

DIRECTOR'S REPORT



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Mission Statement

To enrich the lives of our diverse community members by providing equal access to a wealth of information.

Vision

To provide essential community connections that inspire life-long learning for everyone.

Strategic Plan

Implementation

Promote Literacy & Lifelong Learning Opportunities

Our role in the Valdosta ESL Program provides adult Spanish speakers an opportunity to learn or improve their English speaking skills.

Provide Equal Access to Information

All PINES cardholders have access to GALILEO, a wealth of articles, ebooks, journals, videos, and other educational tools.

Create a Customer Oriented Staff

We welcomed Madison Tomberlin to the SGRL team. She is undergoing new employee training and will work part time at the Willis L. Miller Library.

Provide Quality Physical & Virtual Spaces

New furniture is arriving and will soon be in place at our Lake Park and Hahira locations. The Echols County Library recently received a shelving upgrade.

Highlights

Poetry Contest & Reading



In honor of National Poetry Month, the Salter Hahira Library held a poetry contest with the theme of *Living in the Coronavirus Pandemic*. A virtual poetry reading on April 20 celebrated the winning poets.

Children's Book Talk with Alison Stephen



Children's book author and illustrator Alison Stephen read her book *Bear Planes, Crane Trains, & Other Wonderful Things*, showed her illustration techniques with a live drawing demonstration, and provided customized coloring sheets to viewers on April 7.

History of the Photography Industry



Historian and photography expert Bill Ryan, who helped develop digital printing, led a virtual event covering the history of the photography industry on March 18.

Take & Make Packets



Take & Make packets for all ages, such as the pictured wind chime craft, are available for all ages at every SGRL location.

Success Story

Members of our Bookfellows book discussion group expressed appreciation for the monthly virtual meetings saying that the Zoom sessions allow members to remain connected throughout the pandemic. One member commented that the virtual sessions also gave them the opportunity to hear the speakers better.