



# NewsLetter

## Meet Karen Webster

Karen Webster is the magician who transforms words and pictures into our attractive, colorful and very readable quarterly newsletter. She and her husband, Paul are the owners of BrickHouse Design,



**Karen & Talon**

a local full-service graphic design studio. The name, BrickHouse Design, came from an exercise where Karen and Paul each made a list of names they liked for their new company. BrickHouse was on both of their lists... (think strong, sturdy BRICK house.) Their company prides itself on personal service and the ability to deliver your project on time and on budget. Karen's love of design and her expertise in editing come together in her eye-catching layouts.

Karen's double major from Agnes Scott College in Art and English helped her find work in the graphic design field since 1981. In addition to working on the Friends of the Library newsletter, Karen is currently the editorial layout designer of *Smoke Signals*, the monthly Big Canoe newspaper.

Karen and Paul share their home with Talon, a Shiloh shepherd, and four cats, including Biscuit who has graced their studio for over 19 years.

A room without books is like a body without a soul.

— Cicero



## 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 County Library on Sunday, May 20 at 3:00 pm 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 afternoon.

The dates have been set for the annual book sale! The book sale will be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, September 6, 7, and 8th 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, or regular paperback or hardback book while taking in the wonderful sunshine and warm breezes. Have a great Spring!

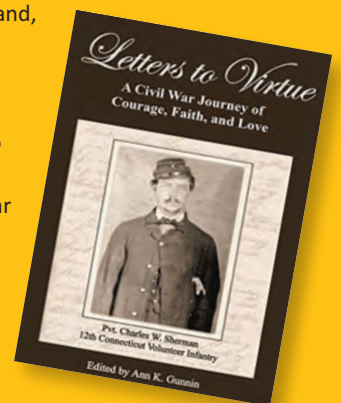
— Susan

## From the Letters of a Connecticut Yankee

Pickens County's own, Ann K. Gunnin, is an author and researcher who will speak about her great-great-grandfather's collection of 160 Civil War letters that she edited for her book, *Letters to Virtue*. Virtue was married to Charles W. Sherman, the author of these reflections from the front. The book not only includes his letters, but also historical content concerning the activities and engagements of the regiment, daily life, generals and battles, and the politics concerning the nation's turmoil. Charles, who was born in England, was stationed in Louisiana from 1862-1864, and served in the Shenandoah Valley Campaign in 1864.

The book received the Lulu Downey Cadwalader Award in 2016 from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and has received many favorable reviews including those in the Civil War News and The Civil War Monitor.

Please come hear our neighbor Ann share her fascinating book at the Pickens County Library on Sunday, May 20 at 3:00pm. Refreshments will be provided afterwards by the Friends' Board members.



## Too many books? Donate them!

The 2018 Pickens County Friends of the Library Sale takes place on September 6, 7, and 8th at the Chattahoochee Technical College in Jasper. For a successful sale, we need your gently used books.

We are especially looking for fiction best sellers, popular trade paperback books, children's books, romance novels, historical fiction, and local interest books. Please, no sets of encyclopedias or moldy books. Bring all donations to the Pickens County Library, and we will see you at the sale!



## According to Emma Ingle

### Did you know:

- Brooke Rose, Youth Services Coordinator, left for a new position at the Hampton Park Library in Forsyth County? Her replacement, Leslie Young, began work in early April. Welcome Leslie!
- The library received a \$2,170 PCCRA grant for books and materials?
- Flipster is the library's new eMagazine database? You can now choose from the 14 magazine titles in the library's collection. Check with the front desk for the titles and how-to information.
- *Through the Glass Darkly*, a psychological thriller starring Robyn Lively and Shanola Hampton, was filmed in the GA room and the library lobby in March?

- The library has a new display case filled with 3-D models made from the LulzBox Mini 3D Printer?

*Emma serves our community with a smile and the extensive knowledge that comes from working for the Sequoyah Regional Library System for 29 years. She is a valuable resource, and together with her very capable staff, would love to help you.*



**Emma Ingle,**  
Branch Manager



## Annual Membership Form

Friends of the Pickens Library

Yes, I want to help my library purchase books, material, and equipment.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of contribution: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Members have access to the PRE-SALE at our Used book Sale.

Please make check payable to:

**Friends of the Pickens Library**

100 Library Lane

Jasper, Ga 30143

*A 501(c)3 all volunteer organization dedicated to helping the library serve Pickens County, GA.*

### Membership categories:

Please check one.

Student:  \$5

Individual:  \$15

Family:  \$30

Contributor:  \$50 to \$99

Sponsor:  \$100 to \$199

Benefactor:  \$200 or more

## Spring Brings New Board Members

We recognize and heartily thank the retiring Pickens Library Board Members from 2017, Jack Fay, Travis McDaniel and Ken Reynolds for their years of service, as we look to the future and welcome their replacements.

Welcome to Brenda Wynn! Brenda is a retiree from the Clayton County Board of Education. She and her husband Richard moved to the Jasper area eleven years ago. They have three daughters and four grandchildren who all share their grandmother's love of books. In her reading life, Brenda's eclectic book preferences send her on adventures and time travel. She also solves crimes and enjoys reading romance novels, too! In real life, Brenda spends time with family and friends, plays piano in church, plays a calliope in local parades, writes, travels and volunteers. She loves that she can repay a lifetime of benefits she has gleaned from the public library system by serving on the board.



**Brenda Wynn**

Welcome to Scott Jackson! Scott, Diane and their three children have called Jasper home since 1995. Scott is now a manager for the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency and has worked for the state of Georgia for 25 years. He is active in his church's youth ministry and bus ministry. Scott enjoys the outdoors and living in the North Georgia mountains. He and his family have enjoyed the library for many years and he is honored to serve on the board of the Friends.



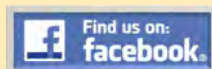
**Scott Jackson**

Welcome to Brent Turbeville! Brent spends his work days in the technology sector. During his 23-year career, he has developed full service web solutions for commerce, hosting, web design and graphic design. Years ago, his interest in helping his son Cade to improve his reading skills introduced Brent to the Pickens County Library. Specifically, it was the Summer Reading Program in which Cade read 125 books that started them both on their love-of-reading journeys. Sharing books have helped Brent and Cade develop and grow their relationship and brought them much closer. (See Brent's personal testimony in this edition.)



**Brent Turbeville**

We are excited to see what contributions these new members will make during their "careers" as board members.



## Brent Turbeville's Personal Testimony

*By Brent Turbeville*

*Edited by Carol Hagadorn*

**Brent Turbeville, a newly recruited member of the board has written about how the library has affected his life.**

My name is Brent Turbeville. I am a single dad and am truly blessed to have my son living with me. Believe it or not, I had a life-changing experience at the Pickens County Library. It was the summer before my son's first-grade year, and right about the same time he began living with me. He was behind in Kindergarten, and I honestly had no idea where to start to get him prepared and ready for first grade. I started an extensive search scouring the internet to find answers, but became overwhelmed with too much information. I found a lot of good stuff and used some of it, but after a while, it got to be boring for Cade and for me, too.

My son means the world to me and like any parent, I wanted to do whatever I could to improve his life. I worked to keep him interested in learning, but was out of ideas. On a chance, I decided to stop by the Pickens County Library. I explained my dilemma, and couldn't believe how everyone was so eager to help. I signed-up Cade for the Summer Reading Program and received a Summer Reading calendar. I left that day with the hope that he was eager to start reading again. At first, he was more interested in the big prizes he could win, but after a while, reading every day became a habit. He would ask me, "Are we going to read today?"

Cade and I are big buddies, and truly enjoy each other's company. I believe that taking that little extra time and sitting with him and reading together improved our relationship and brought us that much closer. It was our special one-on-one time together. He could not wait to go back to the library to pick out more books to read and then present his reading journal to the staff. He proudly announced how many books he had read. (125 books read by the end of that summer!)

Cade and I took advantage of the tons of scheduled events. There were special guests and free activities. By the end of the summer, Cade met new friends,

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acclimated himself to his new surroundings, and was entertained by the activities at the library. We found that the reading he completed had prepared him for the first grade. In addition, the Summer Reading Program instilled a quest for reading and learning that encouraged him - not only to learn more, but to do more.

Cade continued to be a part of the Summer Reading Program up until his graduation from elementary school. He ended up making all A's on his report card in first grade, and has continued to do so since.

I am a firm believer in the impact local libraries can have, and am honored to be chosen to serve on the board. I encourage you to stop by your local library, pick up an activities' calendar, and get involved with all that the library offers. You will discover it is a place where anyone of any age can learn, socialize, get involved with the community and find answers.



**A child who reads will be an adult who thinks.**



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