

PALMETTO LITERACY COUNCIL

BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY THROUGH LITERACY



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2020

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Horry County Schools opened using a hybrid model on September 8, 2020. Our parents and adult students are counting on us to help them through the struggle of learning to read, write and do math. We are open online and face-to-face.

Our latest updates:

1. Chapin Memorial Library:
 - A. New hours: Monday - Thursday 9:30 A.M.— 6:00 P.M., Friday 9:30 A.M.— 5:00 P.M. and Saturday 9:30 A.M.— 1:00 P.M.
 - B. One room is available for one-hour tutoring.
2. Horry County Libraries are open.
 - A. You can browse in most of the libraries for no more than thirty (30) minutes.
 - B. Generally, the libraries do not have a location for tutoring.
 - C. A mask must be worn when entering any library.
 - D. Surfside Beach Library is open and has one room available for tutoring. Monday - Thursday 9:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M., Friday 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. and Saturday 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

We are in need of volunteers. If you know anyone who is willing to commit two (2) hours each week to tutoring, please send them our way! <https://www.palmettoliteracy.org>.

September is National Literacy Month!

We are celebrating it with an Authors' Panel featuring:

- ⇒ Issac Bailey: *"My Brother Moochie: Regaining Dignity in the Face of Crime, Poverty, and Racism in the American South"* and coming out in October: *"Why Didn't We Riot? A Black Man in Trump-land"*
- ⇒ Dana Ridenour: *"Below the Radar"*, *"Beyond the Cabin"*, *"Behind the Mask"*
- ⇒ Steve Robertson: *"Smalls: The South Wanted His Head. The North, His Heart"*

Excellent Books! Great Reads! Ask the authors about their books or about getting published. It should be an entertaining discussion.

This is a fundraising event for the Palmetto Literacy Council. We are requesting a donation of \$1.00 (or more if you would like) to attend, which is payable through PayPal. We provide FREE tutoring for children and adults who struggle with basic reading, writing and/or math. Your contribution provides materials for the students, ages 5 - 55 (so far). Check out our website for more information: <https://www.palmettoliteracy.org>

COVID-19 is still with us. Please wear a mask, social distance, and wash your hands frequently. As you know, our community is important to all of us. Please be safe, stay healthy, and READ!

BACK TO SCHOOL

Summer is over and students are going back to school - whether it be in school classes, on-line learning or a combination of the two. These can be confusing times for both students and adults. School personnel are working hard to make sure that students are both comfortable and safe. After 6 months of being away from the classroom, many children will find the transition difficult. While they are excited to be with friends and see old teachers, they are not used to sitting in a classroom. Many will have reservations about safety. Please take the time to reassure your child that the schools are safe. They need to follow the teacher's instructions, keep social distancing and wear their masks when required to do so.

Please also remember that we are here to help. Many students have fallen behind. We can help! If you think your child can benefit from our program, or if you have any questions about our program, please feel free to contact us.



TUTORS AND STUDENTS WANTED

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



This supplemental program will begin in a few short weeks. Be on the look-out for more information!





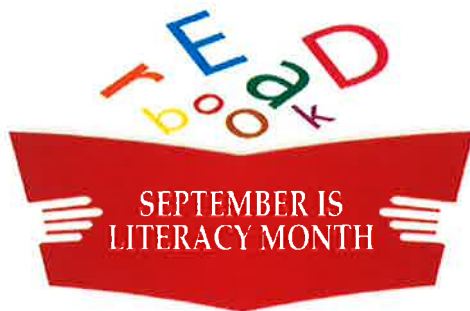
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

- ⇒ **Read Across America**: our new supplemental program featuring books and activities following a monthly theme.
- ⇒ **First Monday Read**: Join one of our members as they read aloud a favorite book. If you are interested in participating, please contact the office at: palmettoliteracycouncil@gmail.com for access to our You Tube channel.
- ⇒ **Virtual Authors' Panel**: Join us at 10:00 A.M. on September 26, 2020. This exciting event will feature three South Carolina authors: Dana Ridenour, Issac Bailey and Steve Robertson. A donation of \$20.00 is requested. A flyer for this event can be found at the end of this newsletter.
- ⇒ **Golf Tournament**: This event is scheduled for November 23, 2020. Stay tuned for further details!



NATIONAL LITERACY MONTH



September is **National Literacy Month**.
Help promote reading by:

- * Carving some time out of your schedule to read each day.
- * Read to a child.
- * Read to an elderly person at a nursing care facility.
- * Take someone to the library.





The 2020 Census ends on **September 30, 2020**. Please remember to return your census by this date, so that Horry County may receive all the funding and benefits it is entitled to. Only one member of each household needs to respond. If you have not yet responded to the Census, a census taker may visit you to gather the needed information. For more information or to fill out the census online, please visit their website at: <https://2020census.gov>.



ENSURING A SMOOTH MORNING ROUTINE



Having trouble getting your student up and ready for a good day at school? Try the following:

- * Complete chores the night before (make lunches, sign permission forms, put out lunch money, etc.)
- * Offer encouragement (offer frequent gentle reminders)
- * Set reasonable expectations (know what your child is capable of, i.e. can they dress themselves)
- * Leave time for “Unhurried” moments (try to allow about 10 minutes for a calming activity such as reading to your child or talking to him/her about the day)



MOTIVATING STUDENTS

Motivate your student to return to tutoring by:

- ◆ Be clear about learning objectives
- ◆ Create a threat-free environment (be supportive)
- ◆ Offer varied experiences
- ◆ Give praise when earned
- ◆ Model enthusiasm for learning
- ◆ Harness student interests
- ◆ Manage student anxiety
- ◆ Make goals high but attainable

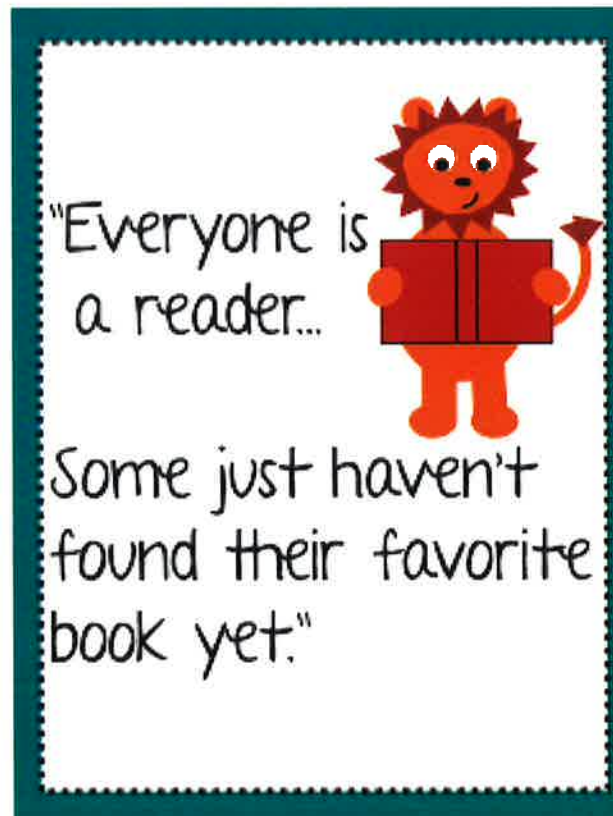
- **Motivating students is a challenge that almost all teachers face.**
 - **Students need to be motivated in order to focus on the task they will accomplish.**
 - **How can we motivate students?**





Does your child hate to read? Does he or she make up a million excuses to get out of reading? The website, <https://gradelearning.com> has offered the following tips on how to make reading fun for your child:

- * Pick the right books (have your child select a book that he/she will enjoy reading)
- * Read aloud (try using different voices for each character, take turns reading aloud)
- * Act out the story (draw pictures, act out the story, make up alternate endings)
- * Encourage all forms of reading (let your child read a magazine, a graphic novel or a newspaper)
- * Create a reading space (add blankets, pillows, bean bag chair or their favorite stuffed animal)
- * Listen to audio books
- * Start a series
- * Have a "reading hour" (read your own book while your child is reading)
- * Go to the library





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MISSION STATEMENT

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.



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Virtual Authors' Panel

An on-line discussion with three

South Carolina Authors:

- **Dana Ridenour**
- **Issac Bailey**
- **Steve Robertson**

This is a fundraising event for the Palmetto Literacy Council.

We provide FREE tutoring for children & adults who struggle with basic reading, writing and/or math.

WHEN: Saturday, September 26, 2020
10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

REGISTRATION: We are requesting a donation of \$1.00 (or more if you would like) which is payable through PayPal. To register, please use the following link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_aU414QPTQY-BNEZ198VcTQ

Upon registration, you will receive a link for this online presentation.

Thank you for your support!

Charity Golf Tournament Benefiting Palmetto Literacy Council

\$200 per team \$50 per player
\$100 hole sponsor



7 Team Winners

**Win Green Fees
to local Golf Courses**

The Dunes Club, True Blue, Caledonia,
Barefoot, Prestwick and more

Over 60 plus Raffle Prizes

Registration Includes:
Free 1 Hr. Golf Lesson from
Glen Davis Golf School
Free 30 minute
Problem Solver Massage
from Fairway Advantage

**Charity Golf
Tournament**

Monday

Nov. 23, 2020

The Man O' War

Golf Course

Start 8 AM

Green Fees to Area Golf Courses & Raffle

Contact: Elwin Miles 843-222-5974 - Elwin.Miles@gmail.com

<https://mmgolfandtravel.com/new-events/2020/8/25/palmetto-literacy-council-charity-golf-tournament>

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MONDAYS

Listen as one of the members of the Palmetto Literacy Council reads aloud a favorite book on our YouTube Channel. A new reading will be available on the first Monday of every month. To participate, simply contact our office (palmettoliteracycouncil@gmail.com) for the link to the YouTube Channel.



Palmetto Literacy Council
is proud to



This is a great program, featuring
monthly themes.

Every month, different books will be
featured along with fun activities. This
additional program is a supplement to
the regular program followed by our
students and teachers.

If you wish to participate, please
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