

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

WORD FOR WORD

Winter 2015

GREETINGS FROM FOL BOARD PRESIDENT MARY HELEN WATSON

"What a busy fall this has been for me and I imagine for most of you as well! Here at the library very important decisions are being made about the location, and, of course, where the FOL fits into the whole picture. SGRL is making a move to a new location on Julia Drive. What an exciting time to be a member of the FOL in a period of major change for all of us. So, don't forget to renew your membership and please consider joining the FOL board so that we can continue to support the library. Of course, don't miss the January 14th, 2016 Annual Meeting! This is the one time that you can enjoy a lovely location, Steel's Jewelry, participate in a silent auction, sign up for wonderful door prizes, snack on delicious goodies and socialize with other FOL members. Put the date on your calendar today and don't miss it.

Questions? Email or call wats7850@bellsouth.net or 229-333-0254.



ANNUAL FRIENDS MEETING

January 14, 2016

5-6:30 p.m.

Silent Auction,
Door Prizes
courtesy of Steel's
Fun and Food!
Steel's Jewelry
3336 Country Club Rd.



BACKDOOR BOOKSTORE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE--DEC. 15

12 books of YOUR CHOICE (bookstore items only)

Tickets: \$1 each or 6 for \$5

Drawing Dec. 15

Share your winnings as Christmas presents!

Bookstore hours: Tuesdays 10 to 1 and Saturdays 11 to 2.

Friends of the Library Week



Oct. 18-24 was National Friends of the Library Week. In the past five years, the South Georgia Regional Library Friends organization has donated more than \$176,000 to Echols, Lanier and the five Lowndes County libraries. Funds are raised through memberships, donations, and the income from the organization's Book Nook and Back Door Book Store located at the Valdosta-Lowndes County Regional Library. 'Libraries are a vital part of every community,' according to the organization. 'Support your library by joining the Friends.' Membership forms are available on line and at the library. (www.sgrl.org) Pictured are a few of the Friends' volunteers who work at the Back Door Book Store and Book Nook: Merrilee Casady, Gene Toffolo, Janet Toffolo, Jeff Hunt, John Walton, John Swiderski, Riley Howard, Kay Scott.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

It is that time of year when we ask that you please renew your Friends of the Library membership for 2016. A number of faithful members have already sent their checks, and to them we send our sincere thanks for being such good friends. The majority of funds FOL receives are used for acquiring books and materials, and for providing program support for the main library and its branches. Sidney Sheldon said, "Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life. Libraries change lives for the better." We hope you will continue your support of South Georgia Regional Libraries with your 2016 membership in Friends of the Library.

--Kay Scott and Marilyn Miller, Membership
Questions? Email woelfelscott@yahoo.com

VISIT THE NEW FOL BULLETIN BOARD AT SGRL!



A SPECIAL EVENING

On October 2 the National Council of Negro Women held their annual Recognition and Awards Banquet. The President of Friends of the Library, Mary H. Watson, and the Managers of the FOL Backdoor Bookstore, Merrilee Casady and Janet Toffolo, were invited guests. Merrilee and Mary Helen were able to attend. It was a lovely evening and topping it off, the Education Committee of the NCNW recognized the contribution the FOL Backdoor Bookstore has made over the past year in providing children's books for the education committee chaired by Ms. Bettye McClendon. The dinner was a delightful event and the certificates of appreciation we received were lovely. All in all, this was a special evening.

A NOTE FROM LAKE PARK

As a reminder – the Lake Park Branch of the Library also sells donated books. The FOL is now helping to supply books for the Lake Park Book Nook. If you live in that area, it might be **faster** than going to the main branch if you are just looking for something quick to pick up.

JUDY McMULLEN'S OLIVE SALAD RECIPE



Judy says she first made this in the summer of 1999, and it has always been a hit at any occasion. Her grandchildren, Jojo and Lance, requested it for their wedding. Enjoy!

14 oz. can of artichoke hearts, drained and quartered (may sub 9 oz. frozen)
14 oz. can of hearts of palm, drained and quartered
14 oz. olives, black ripe, pitted, drained
6 oz. green olives, drained (or any variety you prefer)
5 oz. pimentos or red peppers, diced and drained

16 oz. jar of sweet cherry peppers, drained 8 oz. of mushrooms, canned or fresh, drained
2 cloves of garlic or more, minced ½ cup of parsley, fresh or dried, chopped
½ tsp. of ground thyme, Herbs de Provence, or Italian seasoning (your preference)
½ cup of olive oil ¼ cup of red wine vinegar 3.25 oz. of capers, drained
½ cup of parmesan cheese (or any other good, hard cheese), shredded
1 tsp. each of salt, black pepper and sugar

Directions: Mix all ingredients in a large container with lid. Marinate for 24 hours in the refrigerator. Let the flavors infuse for at least an hour at room temperature before serving. The dish will keep up to a month in the refrigerator. Add anything you like: feta cheese, sliced carrots, etc.

WELCOME KATHY JAMES, NEW MANAGER OF MCMULLEN SOUTHSIDE



Kathy James is the new manager of the McMullen Southside Library. A native of Barney, Georgia, Kathy is a 1988 graduate of Brooks County High School. She joined the South Georgia Regional Library staff in 2002 as a part-time library clerk at the Southside Library and was named the new Southside manager in April of this year.

Kathy is excited about her new position, and her colleagues are equally excited. Jeanna Allums, the Lakes Library manager, says, "I love that Kathy exhibits a visible eagerness about her work. I can't think of an interaction with her where I haven't felt her excitement regarding her latest project, program, or the new materials she plans to order for Southside." Hahira Library manager Janet Register concurs: "Kathy James's determination and smile are sure to improve every program and impress every patron. How wonderful for Southside Library!"

Kathy is proud of the many different type programs that Southside offers: story times, art days, a Lego Club, a Bingo Night for teens and adults, introductory computer classes, adult coloring sessions, the huge Fall Fest and Juneteenth. She hopes to add to this long list of programs and foster more community involvement at Southside. The Library is located on Griffin Avenue about a mile west of the Perimeter Road. Library hours are Monday through Thursday from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm and Friday from 11 to 6.

FEATURING KIM BROYLES, LAKELAND LIBRARY

A native of Adel, Georgia, Kim Broyles graduated from Brewton-Parker College in 1995 with a degree in Secondary English Education and received her Master of Science Degree in Post-Secondary Education (with a concentration in English) from Troy University in 2010. She joined the South Georgia Regional Library System as the Hahira Library assistant in 2011 and transferred a year later to the Valdosta Library to work part-time. In 2014 she was named the new Miller Lakeland Library manager. "Lakeland Library has found a winning combination in Kim Broyles. Strong, consistent, and with a voice so kind and motherly, Kim could convince anyone to follow where she leads," says Hahira Library manager Janet Register.



Kim is proud of the Summer Reading Program that the Lakeland Library offers, and she plans to work with the community to plan other engaging programs. Jeanna Allums, the Lakes Library manager, expects those programs to be outstanding. "Kim's ability to offer a variety of quality programming with no support staff is admirable, and she has good ideas, too! Her suggestion for a cityscape photo backdrop to accompany our hero-themed SRP proved to be a favorite with the children at my library."

The Lakeland Library is located on US 221 N about 20 miles from the main library in Valdosta. Library hours are Monday through Thursday from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm and Friday from 11 to 5:30 pm.

WHAT FOL BOARD MEMBERS ARE READING



Janet Toffolo

I just started reading *Dangerous Games* by Michael Prescott. The main character is FBI special agent Tess McCallum. She is tracking a kidnapper and murderer known as the

"Rain Man" who leaves his victims in the LA storm drainage system. I am looking forward to finding out how she finds the killer or if she does? My favorite genre is mysteries but I also enjoy "how-to" and craft books (especially quilting).



John Swiderski

I am for the most part a non-fiction reader currently enjoying books I discovered on our trips this summer. I have just finished reading *Giant in the Shadows*, a biography of Robert Todd Lincoln, by James Emerson. *Life at the Top* by Eric Pinder is a very interesting chronicle of the weather observers stationed at the top of Mt. Washington, NH, known for the worst weather in the world. I have a special interest in 20th century presidents and am awaiting the final volume in the biography of Lyndon Johnson by Robert Caro. (Photo taken off the coast of Maine at Machias Seal Island.)



Sarah Smart

I'm a mystery buff, yet sometimes I enjoy a light foray into historical fiction. I found the book *Now Face to Face*, by Karleen Koen, at the Back Door Bookstore. I read her book *Through a Glass Darkly* many years ago and this was a follow-up. I remember a bit of the first book. You needn't have read it to enjoy this one. This volume follows the story of a young, aristocratic beauty in London in the 1720's. It is filled with intrigue centered around the court of King George I and attempts by George's detractors to oust and replace him with King James III, exiled to France. Besides wonderful descriptions of British royal life and customs in this era, there is a subplot that takes place in colonial Virginia where tobacco and slavery and racketeering are in vogue. Just as with London, the descriptions of life in the new American south are well done.

I am not likely to read history tomes on these subjects in the near future. Yet, I did learn new things and had fun doing it. For instance, I read that the young ladies of Court would go down by the Thames on May Day to gather morning dew from Hawthorn fruit to serve as a skin rejuvenator. I tried to verify that this reference leads us to local 'Mayhaw' fruit frequently made into jelly. I didn't succeed, but I think there's a connection.

Next, I'm going to read my second and third mysteries by Canadian writer Louise Penny. I found these in the Bookstore too. I'm not reading them in order, yet am pleased with both her characters and her plots. I thought I had the first one figured out halfway through, and I was wrong. And, the solution was neither forced nor convoluted. That's a sign of a good writer. Can't wait.



SIXTH ANNUAL GREEK PROGRAM AT ECHOLS LIBRARY

By Harikleia Sirmans

Every year, I organize and present a program on Greece to the third graders of Echols County Elementary School, at the request of their teachers. The program takes place at Echols Public Library, and it is usually composed of two classes of 70 kids. Jackie Culpepper, the library manager, helps me set up a table with personal Greek items that I show to the pupils (map and flag of Greece, presentation board with various pictures from ancient Greece, drachma coins, Greek stamp collection, Greek books, Greek coffee pot, worry beads, embroidered tablecloths, and a handmade paper Greek temple that took me hours and hours to cut and glue.

The program includes:

- A short talk about ancient and modern Greece
- A question and answer section
- A prize drawing
- A quiz
- Handouts of the Greek alphabet and homework
- Reading of a Greek story in English
- Short reading in Greek
- Saying goodbye with Greek candy
- One or two documentary DVDs on Greece for later viewing in the classroom

The prizes are Greek goodies such as magnets, aromatic soaps, candy, worry beads, and other small items. The first year, I supplied the prizes from personal funds. From the second year onwards, FOL has supported the program. In October, I performed the program for the sixth year.

Studying another culture teaches children to better understand themselves and their own culture; it teaches them to be tolerant, to be less prejudiced and more understanding of different people. They become more confident in traveling to foreign countries and in interacting with foreign people. Studying Greek culture and history is especially important because Greece is the origin of Western culture. From Ancient Greece came many of the concepts of architecture, democracy, science, medicine, and language.

If you wish me to present a program on Greece to your school, library, or organization, please contact me at hsirmans@sgrl.org. Ευχαριστώ, Χαρίκλεια

Praise for the Greek program:

"Your accent is cool!" -- Amber
 "I never ate something as good as that candy!" -- Madison
 "You are very kind, nice, generous, and sweet." -- Karmen
 "You are the awesomest library teacher." -- David
 "I wish I could see you again." -- Jackie
 "The students have talked non-stop about how wonderful you are. We cannot wait until next year!" -- Mrs. Horne.

--Thank you, Harikleia

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Note: The complete list
of 2016 memberships
will appear in January.



PERFECT FRIEND

A crowd gathered on the beautiful Saturday afternoon of October 17 at Langdale Place to celebrate the 90th birthday of John Wesley Thomas, a long-time and very generous Friends of the Library member, Board member, and Bookstore volunteer. The party was hosted by John's four daughters and their families: Betty Barham of Lake Park; Debbie Hotard of Houston, TX; Terri Thomas of Beaufort, NC; and, Sharon DeShazo of Chattanooga, TN. For the occasion, John sported a navy golf shirt with "Aged to Perfection: 90 Years" emblazoned upon the pocket.

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