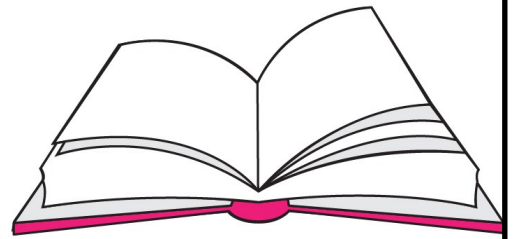


PALMETTO LITERACY COUNCIL



June 2021



***From the
Director***

Dear Friends,

June is National Pride Month. There are also several notable days that occur during the month:

June 14 is Flag Day.

June 19 – Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, Emancipation Day is celebrated.

June 20 – Happy Father's Day to all of the Dads out there!

June 15 & 16 - Horry County Schools have half days the last two days of the school year.

COVID is still among us and still spreading, but our lives are getting closer to being back to normal. Thank you to everyone who has been vaccinated. Your students may or may not have been vaccinated yet. You and your student will need to wear a mask even if you are fully vaccinated. If for nothing else, to model appropriate behavior. Children 12 and up are now able to get the Pfizer vaccine and possibly the Moderna vaccine soon. After the students have had their second shot and have waited the 2 weeks to become fully vaccinated, no masks are required, except in the libraries (until further notice).

You can reserve a room at **Chapin Library**. They take your temperature and name as you walk in and you need to wear a mask upon entering until you leave.

Some of the **Horry County Libraries** are letting us reserve a room for up to 2 months now. I'll need to fill out paperwork (Carolina Forest Library—done), so let me know if you want to reserve rooms at your library. You must wear a mask upon entering and until you leave.

Stay safe and healthy and enjoy this beautiful month and the summer ahead.

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Volunteer Liaisons

We introduced our new Volunteer Liaisons in last month's newsletter. For those of you in Conway, **Polly Putorti** is our Volunteer Liaison and for those of you in the Socastee library area, **Linda Murphy** is your Volunteer Liaison.

Polly and Linda may have already reached out to meet with you. Please return the favor of their invitation with acceptance and meet with them. These volunteers have extensive, impressive backgrounds and will be exceptionally helpful to all of you in those areas.

My guess is that we will look for a Volunteer Liaison in Carolina Forest and one for the Chapin Memorial libraries in the fall. This summer we may need a Volunteer Liaison for the Patrick Trailer Park Adult Literacy Program as well!

What is a Volunteer Liaison? The Volunteer Liaisons (VL) report to the Executive Director who meets with that person regularly. Volunteer Liaisons are assigned once there are about 10 students being tutored in a particular area in the county.

Their duties include:

- Check-in with the students (and parents) and our volunteers every couple of weeks to see if they need anything

- Administer the short progress assessments every 3-4 months for the students in that library region

- Check-in with the librarians to make sure we are doing our part and how we can help them

- Make sure there are rack cards or flyers for the libraries

- Report pre- and post-test scores to the executive director as well as the progress check assessments

They will be the first person to contact if there is a concern in their area. Our Executive Director will continue to do the student screenings (that first introductory meeting where the student reads to her) and attend school meetings when invited.

Donate Now



Facebook Donations

We received \$255 from Anonymous Donors in April through Facebook's Network for Good program. We want to thank those of you who have donated funds to keep us going! As you know, we are an all-volunteer organization and all cash donations and grants go to pay for materials for the tutors to use and to maintain our office.

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Online Auction
Thursday, June 17, 2021
through Sunday June 20, 2021

Dr. Stephanie Southworth is in charge of our online auction. If you have items to donate, please contact her nikkitomtom1@gmail.com or drop them off at the office in Surfside Beach. Just let Dodi know when you plan to come in so she can make sure the office is open and someone is there to receive your items.

Shout Outs!

Thank you to **Bobbie Lipman**, grant writer extraordinaire! We were funded through Dollar General for an Adult Literacy program. That Adult Literacy Program is taking place thanks to **Mary Ellen Lynch**, Adult Student Outreach Coordinator extraordinaire. Mary Ellen connected us up with an owner of a Patrick's Trailer Park on Hwy 15 near Pine Island Ave. in Myrtle Beach. We will need tutors in July to meet with adult students at the First Baptist Church in Myrtle Beach, not far from the trailer park. There may be some children attending as well. If you know anyone who might be interested in helping us out, please have them contact Dodi ASAP. We will need up to **10 Tutor** (and maybe a Volunteer Liaison) for this program.

Thank you to **Cheryl Burns** our LACES Czar and **Marilyn Pollack**, our LACES data-entry volunteer. LACES is the database we use for Tutor and Student information, along with the Monthly Reports the volunteers send reporting their hours. This is such important information for us to track. Our Grant Writers greatly appreciate the information from the reports in the LACES database.

Tutors Needed:

We continue to reach out to our community to let them know we are here. We need volunteer tutors in Conway (2), Chapin (3 – 1 child in reading, 1 adult-math & reading), Socastee (2), Carolina Forest (3). That's 10 tutors needed, so far. With the school years ending, there will be a rush of requests coming in soon as well. If you know anyone who is willing to give one hour, twice a week, and we give them the materials they need, please send them our way!

Carla Taylor is giving the next Volunteer Orientation and Training on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at 6:00 pm, on Zoom.

The Logophile

Preston McKeever-Floyd

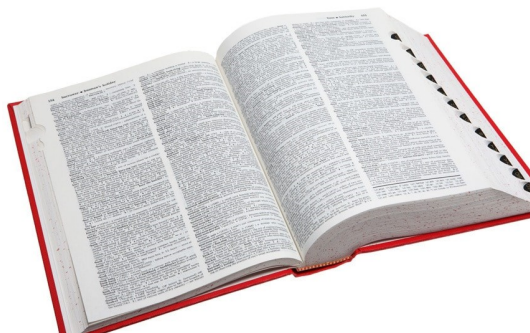


One of my favorite childhood television shows as a child was *Bewitched*. A favorite character was Aunt Clara, who was constantly befuddled, mixing up formulas and incantations resulting in backfiring spells and a comedy of errors.

Having always been intrigued with words, I heard Aunt Clara use a word that meant “after dinner,” referring to an “after dinner constitutional,” a cocktail. I loved the word, but I lost the word and for years could not retrieve it.

Amazingly, in 1985 when I was pursuing a doctoral degree in Religion and Literature at Emory University, I was reading, and I saw a word and immediately knew it was my lost word: “postprandial.” The term comes from the Latin: *post* (after) + *prandium* (originally, a late breakfast or early luncheon, later any meal” + English *al*. Thus, an adjective referring to any activity following a meal from a cocktail and cigar to a nap: *The guest enjoyed postprandial refreshments on the porch one warm summer evening.*

At Emory I was studying in the Institute of Liberal Arts (ILA), which was a lovely environment for all things nerdy. I shared with a professor that I had rediscovered a word from my childhood, and it became the buzz of the institute. It was celebrated like the finding of a rare fossil would have been in an archeology department.



Reading Strategy of the Month

Knowing the purpose for what you read will impact how you read something. Here is a strategy to help you think about the purpose of your reading.

FIND PURPOSE FOR READING

1. Establish purpose for reading. Why are you reading?
2. Is it to find information? Facts, data, time, etc.
3. Is it to understand an idea or theory?
4. Is it to find the main idea of a story?
5. Is it to understand the author's viewpoint?
6. Is it to support your views?
7. Is it to create a timeline to understand events?
8. Chart the characters?

Types of Reading	Possible Questions & Responses
Content Area Textbooks	<i>Using the title of the chapter we are reading, what is one question you might ask?</i> Example: Title of the chapter – Population <i>What is population, and why is it important?</i>
Essays	<i>What is the subject of the reading?</i> <i>What is the author saying about the subject?</i> <i>How do I feel about the author's message?</i>
Biographies or Autobiographies	<i>What kind of life did this person lead?</i> <i>How do I feel about this person?</i> <i>How did others feel about this person?</i> <i>What was this person like?</i>
Novels and/or Read Alouds	<i>Who is telling the story?</i> <i>Who are the main characters, and what are they like?</i> <i>What is the main problem in the story?</i> <i>Where and when does this story take place?</i> <i>How does the author express his or her message?</i>
Tests	<i>What is the question asking?</i> <i>What information is needed in order to answer the question?</i>

Reader's Handbook, Great Source Education Group, Inc. 2002



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