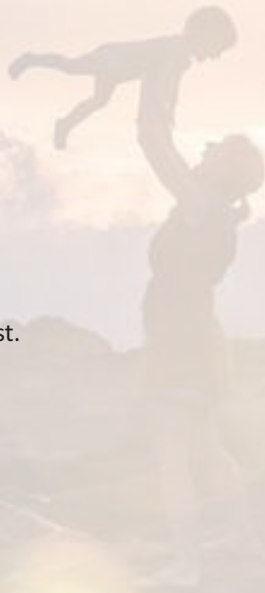
by John Updike

The sprinkler twirls.  
The summer wanes.  
The pavement wears  
Popsicle stains.

The playground grass  
Is worn to dust.  
The weary swings  
Creak, creak with rust.

The trees are bored  
With being green.  
Some people leave  
The local scene

And go to seaside  
Bungalows  
And take off nearly  
All their clothes.



*Poet, novelist, art and literary critic John Updike was born on March 18, 1932 and died on January 27, 2009. He graduated from Harvard University in 1954 and began an affiliation with New Yorker magazine. He is most remembered for his attention to craftsmanship in regard to his writing. During his lifetime, he was awarded the Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Award, and the National Book Critics Circle, among others.*



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