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AGENDA COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, August 20, 2012

4:00 p.m.

Conference Room, Building 2
Beaufort Industrial Village

102 Industrial Village Road, Beaufort

Committee Members:

William McBride, Chairman
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1. CALL TO ORDER – 4:00 P.M.
2. RESULTS OF LIBRARY AMNESTY PROGRAM / AND CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIALLY ENGAGING A COLLECTION AGENCY ([backup](#))
3. PRESENTATION / ONE COUNTY READS ONE COUNTRY ([backup](#))
4. PRESENTATION / 3M CLOUD LIBRARY E-BOOKS ([backup](#))
5. ROADWAY NAMING / PENN CENTER ([backup](#))
6. UPDATE / CLEMSON EXTENSION DEVELOPMENT OF A LOWCOUNTRY FARMERS / SCHOOL DISTRICT ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP
7. UPDATE / CIRCLE OF HOPE
8. ADJOURNMENT

Amnesty Month and Engaging a Collection Agency

Beaufort County Library
August 20, 2012



Background

Prior to engaging a collection agency, County Council & the Board of Trustees approved holding Amnesty Month before making a decision on whether or not to approve a collection agency.

Benefits of Library Amnesty:

- Missing items returned
- Patrons no longer avoid the library
- Generates public good will

Beaufort County Library 2011

Total Circulation

791,354 items

Our library system serves:

90,252 customers



Recap of BCL's Amnesty Month April 2012:

1,586 items returned
\$6,944.60 fines forgiven

How the library currently collects fines
Customers receive 3 notifications over a period of 90 days about their overdue item (via mail or email).

Library Collection Service

Unique Management Services, Inc.

They serve over 1,400 public libraries in the US, Canada, Australia, & the UK.

In SC: Greenville, Aiken, Lexington, Richland, York, and Charleston.



Unique is the only collection agency compatible with SCLENDS/Evergreen open-source ILS & the confidential records it contains.

How it works

When a customer's account reaches \$25 in fines and the library has made all attempts to retrieve payment, Unique takes over.

How it works

Unique contacts them (3 times) by phone & mail to encourage the return of overdue materials.

How it works

Borrowers send payment directly to Unique.

Fines outstanding after 120 days go on the borrower's credit record.

Unique targets customers:

- With materials 90+ days overdue
- With fines of \$25 or more

Unique adds an additional \$10 fee to library customers

\$10 Fee

\$8.95 goes to Unique

\$1.05 goes to County (library)



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How much would Unique cost the library?

There is no cost to the library. Unique's fee of \$10 that they bill customers covers their collection expenses.

Other benefits

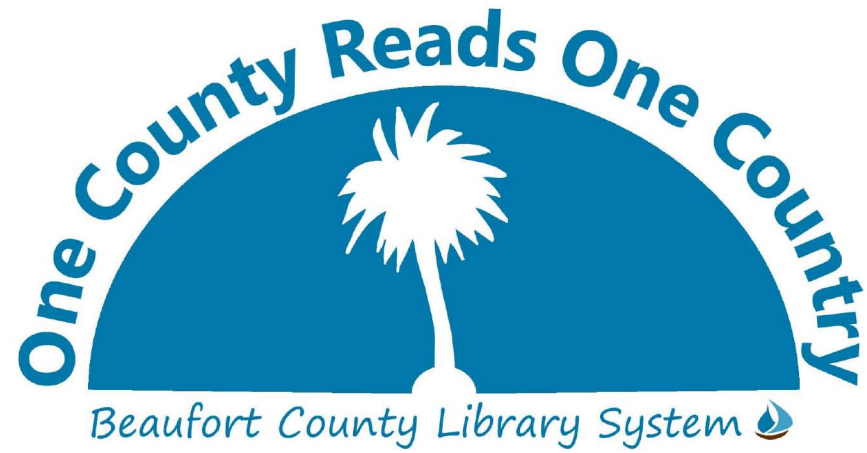
- Library recovers missing materials
- Unique handles all patron invoicing
- County brings in some recovered money/material, rather than nothing

Considerations:

- How would this be perceived by public (library image)?
- Hard economic times
- Check-in errors with RFID

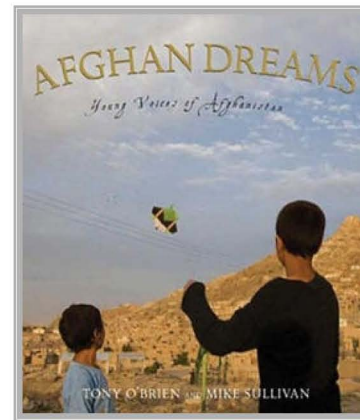
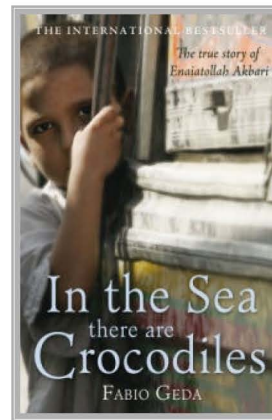
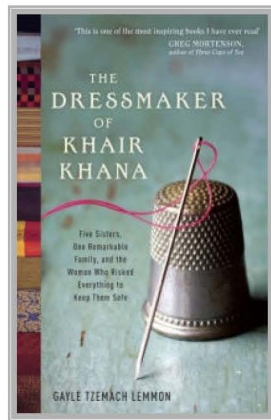
Should we engage Unique Management Services?

The Library Board recommends engaging Unique Management to Council Community Services Committee.



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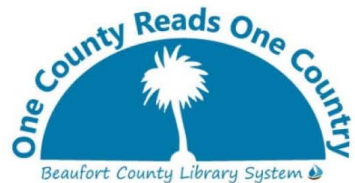
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Intent of project

- Engage the community
- Explore Afghan history and culture
- Increase awareness and understanding of another culture





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Women's Voices from the Muslim World

A Short-Film Festival

Women's Voices Now put out a call for filmmakers to "Speak up in the struggle for women's rights. Tell your story. Tell her story." They received over 200 films from 40 countries, all personal stories about women—their lives, hopes, struggles, and solutions.



The stories from Afghanistan are beautiful, powerful, and moving. Join us at the USCB Center for the Arts on August 12th and help make these voices heard. Attendees will view a series of short films, followed by a panel discussion led by university scholars. Program is free. No registration necessary.

Sunday, August 12th at 2:00pm

USCB Center for the Arts, 801 Carteret Street, Beaufort




WomensVoicesNow.org

Let Our Voices Emerge

Artist Olga Stamatiou



"Let Our Voices Emerge" Art Exhibit
September 4 through September 29
Beaufort Branch Library, 2nd floor lobby



Olga Stamatiou began painting in 1967 at the age of 21. She lived and studied in Athens, Greece, and received her BFA and MFA in Painting from Boston University. She began the "Let Our Voices Emerge" series in March 2011, after watching a International Women's Day demonstration in Cairo turn ugly. www.olgastamatiou.com

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Deliberative Discussion:

AMERICA'S ROLE IN THE WORLD

What Does National Security Mean in the 21st Century?

We will discuss three options for America's Role in the World:

- 1) National security means safeguarding the United States
- 2) National security means putting our economic house in order
- 3) National security means recognizing that global threats are our greatest challenge



Friday, October 5th at 2:00pm

Beaufort Branch Library

Saturday, October 13th at 2:00pm

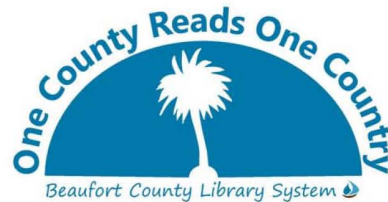
Hilton Head Branch Library

Monday, October 22nd at 6:00pm

St. Helena Penn Center, Frissell Hall



Registration required, contact (843)255-6464 or jorourke@bcgov.net. A discussion guide will be provided prior to the event. Limit 25 registrants per location. Dennis Adams, retired Information Services Coordinator of the Beaufort County Library system, will be moderating. The materials for this discussion are provided by the National Issues Forum, a nonpartisan, nationwide network of locally sponsored public forums for the consideration of public policy issues. The purpose of a deliberative discussion is to get people together to reason and talk — to deliberate about common problems and to make choices with others about ways to approach difficult problems.



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ETHICS IN JOURNALISM Panel Discussion

The dilemmas facing newspapers

The editors of local newspapers will present a lively discussion of the dilemmas facing newspapers — from the News of the World tabloid hacking scandal to a rumination on the “crusading journalist” whose story made a difference in the world. Questions from the audience are welcomed. Registration not required.



Thursday, September 13th at 1:30pm
Hilton Head Branch Library

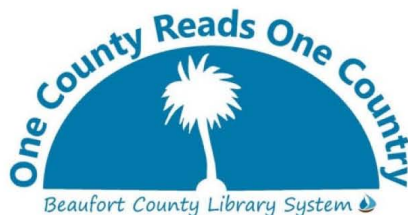
Panelists

Jeff Kidd, *Editor of the Beaufort Gazette*

Jabari Moketski, *Editor of the Gullah Sentinel*

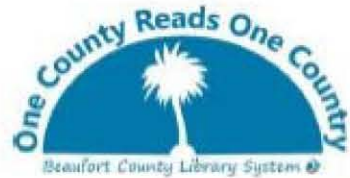
Tom Barton, *Editorial Page Editor of the Savannah Morning News*

Moderator: Dennis Adams, *Retired Beaufort County Library Information Services Coordinator*



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Build a Kite. Fly a Kite.

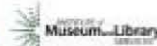
Kite flying has been the most popular hobby in Afghanistan for over 100 years. Banned during the Taliban regime, kite flying is once again the main recreational escape for Afghan boys and some men. Women are still not allowed to participate. We invite you to join us for a special community Kite Flying Experience with your library, where everyone is welcome!

Kite Building workshops

Saturday, September 29th at 1:00pm, Beaufort Branch Library
Saturday, September 29th at 1:00pm, Hilton Head Library
Saturday, September 29th at 1:00pm, Lobeco Library
Monday, October 1st at 4:00pm, St. Helena Library
Wednesday, October 3rd at 4:00pm, Bluffton Library

Kites over Beaufort County

Join your local branch on Saturday, October 6th at 1:00pm to fly your kite! All branches participating.



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"My Dreams for the Future" Children's Essay Contest

Just as the children of Afghanistan told of their dreams in the book "Afghan Dreams," you can tell your dreams for the future in this Essay Contest. Specific rules, regulations, and registration forms are available at your local library branch.

Deadline for essay submission is September 25th 2012.

Grand prize is an *eBook reader!

Open to children in grades 4 through 12.

*There will be three age group categories, the winner for each age category will receive an eBook reader.



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Event Guide

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

The Dressmaker of Khair Khana by Gayle Lemmon
 Saturday, September 15th at 1:00pm - St. Helena Branch Library
 Tuesday, September 12th at 2:00pm - Bluffton Branch Library
 Tuesday, September 26th at 2:00pm - JH&K Center (Hilton Head)
 Tuesday, September 18th at 4:30pm - Lobeck Branch Library
 Thursday, September 20th at 5:00pm - Beaufort Branch Library
 Tuesday, September 25th at 4:00pm - Hilton Head Branch Library
 Saturday, October 20th at 2:00pm - J&K @book club

In the Sea There Are Crocodiles by Fabio Genoa
 Saturday, September 15th at 1:00pm - St. Helena Branch Library

FILM SERIES

Restrepo
 Thursday, September 6th at 6:00pm - Beaufort Branch Library
 Saturday, September 8th at 2:00pm - Bluffton Branch Library
 A year with one platoon in the deadliest valley in Afghanistan.

Afghan Beauty School ("Beauty Academy of Kabul")
 Thursday, September 13th at 6:00pm - Beaufort Branch Library
 Saturday, September 16th at 2:00pm - Bluffton Branch Library
 A documentary following American women (some of whom emigrated from Afghanistan in the early 1980s) who return to the capital city of Kabul to open an American-style beauty school for beauticians.

The Nile Runner
 Thursday, September 20th at 6:00pm - Beaufort Branch Library
 Saturday, September 22nd at 2:00pm - Bluffton Branch Library
 TED - Hilton Head Branch Library
 After spending years in California, Amir returns to his homeland in Afghanistan to help his old friend Hassan, whose son is in trouble.

Afghan Star
 Thursday, September 27th at 6:00pm - Beaufort Branch Library
 Saturday, September 29th at 2:00pm - Bluffton Branch Library
 A look at how contestants on the a musical contest program "Pop Idol" in Afghanistan risk their lives to appear on the show.

SPEAKERS

"The Message of the Qur'an"
 Imam Zaid Litali, Cleric from the Islamic Center of Savannah
 Cleric Litali will present the history of the Islamic faith, misinterpretations, and the role of women in the faith. Registration required. Call _____
 Monday, August 27th at 1:00-2:00pm at the Fern Center (Kissell HAS - L Address)

"Islam and Muslim Life in Modern Southwest Asia"
 Dr. David Clarke, PhD
 Saturday, September 23rd at 11:00am - Bluffton Branch Library
 Dr. Clarke teaches World Religions Comparative Religion at the University of South Carolina Columbia, with research interests in Islam, Religion in India, and South Asia

"Outside Interests and Intervention in the Middle East"
 Dr. Don Snider, Professor Emeritus at the University of Alabama
 the Middle East. He has written extensively on this topic and Middle East forum series conducted by the Osher Institute of Thursday, September 27th at 1:00pm - Hilton Head Branch Library

"Islam and the Slave Trade in the Upper Guinea"
 Dr. Assan San, College of Charleston
 Monday, October 10th at _____ at Fern Center (Kissell HAS - L Address)
 African Slavery and Islam and the connection with the

"Life Behind the Lines" (Military Point of View)
 Registration required
 A discussion about life in Afghanistan as a soldier

DELIBERATIVE DISCUSSION

America's Role in the World: What Does National Security Mean?
 Registration required: (843)221-6556, Line 1
 Friday, October 13th at 2:00pm - Beaufort Branch Library
 Saturday, October 14th at 2:00pm - Bluffton Branch Library
 Saturday, October 20th at 2:00pm - Hilton Head Branch Library


"Our Place in Afghanistan"
 Moderator: Dennis Adams
 Registration required: (843)221-6556, Line 1
 Monday, October 22nd at 7:00pm - Beaufort Branch Library
 Registration required: Call _____
 A discussion of the various changes

Join us as we celebrate
One County Reads One Country
 Afghanistan
 Fall 2012
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Program Guide

One County Reads One Country
 One County Library System

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98% Uzbek 9% Afghani 4% Tajik
 10% other 1%

The Indo-European group of

of Afghani and govern economic and legal issues

Some are to pray five times a week and evening. Friday and offices will be closed. All Muslims must fast from 3 to work six hours a day, cigarette smoking, or gum

check out "Culture Grams" County Library System.

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BOOK-OFF EVENT

Women's Voices From the Muslim World: Short Film Festival
 Women's Voices Now is a New York City-based nonprofit organization whose mission is to empower women and give voice to the world through film, economic and political rights. Women will view a series of short films, followed by a discussion led by university scholars.
 August 12 at 2:00pm
 Center for the Arts, 401 Carver Street, Beaufort

DISCUSSIONS

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 by Gayle Lemmon
 Everyone is welcome!
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August 15 at 1:00pm, St. Helena Branch Library
 Discussion led by Hilda Eusemann, Reference Manager
 Hilton Head Branch Library

September 11 at 2:00pm, Bluffton Branch Library
 Discussion led by Hilda Eusemann, Reference Librarian
 Hilton Head Branch Library

Event Guide Continued

ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS

Women's Voices Now - Short Film Series
 Monday, October 1st at 2:00pm - L&K Performing Arts Center (Beaufort)
 Women's Voices Now is a New York City-based nonprofit organization whose mission is to empower women and give voice to the world through film, economic and political rights. Women will view a series of short films, followed by a 45-minute panel discussion led by four university scholars. Registration required.
 History of Tea in Human Culture - Display at the Library Branches
 Thursday, August 23rd at 11:00am - Bluffton Branch Library
 Thursday, August 23rd at 1:00pm - Hilton Head Branch Library

History of Child Labor in Beaufort District
 Thursday, August 23rd at 1:00pm - Bluffton Branch Library
 Thursday, August 23rd at 1:00pm - Hilton Head Branch Library

Ethics in Journalism Panel
 Thursday, September 6th at 11:00am - Beaufort Branch Library
 Thursday, September 6th at 11:00am - Hilton Head Branch Library

Storyline for Preschoolers at Neighborhood Outreach Center, Bluffton
 Thursday, September 6th at 11:00am - Beaufort Branch Library
 Thursday, September 6th at 11:00am - Hilton Head Branch Library

Arabian Tales for Children (ages 4-7)
 Wednesday, August 15th at 4:00pm - Bluffton Branch Library
 Tuesday, August 21st at 4:00pm - Hilton Head Branch Library
 Thursday, August 23rd at 4:00pm - Lobeck Branch Library
 Saturday, September 1st at 4:00pm - St. Helena Branch Library
 Thursday, September 13th at 4:00pm - Beaufort Branch Library

Arabian Tales for Children (ages 8-11)
 Thursday, September 20th at 4:00pm - Bluffton Branch Library
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 Thursday, September 20th at 4:00pm - Lobeck Branch Library
 Thursday, October 4th at 4:00pm - Hilton Head Branch Library

MORE ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

St. Helena Cooking Club - Afghan Cuisine (for families)
 Tuesday, September 25th at 6:00pm - St. Helena Branch Library
 Tuesday, September 25th at 6:00pm - Hilton Head Branch Library
 Thursday, September 13th at 4:00pm - Bluffton Branch Library
 Thursday, September 13th at 4:00pm - Lobeck Branch Library
 Saturday, September 29th at 1:00pm - St. Helena Branch Library

Physical Magical Mosaics for Children (ages 8-11)
 Registration required. Please call our branch library to register.
 Thursday, September 13th at 4:00pm - Bluffton Branch Library
 Thursday, September 13th at 4:00pm - Lobeck Branch Library
 Saturday, September 29th at 1:00pm - St. Helena Branch Library

Build a Kite - For Families
 Saturday, September 29th at 1:00pm - Beaufort Branch Library
 Saturday, September 29th at 1:00pm - Hilton Head Branch Library
 Saturday, September 29th at 1:00pm - Lobeck Branch Library
 Monday, October 1st at 4:00pm - St. Helena Branch Library
 Wednesday, October 3rd at 4:00pm - Bluffton Branch Library

Kite Flying Day - For Families
 Saturday, October 6th at 1:00pm - All branch libraries participating

"My dreams for the future - It's my chance to make a difference."
 Children's Essay Contest
 Deadline - September 20th. Grand prize is an iPad!

ACTIVITIES FOR TEENS

Graphic Novel/Comic Books for Teens
 Wednesday, September 26th at 6:00pm - Bluffton Branch Library
 Thursday, September 27th at 6:00pm - Beaufort Branch Library

Middle East Experience for Teens
 Friday, September 28th at 6:00pm - Bluffton Branch Library

"In the Sea There Are Crocodiles" - Teen Book Talks
 Tuesday, October 2nd at 6:00pm - Beaufort Branch Library
 Friday, October 5th at 4:00pm - Hilton Head Branch Library

Henna Tattooing for Teens
 Tuesday, October 2nd at 6:00pm - Beaufort Branch Library
 TED at other branches!

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Cloud Library

Getting started

At Home

Browse, Check Out, Read and Transfer to your eReader from our PC and Mac Applications



Transfer to your eReader (optional)



1. Open Desktop App

2. Connect devices

3. Download book to device

4. Done! It's transferred

On the Go

Get our Android and iOS apps on your mobile device to access your cloud on the go



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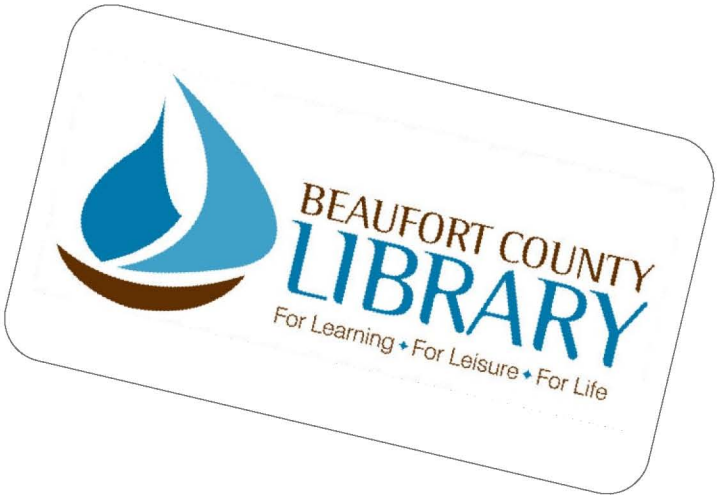
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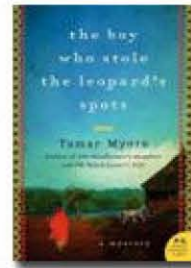
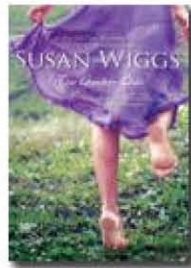
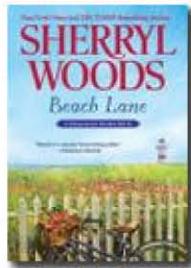
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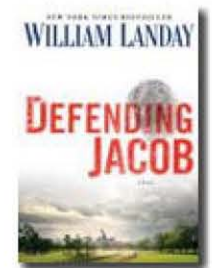
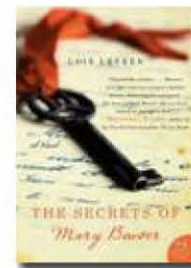
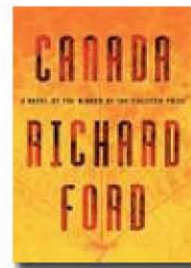
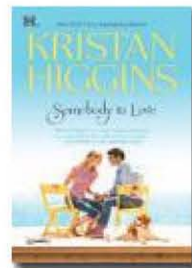
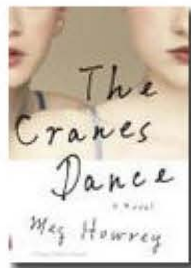
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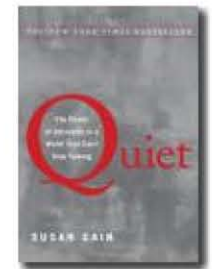
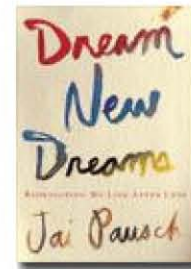
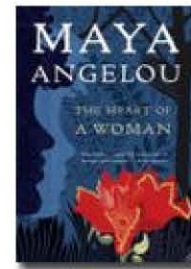
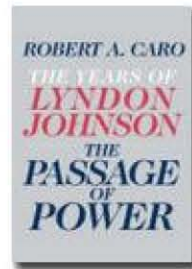
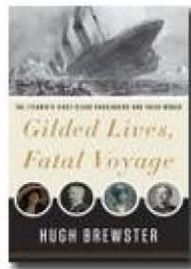
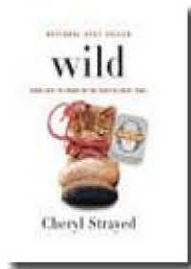
Staff Picks

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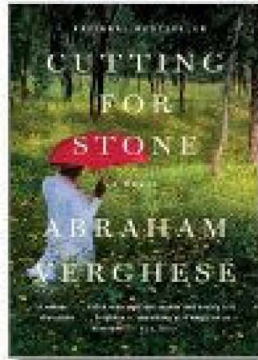


Fascinating Non-fiction

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Cutting for Stone

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Cutting for Stone

Verghese, Abraham

Published In: 2009

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Menon and Shiva Stone are twin brothers born of a secret union between a beautiful Indian nun and a brash British surgeon. Orphaned by their mother's death and their father's disappearance, bound together by a preternatural connection and a shared fascination with medicine, the twins come of age as Ethiopia hovers on the brink of revolution.

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Moving from Addis Ababa to New York City and back again, *Cutting for Stone* is an unforgettable story of love and betrayal, medicine and ordinary miracles—and two brothers whose fates are forever intertwined.

From the Trade Paperback edition.

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Catching Fire

EP

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2011

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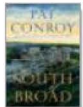
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South of Broad

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Summer of Skinny Dipping

Howells, Amanda

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The Proposal

Balogh, Mary

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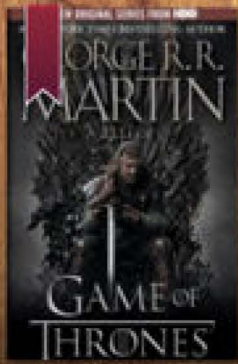




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Currently Reading

list view



Hold List

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Chapter One

before,” said James as I drove down a rough dirt road that didn’t see much use. We were back in the upper peninsula of Michigan and surrounded by trees taller than most buildings. The closer we got to Eden Manor, the wider my grin spread.

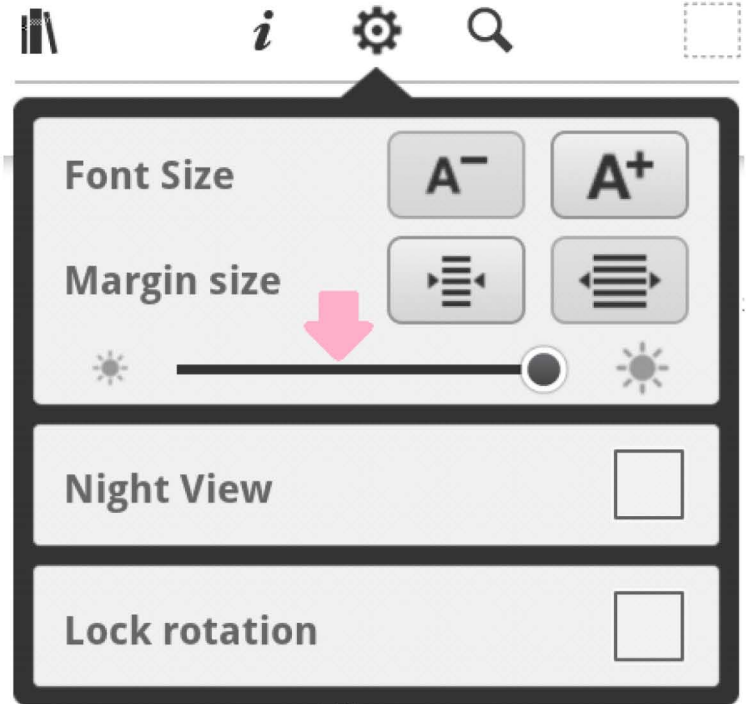
“It’s not like we had a ton of them in the Hudson River,” I said, nudging the accelerator. We were so far from civilization that there weren’t any posted speed limits, and the last time I’d been down this road, my mother had been too ill for me to risk taking advantage of it. But now, after the council had granted me immortality, the only thing I risked was my old beat-up car. So far, I liked the perks. “I’m more impressed with the volcano erupting.”

“No idea why it did that,” said James. “It’s been dormant for longer than some of us have been alive. Might have to ask Henry about that when we get back.”

“What would he have to do with a volcano?” I said, and my heart skipped a beat. We were so close now that I could almost feel him, and I drummed my fingers nervously against the steering wheel.

“Volcanoes run through Henry’s domain. If an old one’s going off like that, then something’s up.” James bit off a piece of jerky and offered me the rest. I wrinkled my nose. “Suit yourself. You realize you’re going to have to tell him about everything we did, right?”

I glanced at him. “I hadn’t planned on otherwise. Why? What’s wrong with that?”



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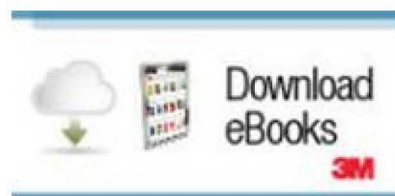
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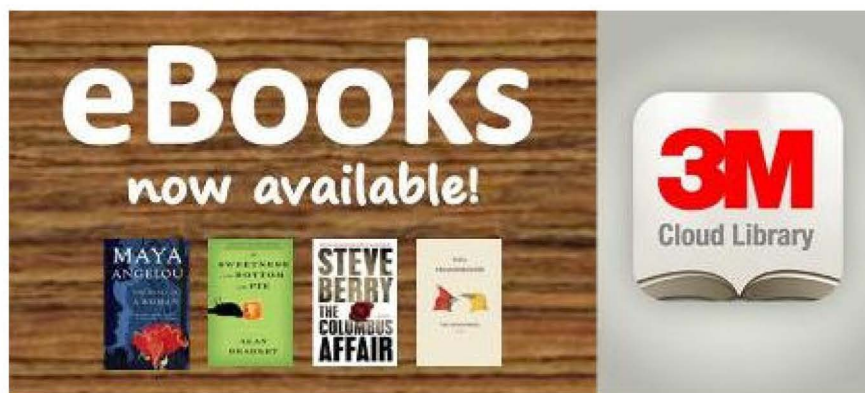
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LIBRARY NEWS & NOTES

From the Beacon: More books to add to the "One County Reads One Country" list

Submitted by Halle Eisenman on Tue, 08/14/2012 - 3:18pm

This month kicks off Beaufort County Library's "One County Reads One Country" project, where we encourage the community to engage in a thoughtful dialogue about Afghanistan through reading one of three selected titles and participating in the scheduled events coordinated by the library system. [Read More...](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bedtime Stories with Mr. Greg

Hilton Head Branch
08/16/2012 - 6:45pm

St. Helena E-book Club

St. Helena Branch
08/18/2012 - 1:00pm

Teen Movie

Bluffton Branch
08/18/2012 - 2:00pm

Wee Read Storytimes:

Summertime Fun!
Hilton Head Branch
08/20/2012 - 11:00am

Bedtime Stories at Panera Bread Cafe

Panera Bread Cafe
08/20/2012 - 6:30pm

How to plant a fall garden

Lobeco Branch
08/21/2012 - 4:30pm

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July 12, 2012

Mr. William McBride
Chairman, Community Services Committee
Beaufort County Council
Beaufort, SC 29901

Re: Roadway Naming / Penn Center – Historic Preservation Review Board Recommendation.

Dear Chairman McBride:

Pursuant to Beaufort County Policy, Statement #10, titled Beaufort County Policy for Naming and Renaming Landmarks, I am submitting for Community Services Committee consideration and approval to name the new access roadway to St. Helena Library and Leroy E. Browne Medical Center as the "Jonathon Francis, Sr. Road".

As required by Policy Statement #10, The Penn Center Board of Trustees and I submitted the proposed roadway naming, "Jonathon Francis Sr. Road, to Beaufort County Historic Preservation Review Board for their review and approval. The Historical Board has approved this request.

Mr. Francis was the first African American principal of Penn School and also the first principal of the consolidated St. Helena High School in 1953.

Hopefully, your Committee will accept this recommendation and move it forward for consideration by the members of County Council.

Sincerely,



Gary Kubic
County Administrator

GKrcb

Cc: Weston Newton, Chairman, Beaufort County Council

Attachment

Biography of the first principal of St. Helena High School

Jonathan Francis, Sr.

Jonathan Francis, Sr. was born in Plowden Mills, Clarendon County, South Carolina on April 1, 1910; the only child of James and Lela Francis whose parents were descendants of slaves.

As a young man, he worked as a handy man for the Scarbough family who lived in Columbia, South Carolina and had a summer home in Myrtle Beach near Clarendon County. Through his association with the Scarbough family he completed his high school education and two years of college at Allen College in Columbia, South Carolina. He later transferred to South Carolina State College where he received his B.S. Degree in Agriculture. He also received his Master's Degree in Education from South Carolina State College and was completing his requirements for the Doctor of Education Degree from North Carolina Central College at the time of his death.

His first job was as an agriculture teacher and principal at M.C. Riley School in Bluffton, South Carolina in 1940.

While at Allen College, he became friends with Francina Davis whom he recruited to teach at M.C. Riley School in 1941, and later married her in 1942. Out of their marriage, one son was born, Jonathan Francis, Jr.

In 1948, Jonathan Francis, Sr. moved his family to St. Helena Island, South Carolina to assume the position as principal of Penn School. Four years later he became the first principal of the new consolidated St. Helena High School, a position he held until his death in 1963.

He was known throughout the state of South Carolina as a pioneer and a leader in the field of public education. He held life memberships in the National Education Association, Palmetto Education Association and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

Mr. Francis had high expectations for all of the students who came under his supervision. He was a tough disciplinarian, yet most of his students came to appreciate and respect him for his high expectations of student behavior.
