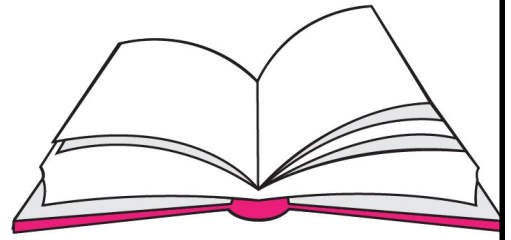


PALMETTO LITERACY COUNCIL



May 2022



From the Director

TEDx at CCU - Dodi speaking & Mike Hodges on the clicker, Table: Jan Leonhard, Mary Ellen Wyszynski, Bobbie Lipman, Mary Ellen Lynch, Attended: Catheryn Weitman, and good to see Alesa Moreles there too!

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to report that April was quite a successful month for Palmetto Literacy Council. Here's a recap of what we did to promote PLC and the volunteers who assisted:

We participated in 3 Volunteer Fairs:

HGTC Market Commons Campus - Catheryn Weitman, Carla Taylor, Kyndal Taylor, Dodi & Mike Hodges
HGTC Conway Campus - Dodi & Mike Hodges
N. Myrtle Beach Volunteer Fair - Jan Leonhard, Mary Ellen Wyszynski, & JoAn Pittard

Events included:

TGI Friday's Fundraising Event - Jan Leonhard, Mary Ellen Wyszynski, Linda Murphy, Polly Putorti, Kim Savon

Inlet Queens Outdoor Market - Bonnie Kelley, Polly Putorti, Eileen Foulger, Linda Murphy, Dodi, & Mike Hodges

Speaking Engagements to let the community know who we are and hopefully have some of the folks who participated volunteer:

Newcomer's Club of the Grand Strand - Bonnie Kelley spoke to over 100 folks
Rotary Club of Murrell's Inlet - Dodi
100 Women Who Care - Preston McKeever-Floyd introduced Dodi to the group

PLC is making great strides to enact our mission to improve literacy in Horry County and all of our dedicated volunteers are the key to our success. Our goal is to be the center for literacy education and training in Horry County. To that end, we continue to find ways to reach students who are in need of our services.

We appreciate the financial support provided by our community partners and by individuals alike. Please consider making a donation today at our website. And our need for volunteer tutors continues. Contact us if you are interested.

Enjoy this beautiful spring weather!

Sincerely,

Dodi

Dodi Hodges
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Inlet Queen Fundraiser and Raffle



Game Night Basket Winner



Volunteers Polly Putorti, Eileen Foulger,
Linda Murphy and Bonnie Kelley

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BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY THROUGH LITERACY
<https://www.palmettoliteracy.org>

BOOK SALE

**Comics, Novels, Mysteries, Educational, Religious,
Children's Books, Jigsaw Puzzles & More!**

When: **Saturday, September 10**
Where: **HCS Adult Education Building**
(formerly Myrtle Beach Intermediate Elementary)
Brunch and Pre-Sale –
Tickets go on Sale in May at our website!

**Donations of Books
accepted NOW!**



Volunteer Orientation & Training

May 20 from 1:00 to 3:00
Palmetto Literacy Council
1010 Fifth Avenue N Ext 102
Surfside Beach

Tutoring and Real World Learning

Jan Leonhard

I love when I learn something new and then see it mentioned somewhere else. I continue to learn new things every day and take joy in those discoveries. A few weeks ago, my student and I read "The Tallest Cactus" passage from the 2nd grade binder. We learned all about the Saguaro cactus and the Sonoran Desert in Arizona. Coincidentally, I was going to Arizona a week later to visit with my Father-in-Law. While there, we went to the Sonoran Desert and we saw the Saguaro cacti; neither of which I knew anything about prior to reading the passage with my student. Life is grand!

When I got back, I was able to show my student pictures of the cacti and show him how we would have both been able to answer the questions about the cacti on the displays at the Desert Botanical Garden. He was amazed to see a picture of little ol' me standing next to a very large saguaro cactus. Being a tutor allows me to share these wonderful experiences with my student. PLC is helping both of us reshape the people we are.

Standard: Read Closely Skill: Ask & Answer Questions

Grade 2

The Tallest Cactus

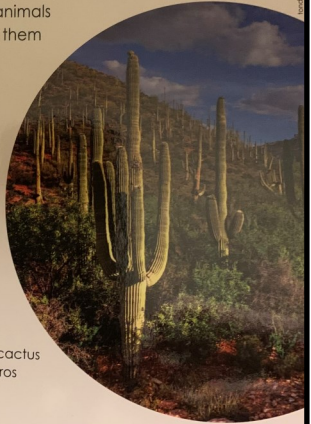
① Imagine a cactus taller than a telephone pole. If you visit the Sonoran Desert in southern Arizona, you may see one! A saguaro (sah-WAH-roh) cactus can grow to more than 40 feet tall. But it takes a long time for it to reach that height. A saguaro cactus grows very slowly. It may take ten years for it to reach one inch tall! And it may continue to grow for 200 years.

Life in the Desert

② Saguaros live in the Sonoran Desert. Life in the desert can be hard. It is very dry. Daytime is very hot. Many plants and animals have special features to help them survive.

③ What parts of a saguaro cactus help it live in the desert? It has a large tap root. This root helps a cactus reach water deep underground. A saguaro also has roots close to the surface. When it rains, a saguaro's roots suck up water.

The saguaro cactus is the tallest cactus in the United States. Many saguaros grow "arms" as they get older.



Logophile Preston McKeever-Floyd



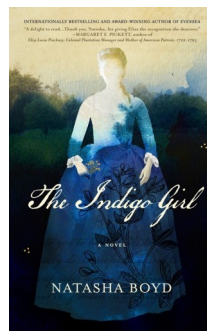
Many people find a sense of peace, well-being, and for some even bliss in experiencing a rainy day, a slow soaking or even driving rainstorm. For some the smell of the air before, during and after a rainstorm exhilarates them emotionally. Pluviophile is the term for such rain enthusiasts. This term is derived from the Latin *pluvia*, rain, and English, *phile*, for a person who is fond of something.

Unfortunately, for some, anything associated with rain, from a drizzle to a rainbow can trigger mild anxiety or intense fear. The term for this is ombrophobic, derived from the Greek *ombro*, "shower of rain," and *phobetikos*, "liable to fear."



WHAT WE'RE READING

Bonnie: I read and listen to audio books - usually have one of each going at the same time. My passion is historical fiction set in WW 2. In the early years of my nursing career, working at the VA Hospital ICU, I found that veterans from that war would talk of their time at war. Many would say that they never spoke to their families about that time, but on a night shift, with extreme illness, and a listening



young RN in her early 20's, they would share their stories. That being said, I find I read one book set during that time period then have to change the genre for the next book due to the emotions involved. My very favorite nonfiction of WW 2 is *Rena's Promise* by Rena Kornreich Gelissen. My favorite historical fiction is *The Nightingale* by Kristen Hannah. Currently I am reading *The Indigo Girl* which is set in rural South Carolina.

Artwork Raffle at Inlet Queens to benefit Palmetto Literacy Council Enter to win your collegiate mascot:



USC Gamecock



Coastal Chanticleer



Clemson Tiger Paw

Original artwork by local artist, Asher Robinson 30x30 framed print

**Tickets are \$10
And can be purchased at
Inlet Queens
4905A US-17, Murrells Inlet
Drawing to be held June 1, 2022**

**All proceeds go to
Palmetto Literacy Council
Need not be present to win;
artwork must be picked up at Inlet Queens.**