

Oak Grove Public Library Newsletter

January 2012

Calendar

Family Story Time with Deborah

Wednesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. (NOTE: Thursday is a repeat of Wednesday)

Classics Book Club with Gayle

Thursday, Jan. 5, at 6:00 p.m. — *War and Peace* (Parts 1-5) by Leo Tolstoy

Food Group Book Club

Monday, Jan. 9, at 6:00 p.m. (See p. 2)

Daytime Book Club with Judy

Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 2:00 p.m. — *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

Xbox 360 Game Night

Thursday, Jan. 19, from 4:30 until 6:00 p.m.

Family Movie Night

Thursday, Jan. 26, at 5:00 p.m. — Call for movie information (601-296-1620)

Interest Groups

Scrabble Club

Thursday, Jan. 26 at 5:45 p.m. Bring food to share.

Lamar County Genealogy Society

Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 2:00 p.m.

Vyree Malley Parker Memorial Rose Garden

Following a successful subscription period during the fall of 2011, the work to establish the Vyree Malley Parker Memorial Rose Garden has begun.

Thank you to Lamar County for digging the big hole and supplying a large pile of dirt for the hole. Volunteers shoveled dirt into the hole, and the next step will be to frame in the area with landscape timbers. Roses will be planted in late February or early March 2012 after chance of frost when the ground warms up again.



Author Visit — Ben Willoughby

Ben Willoughby, a resident of Hattiesburg, will visit Oak Grove Public Library to publicize his book, *Jump'n Stumps*. Willoughby will be at the Library on...

Jump'n Stumps is a collection of short stories, newspaper articles, and tall tales that were printed in newspapers and magazines over several decades.

**Thursday evening,
January 12,
at 6:00 p.m.**

Willoughby is an outdoorsman who grew up hunting and fishing, and while he continues to enjoy those activities, he also is keen to observe the "folks" of south Mississippi. Many of Willoughby's stories are about the interesting people he has encountered during his life.

January 17 at 5:30 p.m. — Friends Meeting

The Library Will Be Closed

January 2 (Monday) for New Year's Holiday
January 16 (Monday) for Martin Luther King Day
January 27 (Friday) for Staff Development

December Recap

Kindle Touch eReader Drawing Winner Announced



Congratulations to **Nancy Chain**, winner of the Amazon Kindle Touch eReader. Thanks to everyone who participated by purchasing tickets. Many more tickets were sold than the cost of the reader, ensuring that this event was a successful fund raiser.

Enjoy your Kindle, Nancy!

(Photo from OGPL Facebook page.)

Cake Silent Auction on December 1

More than 10 cakes were donated by individual, specialty, and corporate bakers for the first cake silent auction.

The auction began after the December 1 Classics Book Club. Bidders visited, enjoyed refreshments, and kept an eye on the cake(s) they hoped to purchase. Quite a few interesting and sneaky bidding strategies were observed. Here is a photo of the beautiful little snowflake cake (Linda Ginn's photo).



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Friends of Oak Grove Public Library

Meetings are Quarterly on the 3rd Tuesday
at 5:30 p.m. at the Library

Meeting Calendar for 2012

January 17

July 17

April 17

October 16

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Xbox 360 Game Night

January 19 (Thursday)

4:30-6:00 p.m.

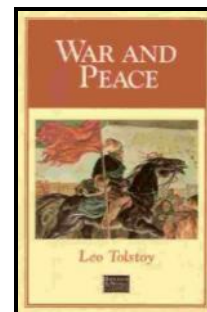
Book Clubs

Classics Book Club With Gayle

The Classics Book Club will meet Thursday, January 5, at 6:00 to discuss *War and Peace* by Leo Tolstoy. The club will discuss this work over three months (January-March).

War and Peace was published in 1869 and is regarded by many as one of the most important works of world literature. The epic novel focuses in detail on the events leading up to the French invasion of Russia and the impact of the Napoleonic era on Tsarist society as seen through the eyes of five Russian aristocratic families.

(Source: Wikipedia)



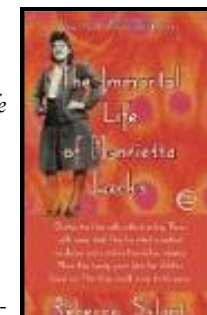
Book Club Food Group

The Book Club Food Group will meet Monday, January 9, at 6:00. Prepare a food dish inspired by a book you have read, a film or television program you watched, or a trip you made, etc. Bring the food and a recipe to share at the meeting, and tell briefly about what inspired your choice.

Daytime Book Club With Judy

The Daytime Book Club will meet Tuesday, January 17, at 2:00 to discuss *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot.

Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor Southern tobacco farmer who worked the same land as her slave ancestors, yet her cells—taken without her knowledge—became one of the most important tools in medicine. The first “immortal” human cells grown in culture, they are still alive today, though she has been dead for more than sixty years. If you could pile all HeLa cells ever grown onto a scale, they'd weigh more than 50 million metric tons. HeLa cells were vital for developing the polio vaccine; uncovered secrets of cancer, viruses, and the atom bomb's effects; helped lead to important advances like in vitro fertilization, cloning, and gene mapping; and have been bought and sold by the billions. Yet Henrietta Lacks remains virtually unknown, buried in an unmarked grave. (Source: Amazon)



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