

PALMETTO LITERACY COUNCIL

BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY THROUGH LITERACY



NEWSLETTER

JULY 2020

Director's Corner

Our state is opening up ... school will open September 8, 2020. Lots of things going on and we still have the pandemic as a priority. We hope for your safety and wellness.

Our latest updates:

1. Horry County Libraries and Chapin Memorial Library are open. You can browse the libraries for no more than 30 minutes. That means they are not a location available for tutoring. A mask must be worn when entering any library.
2. Chapin Memorial Library is letting us use a room in the library on a limited basis for tutoring.

We celebrated our first anniversary on August 1, 2020. So exciting! Thank you to all of the community members who have donated time and money to keep us going!

September is National Literacy Month! So, in addition to our strategies we share with you each month, we are going to kick-off the school year and National Literacy Month with an Author's Panel. This will be an online discussion with authors from South Carolina. See the news below. There will be a nominal donation requested for attending and we know you will enjoy being a part of the discussion.

The COVID-19 Pandemic is real and we want schools and libraries to open face-to-face as soon as possible. We encourage everyone to please continue to wear your masks!

We know some of you, or maybe many of you, know someone who has experienced this virus. For some, the virus is uncomfortable and for others, there is a different outcome. For those of us who have lost someone, we want you to know that our thoughts are with you and your family. We wish you peace, comfort, and hope that you may be surrounded by strength and compassion during this time.

As you know, our community is important to all of us. Please be safe, wear a mask, social distance, and READ!

JULY IN SOUTH CAROLINA

As we enter the busiest time in Myrtle Beach, please remember that many of our students and tutors are still working very hard! While we take time to visit with families or play at the beach, there are many opportunities to read.

- ⇒ See a sand crab scurrying into his hole? Hold a “competition” to see who can find out the most interesting fact about a sand crab when you get home.
- ⇒ Have to leave the beach because of rain? Ask “Alexa” how much rain Myrtle Beach gets in the summer.
- ⇒ Going to the water park? Find out how much water is needed for each water slide in the park.
- ⇒ Fishing off of a pier? What types of fish can you catch in Myrtle Beach?



BACK TO SCHOOL

Yes, it is hard to believe that schools are scheduled to reopen soon!! While we do not know what the upcoming school year will bring, we do know that teachers and administrators are working hard to prepare for the new school year. Please remember that we will be here to help each student as we adjust to our “new normal”.



TUTORS AND STUDENTS WANTED

With school starting back soon, we are always on the lookout for both students who need tutoring and volunteers who would like to help. Please keep us in mind, if you know of anyone!!



NEW CONTACT INFORMATION:

info@palmettoliteracy.org



HELP WANTED



We are in need of a volunteer who would like to serve as a Treasurer on our Board of Directors. This person must be able to assist the Executive Director with the financial aspects of the council. Currently, our Board meets every third Thursday at 6:30 P.M. If you are interested, or know of anyone who is interested, please contact Dodi Hodges at palmettoliteracycouncil@gmail.com or 843-945-9278.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

We have some exciting events coming up in the next few months!!

September is Literacy Month. To help celebrate, we will be hosting an on-line Authors Panel featuring several South Carolina Authors. You will have the chance to submit questions to these authors! More information will be available once this is finalized.



**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY
TO US!!**

Palmetto Literacy Council opened it's doors on August 1, 2019. We are excited to be celebrating one year and hope to be able to help those we can for many more years!!





SOME RECENTLY PUBLISHED SOUTH CAROLINA AUTHORS

Contributed by Patricia D'Ascoli

Deb Richardson-Moore is the author of four (4) fiction titles and a memoir, *The Weight of Mercy*, about her early years as a pastor at the Triune Mercy Center in Greenville, SC. A former national award-winning reporter for the Greenville News, Deb is a popular speaker at book clubs, universities and colleges. She has also won numerous awards for her philanthropy and community involvement, including the 2014 Women Making History Award from the Greenville Cultural Exchange Center and the 2016 Public & Community Service Award from the Atlantic Institute. A graduate of Wake Forest University, Deb and her husband live in South Carolina.

Murder, Forgotten (September 2020)

Blurb: Protagonist Julianna Burke is a mystery writer, famous for her “wanderings” - blocks of time when she exits the everyday world and returns with twists and turns to make her next novel soar. But lately, she’s been coming to on the porch of her Sullivan’s Island beach house with nothing to show for a day’s work. She fears her memory is slipping, and with it, her heralded career. Then her beloved husband and business partner is murdered. The police look at workmen, extended family and neighbors, but Julianna fears something worse. Could she, deep in the throes of her latest mystery, *Murder, Forgotten*, have enacted her fictional killing? In this plot within a lot, she seeks to find the killer. But can she find the truth when her reality is fading?

Mary Alice Monroe is the *New York Times* bestselling author of more than twenty books, including the Beach House series: *The Beach House*, *Beach House Memories*, *Swimming Lessons*, *Beach House for Rent*, and *Beach House Reunion*. She is a 2018 Inductee into the South Carolina Academy of Authors’ Hall of Fame, and her books have received numerous awards, including the 2008 South Carolina Center for the Book Award for Writing, the 2014 South Carolina Award for Literary Excellence, the 2015 SW Florida Autor of Distinction Award, the RT Lifetime Achievement Award, the International Book Award for Green Fiction, and the 2017 Southern Book Prize for Fiction. Her bestselling novel *The Beach House* is also a Hallmark Hall of Fame movie. An active conservationist, she lives in the lowcountry of South Carolina.

On Ocean Boulevard (May 2020)

Blurb: It’s been sixteen years since Caretta “Cara” Rutledge has returned home to the beautiful shores of Charleston, South Carolina. Over those years, she has weathered the tides of deaths and births, struggles and joys. And now, as Cara prepares for her second wedding, her life is about to change yet again. The Rutledge family must come together to discover the enduring strength in love, tradition, and legacy from mother to daughter to granddaughter. Like the sea turtle that come ashore annually on these windswept islands, three generations of the Rutledge family experience a season of return rebirth, and growth.

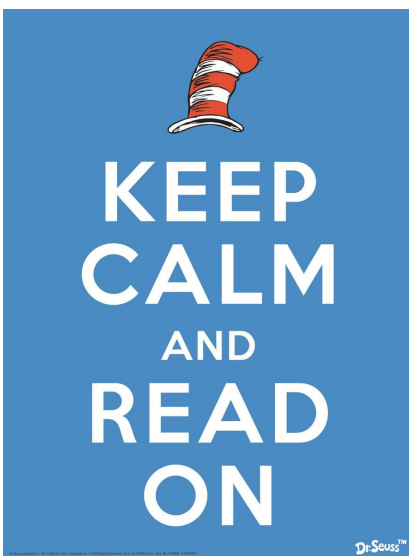


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www.kelloggsfamilyrewards.com/en_US/promotions/feeding-reading-national.html



NEW TUTOR ORIENTATION AND TRAINING

Our next New Tutor Orientation and Training Session is scheduled for:

Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 5:30 P.M.

This session will be held online via Google Meets.

If you are interested in participating,
please contact our office at 843-945-9278 or info@palmettoliteracy.org

This session will last approximately 2 hours.



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To improve the literacy of youth and adults in our community by teaching/tutoring basic literacy skills for those who struggle with reading, writing and/or math.

