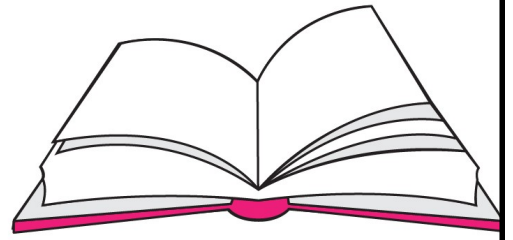


PALMETTO LITERACY COUNCIL



September 2021



***From the
Director***

Dear Friends,

Each September as the summer winds down, we recognize Labor Day, a holiday first celebrated in 1882. That year, on the fifth of September, the Knights of Labor held the first Labor Day parade in New York City. The Knights then passed a resolution to celebrate workers' labor every year on the first Monday of September. In 1894, Congress passed a law recognizing Labor Day as a federal holiday. It is a day to "lay down our tools" and celebrate all of the hard work people do every day across this nation.

As the school year begins, Covid continues to be a serious threat to the community. That is why we require mask wearing during tutoring sessions. The science is clear. Wearing a mask helps to prevent the virus from spreading. More importantly, however, everyone should get vaccinated. I would like to thank those who are fully vaccinated.

This fall, we are excited to begin a monthly discussion series for our volunteers, adult students and parents. These gatherings will not only offer useful information on a variety of topics, but will also provide us with the opportunity to socialize and get to know one another better. Look for an email about this new series in the near future.

Our new Adult Literacy Program at Patrick's Mobile Home is off to a great start. You can read about ALP on page 3 and meet one of our tutors.

We are thrilled to announce that Palmetto Literacy Council has received two grants from the Waccamaw Community Foundation. This funding will help us to continue our mission to improve the literacy rate in Horry County. A big thank you to Bobbie Lipman for facilitating these grants.

In October, Palmetto Literacy Council will host the first in a series of quarterly programs "Authors in Support of Literacy" featuring Jonathan Haupt. You can read a full description of this program on page 6.

September is a beautiful month. Enjoy the weather and please stay safe.

Dodi

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PLC Book Lover's Book Club

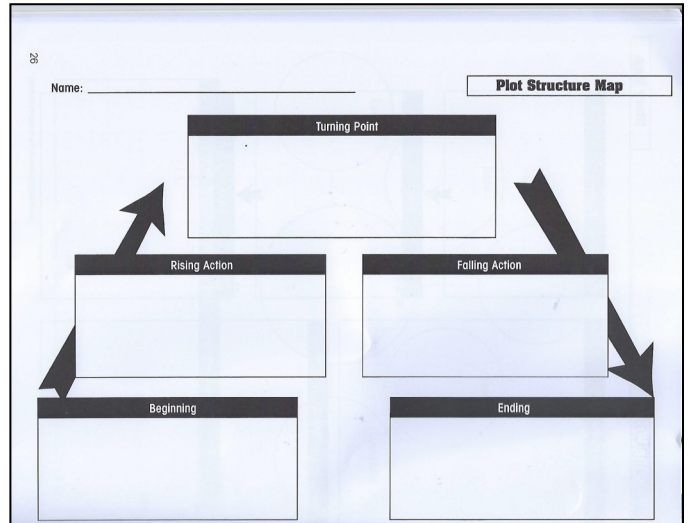
Do you enjoy reading and discussing books with other bibliophiles? Then you might like to join the PLC Book Lovers Book Club. Patricia D'Ascoli will be organizing this monthly book club and would love to hear from those who are interested. Proposed format: Each month the group will meet in one of the member's homes. The member who hosts that month will choose the book to read. Book clubs are a fun way to share your reading experiences with others! Tentative start date mid November. Contact Patricia at patricia@palmettoliteracy.org

Volunteer Liaisons

Student parents and students, please contact your Volunteer Liaison and let them know how things are going. This only applies to those being tutored at Socastee Library and Conway Library. We will be performing progress checks in October.

Volunteer Orientation and Training

Volunteer Orientation and Training on Zoom is scheduled for Thursday, September 16, 2021, 6:00 pm. Carla Taylor is hosting this event. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Dodi dodi@palmettoliteracy.org or call (843)945-9278 and leave a message.



READING STRATEGY OF THE MONTH

Fill in the graphic organizer during reading or after reading.

Follow these steps: List the characters, setting, and conflict in the Beginning box.

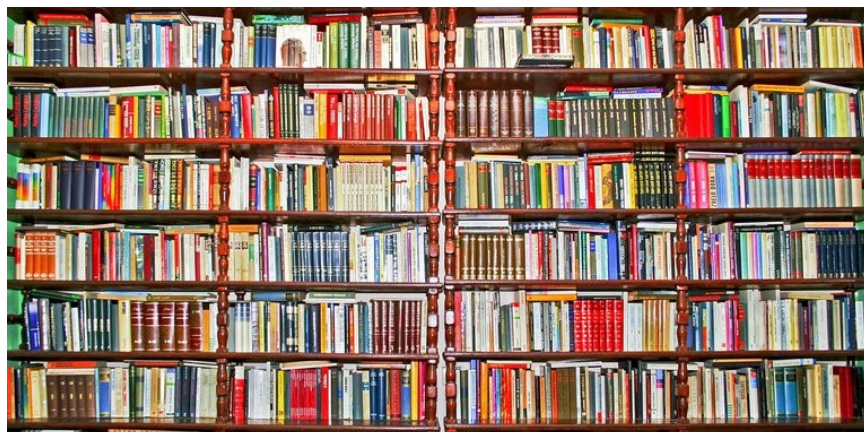
Write two or three important events that show how the main character deals with the conflict in the Rising Action box.

Identify the moment when the main character makes an important decision that leads to the story climax. Describe the event in the Turning Point box.

Write what happens as a result of the turning point in the Falling Action box.

Write how the story turns out in the Ending box.

(In a very short story, the falling action and ending are sometimes the same).



Rack Cards

Does your library have our cardstock two-sided rack cards? If not, please let Dodi know asap. She would love to get these out everywhere. If you know of a business that would display our lovely rack cards, please contact Dodi. Let's get our information out to the community in a variety of ways!

PLC's New Adult Literacy Program Patricia F. D'Ascoli

For twenty years, Barb Patrick has dreamed of a way to provide others with an opportunity to better their lives. Barb, who is co-owner of Patrick's Mobile Home Park in Myrtle Beach, has known that the way to do this is by helping residents in her community improve their English language skills. But she didn't know how to make that happen.

Her dream has now come true with the help of Palmetto Literacy Council.

In August, PLC initiated the Patrick Mobile Home Park Adult Literacy Program (ALP). Barb noted that when she first presented it to the residents, they were enthusiastic and interested in learning more about the program. During an open house held at the park, ten people signed up to participate. Six students are now being tutored in the program, and two will be paired with tutors soon. Two additional students are waiting for tutors.

Samih Baalbaki, a retired legal consultant and experienced tutor, currently works with three students in the ALP. For the past nine years, Samih has tutored elementary school children through several programs including Reading Buddies and Freedom Readers. When the opportunity to tutor for Palmetto Literacy Council presented itself, he was excited to take on the challenge of working with adults to help them improve their English language skills.



Samih, who is multilingual, speaks Spanish, and this has been a tremendous asset in working with his students. Two of his students are women (one works in construction and the other in housekeeping). A third student is a 16-year-old girl who is in the tenth grade. Tutoring is a challenge, said Samih, because the students are at different levels in their English skills.

Such levels range from having no exposure to the language to being able to understand but not write in English.

Group instruction works well in this case because it invites interaction Samih said. He focuses on helping the students identify words and learn basic English language conventions.



"We use the book as a catalyst for discussion. I try to make the session as varied as possible," Samih said. After reading, students write vocabulary words and work on making sentences from the words. Samih invites the students to tell stories about what they have read.

Although he does not assign homework, Samih encourages them to read in-between sessions, but understands that they might not always have time to focus on this.

"I respect and admire the fact that they want to learn. It's not easy for them," Samih said. "Learning a language is a big investment."

Samih, who also teaches classes through OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes), said that he is impressed with the materials provided by PLC, noting that they are easy to utilize and adapt. He believes that even those without tutoring experience or Spanish skills will find that the materials are self-explanatory and user friendly.

Barb is pleased that the program has gotten off to a great start and hopes that more residents will decide to enroll.

"People are loving it. I think it's a wonderful thing that we have been able to do," she said.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about tutoring in the Adult Literacy Program at Patrick's Mobile Home Park, please contact Dodi Hodges at dodi@palmettoliteracy.org.





PALMETTO LITERACY COUNCIL
BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY THROUGH LITERACY 

PAT CONROY'S Reverence for Teaching

Presented by Jonathan Haupt

The Inaugural *Authors in Celebration of Literacy* Program
Saturday, October 16 | 11:00 a.m. | Free & Open to the Public
Glenns Bay Baptist Church, Surfside Beach, S.C.



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As the first **Authors in Celebration of Literacy** program, the Palmetto Literacy Council will host Pat Conroy Literary Center executive director Jonathan Haupt for a public presentation, "Pat Conroy's Reverence for Teaching" on Saturday, October 16, at 11:00 a.m. The program will be held at the Glenns Bay Baptist Church at 1835 Glenns Bay Road in Surfside Beach, S.C. Light refreshments will be served, and books will be available for sale.

Acclaimed southern storyteller Pat Conroy (1945-2016) is best remembered as the author of a dozen beloved books, including *The Water Is Wide*, *The Great Santini*, and *The Prince of Tides*. Jonathan's presentation explores Conroy's transformational years as a student at Beaufort High School and later as a teacher at BHS and on Daufuskie Island, as Conroy found the mentors and students who changed the course of his life and inspired his storied writing life. Included are audio and video clips, photographs, and both published and unpublished excerpts by and about Conroy (1945-2016). The program also includes a brief overview of the work of the nonprofit Pat Conroy Literary Center in honoring and continuing Conroy's legacy as an educator.

Jonathan Haupt is the executive director of the nonprofit Conroy Center and the former director of the University of South Carolina Press, where he created the Story River Books fiction imprint with Pat Conroy, named by *Garden & Gun* magazine as one of "the top ten things to love about the South." Jonathan is co-editor of the anthology *Our Prince of Scribes: Writers Remember Pat Conroy*, the recipient of seventeen book awards. He is host of the Live from the Pat Conroy Literary Center podcast on the Authors on the Air Global Radio Network and a frequent presenter on the writing and teaching life of Pat Conroy. In 2020, Jonathan was recognized with the Doug Marlette Literacy Leadership Award presented by the Pulpwood Queens, the largest book club in the U.S.

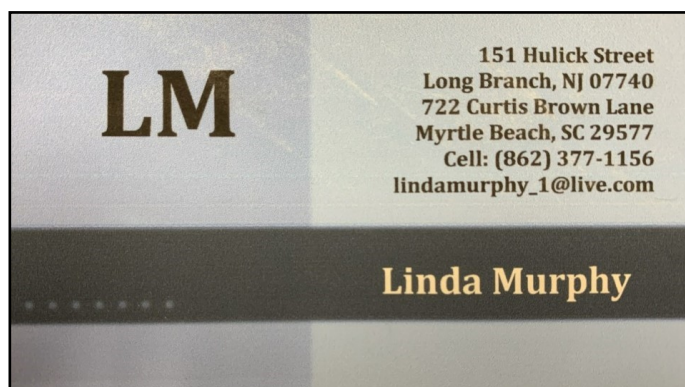
The event is made possible by a grant from South Carolina Humanities, a nonprofit organization inspiring, engaging and enriching South Carolinians with programs on literature, history, culture and heritage.

Learn more about the Pat Conroy Literary Center at www.patconroyliterarycenter.org.

Learn more about South Carolina Humanities at schumanities.org.

**Admission is free, but donations to Palmetto Literacy Council are greatly appreciated.
Sign up via email: patricia@palmettoliteracy.org.**

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For a donation of \$50 per year, businesses can show their support of Palmetto Literacy Council and its mission to improve literacy in Horry County. Palmetto Literacy Council recognizes its business members in our monthly newsletter and on our website. In each issue of the newsletter we also feature a "business of the month."

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