



NewsLetter

Books as Gifts

The season of gift-giving is almost here. Newspaper advertisements featuring the latest toys are plentiful. TV commercials show happy children playing with “must-have” toys. Parents, grandparents and other relatives and friends are faced with the dilemma...What meaningful gift do I purchase for a child?

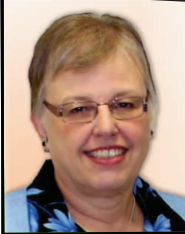
Around the Pinterest App community, a movement has surfaced. Rhymes outlining the Christmas gift “rules” have been written and shared. Parents and grandparents can jump aboard, if desired, and stop some of the madness of too many gifts under the tree. The rhymes go like this:

*“A toy they want,
An outfit they need,
A game to play,
A book to read,
Something to build,
Something for watching
Plus, enough small treats
to fill a stocking!”*

Or, the condensed version....

*“Something they WANT,
Something they NEED,
Something to WEAR,
Something to READ.”*

Both rhymes include **something to read!** It is always a good idea to give books as they encourage independence and quiet time, they require no batteries, they reinforce reading skills, they can be shared or treasured by the recipient. They are relatively inexpensive. Your librarian can offer excellent book suggestions for any age, including adults! Enjoy this book-giving season!



A Message from Susan White

President, Friends of the Pickens Library

The book sale on September 5, 6, and 7 was a huge success. We are extremely grateful to everyone who came and purchased items that were for sale. We are also grateful to everyone who volunteered either one day or all, including set-up, sale, and clean-up days. This annual sale would not have been so successful without everyone involved – buyers and workers. **THANK YOU SO MUCH!** The money raised will be used to purchase new materials for the Pickens County Library.

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 each place a tree decorated to highlight their cause or interest. In addition, a festive and entertaining program will take place on Monday, December 2, at 7:00pm. This program will be the 26th annual Christmas event at the library. Come and help celebrate on this wonderful pre-holiday evening.

Whenever you are reminded to renew your Friends’ membership or asked to join for the first time, please consider helping this organization by submitting your dues. Dues are only \$15.00 per person each year, and they provide support for this wonderful organization of Friends who support our local public library. Help your local community and your library!

— Susan

Thank You, Nancy Davis!

The Pickens County Library Friends Board would like to extend a special “Thank You!” to Nancy for her six-plus years of volunteer service on the Friends of the Library Board at the Jasper Library. Nancy’s skills, dedication, and love for the library was evident as she worked tirelessly to recruit speakers, write for and edit the quarterly newsletter, and work at the annual Book Sale, among her many duties.



Now, you will find Nancy volunteering as a cashier at the Community Thrift Store, playing piano and enjoying her cats. Nancy, we thank you for your years of service to the library, and wish you all the best!

Jasper Unites to Support the Library

A heartfelt thank you is in order. Many organizations and individuals made the book sale a success. The following are businesses and individual volunteers who gave of their resources and/or time. Please patronize the businesses and thank the people who helped. The Friends of the Pickens Library appreciate you!

Organizations

BookFinders.com, Chattahoochee Tech, Community Bank of Pickens County, The Echo/Bent Tree, Farm Bureau/Jasper, Highland Rivers, Ingles, KnowPickens.com, Pickens County Library, Pickens County Progress, Smoke Signals, and The UPS Store

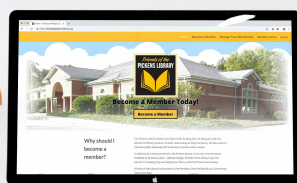
Individuals

Paula Adams, Sue Appleton, Joan Blanchard, Sara Bland, Ann Dobson, Charles Ferguson, Linda Ferguson, Carol Hagadorn, Nancy Hammer, Bill Horton, Scott Jackson, Mary Ellen Johnson, Susan Lindsay, Tom Lindsay, Florence Melda, Sheryl Moore, Carol Morris, Susan Mowry, Paige Reynolds, Bobbie Shelnutt, Peggy Simmons, Linda Stepp, Randy Stepp, Sandy Tatum, Brent Turbeville, Patricia Wanner, Karen Webster, Kathy Westbrook, Susan White, Milt Wilson and Brenda Wynn



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!

It's All About the Books!

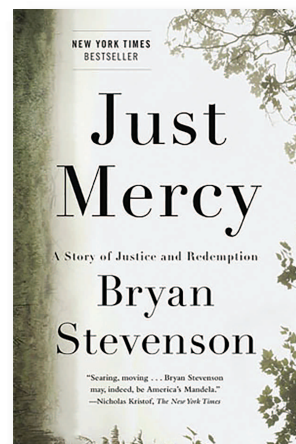
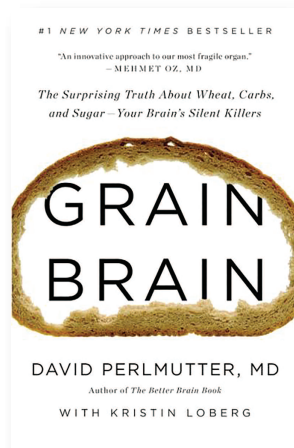
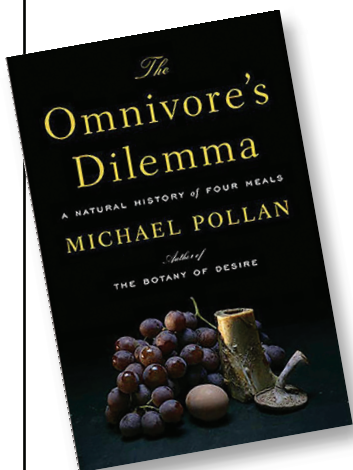
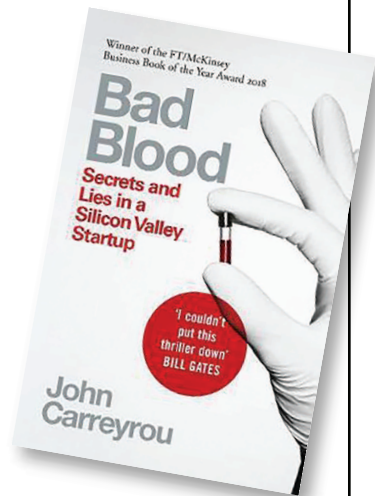
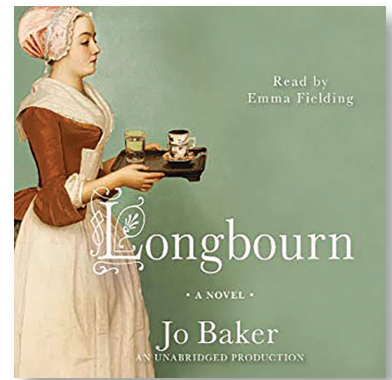
Whether holding a book or a device in my hands, I love sitting in a comfy chair, cozily wrapped in flannel - and reading! This Fall, my favorite books have been:

Longbourn by Jo Baker – (2013) It's *Pride and Prejudice*, but the main characters are the servants instead of the Bennets. The book describes the hardships of the servants and their dependence on the Bennet family to provide a safe place for them to live and work. Interesting characters and situations made this book a page turner for me.

Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup by John Carreyrou - (2018) This book covers the riveting story of Elizabeth Holmes and her meteoric rise to the top with her company Theranos, and her subsequent fall from grace. Fascinating.

The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals by Michael Pollan - (2006)
Grain Brain: The Surprising Truth about Wheat, Carbs and Sugar by David Perlmutter MD – Both books are nonfiction and a welcome respite from the stacks of fiction I've been reading. Both books are about food. Since we are entering the season of overindulgence, research about the food we eat is timely.

Just Mercy – A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson (2014) Harvard-trained lawyer, Bryan Stevenson, made it his life's work to help prisoners on death row battle the legal system. This riveting book explores many tough cases, and the rampant injustices that many convicted people facing the death penalty endured. While not an easy read, it uncovers the very real struggle of poor and hopeless people who had no help until Mr. Stevenson took their cases.



Upcoming Library Events

Update your calendars! The Pickens Library Staff are sponsoring events for you and your family this December!

- December 10 at 3:00 - The Jane Austin Book Club will meet and discuss *Northanger Abbey*.
- December 18 at 4:00 – For the over 18 DIY crowd. Tile coasters (holiday gifts????) Please RSVP to the library staff to reserve your place.
- December 19 at 6:00 – Santa and Mrs. Claus will be reading to our youngest patrons and their parents. Photo taking opportunities, too!

These are just a few of the events scheduled.
Please check the lobby calendar for more information and more events.



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November

by John Updike

The stripped and shapely
Maple grieves
The loss of her
Departed leaves.

The ground is hard,
As hard as stone.

The year is old,
The birds are flown.

And yet the world,
Nevertheless,
Displays a certain
Loveliness-----

The beauty of
The bone. Tall God
Must see our souls
This way, and nod.

Give thanks: we do,
Each in his place
Around the table
During grace.



Poet, novelist, and 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 contributed to the *New Yorker* magazine. During his lifetime, he was awarded the Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Award, and the National Book Critics Circle, among others. The illustration by Trina Schart Hyman is from the book *A Child's Calendar*.



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