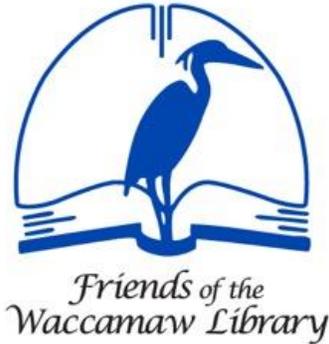


What's happening on the Waccamaw Neck ~ Compliments of the Friends of Waccamaw Library!



FOWL Community Connector

January 1, 2026

Dear Friends,

The hours at the **Waccamaw Library** are:

Monday-Thursday from 9 AM to 6:30 PM

Friday & Saturday from 9 AM to 5:30 PM

www.georgetowncountysc.org

<https://www.facebook.com/Georgetown-County-Library-103748677057/>

The hours at the **FOWL Friends Center** are:

Monday-Friday from 10 AM to 4 PM

Saturday from 11 AM to 2 PM

www.thefowl.org

fowlpawleys@gmail.com

843.545.3387

This newsletter: The Friends of Waccamaw Library's digital newsletter (sent on the first and 15th of each month) aims to let you know what's happening on the Waccamaw Neck and Georgetown (farther afield if it's library-related). This e-communication is sent to all Friends (whose e-dresses we have) and to all who ask to be added to the e-list.

In addition to the programming developed by the library system and the Friends (**in red**), we will cover other opportunities for quality experiences, education and entertainment. **In case we miss things, a list of websites for local organizations is located at the end of this newsletter. We recommend that you check the website links for possible updates, sold-out status, cancellations, and rescheduling information.** The information is organized by date, so scroll down to the date you are seeking. If you are part of a group or organization with news to share, send us your announcement. Keep it short; just the facts. We cannot

reproduce an elaborate pdf with graphics and photos. The key information needed includes: Title of event, Where held, When (date and time), BRIEF description, Benefit for (if applicable), Cost (if any), Contact (phone and email), Website (for more information).

To be added to the e-mail list or to submit an announcement, please send your information directly to the e-newsletter editor Linda Ketron at: linda@classatpawleys.com.

www.thefowl.org

Visit Our
Website

Youth & Families at Waccamaw Neck Branch Library

Outstanding programs for kids, teens and families are updated on <https://www.facebook.com/Georgetown-County-Library>. Contact Kelley Anne McKenna, kamckenna@gtcounty.org or 843.545.3349.

- **Toddler Time!** Mondays in January, 10:30-11:30 AM, Children's Area. My Grown-Up and Me creative movement and dance with Miss Kate! Social time for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and their grown-ups!
- **Family Storytime**, Wednesdays in January, 10:30-11 AM, DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. Stories, songs and early-literacy fun! For babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their caregiver(s). **Ages birth to 4.**
- **Kids Crafternoon**, Thursdays in January, 3:30-4:30 PM, Children's Area. Hands-on art projects for **ages 6-12.**
- **Kids Art Workshop** with Myrtle Beach Art Museum, First Thursdays, 3:30-5 PM – Jan. 8, explore the fun of stretch-and-reveal paper folding and drawing! Also offered 2/5, 3/5, 4/2.
- **LEGO Free Build**, Fridays in January, 9 AM-5 PM, Children's Area. Open build all day with our Lego collection. **All ages.**

Adult/Teen Programs at Waccamaw Neck Branch Library, 843.545.3623

- **Common Threads**, Mondays through January, 1-3 PM, DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium (*Jan. 12 in John & Libby Charles Room*). Knitting, Crochet, Needlepoint, Cross Stitch and more. Bring your current project to our casual needle craft group!
- **Adult BINGO**, Tuesday, January 6, 10-11:15 AM, DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. Prizes & snacks! **Geared for 18+.** All supplies included. Space limited to 75. (Also 2/3, 3/3 & 4/7).
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- **Adult Community Yoga**, Wednesdays through January, 5:45-6:45 PM, DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. All levels welcome. Mats & blocks available upon request. Donation class.
- **Family Tree Search**, Friday, January 9, 10-11 AM, DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. Learn about ancestrylibrary.com and other library resources to research your family tree. Free family charts while supplies last! For more information call 843-545-3351.
- **American Red Cross Blood Drive**, Monday, January 12, 11 AM-4 PM, DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. Sign up at www.redcross.org or 1.800.REDCROSS.

Waccamaw Neck Branch Library offers access to its archive of videotaped programs on the Georgetown County Library YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-sINZZqPfl14nl7-faVD9Q?view_as=subscriber These videos will be posted on Tuesdays at 10 AM under "In Case You Missed It" on the Georgetown County Library Facebook page and also on the FOWL Facebook page. This is a good opportunity to view adult programs and series that you might have missed (or want to see again) from the comfort of your home.

The Friends of Waccamaw Library (FOWL) offers Kanopy streaming service free of charge to all Georgetown County Library patrons. (Details online at www.thefowl.org).

Friends of Georgetown Library (FOGL) offers these adult programs at the Georgetown Library:

- Dungeons and Dragons every Monday at 4 PM
- Writers Group on Thursdays at 4:30-5:30 PM
- Collection of nonperishable foods for Helping Hands **at all events.**

If you have any questions about any of the programs, please contact Sara Mullins, Adult Services Librarian, at 843.545.3388.

Volunteer Opportunities

Friends of Waccamaw Library (FOWL) volunteer needs:

- **Storage Studs:** We are fortunate to have more books donated than we can keep in our space at the library. Our excess books are kept in boxes at a storage unit but we need help getting them there. If you can lift boxes weighing about 20-30lbs, are willing to pick them up from the library and deliver them to our storage unit or the dump, and be on call then WE NEED YOUR HELP! Contact Pat Robson at pvr0417@aol.com or 704.516.2313
- **Waccamaw Library Garden Keepers.** As Cicero said, "If you have a garden and a library,

you have everything you need.” We are looking for volunteers to “adopt” a small bed to maintain the weeds. The beds have already been cleaned and prepared. If you are a gardener and want to help care for the grounds at the Waccamaw Library, please contact Dee Phillips at debranch1953@icloud.com.

Teach My People

We want and need volunteers! If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, please contact us. For Pawleys Island and Georgetown: jordan@teachmypeople.com

Pawleys Island 753 Waverly Road Campus Greatest Need:

Kitchen Servers (for the schedule, visit www.TeachMyPeople.com)

Georgetown McDonald Elementary Campus Greatest Need: Tutors!

Tutors at our McDonald Elementary location (Grades 1 - 5). Time: 3-4 PM. Volunteers can come for even just 30 minutes to read with a child or help with homework!

Georgetown Middle School Campus Greatest Need:

Volunteers to come and share your passion, crafts, business, talent etc.
4-5 PM any day but Wednesday.

Neighbor to Neighbor

Providing not only rides to medical appointments, but also pantry deliveries and Connect services, ensuring our neighbors have food, essential supplies, and someone to check in on their well-being. Volunteers needed:

- Volunteer to drive neighbors to appointments. Every ride is a lifeline.
- Deliver pantry boxes to neighbors in need, making sure no one goes without food.
- Make Connect calls or visits to check in, offer support, and provide essential information.
- Give a gift today to keep all of these services running smoothly.

Every action matters, every ride, every delivery, every phone call, and it all begins now at the beginning of our new fiscal year. For questions or more information, call Crystal at 843.212.7003 or email at crystal.hummer@n2ncarolinas.org.

Georgetown County Parks & Recreation marine debris survey:

Georgetown County Parks & Recreation is proud to partner in the Our Marsh Counts Initiative; a three-year, community-based, grant-funded effort focused on reducing marine debris in the Murrells Inlet Watershed. As part of this work, Coastal Carolina University is conducting a brief survey to gather perspectives from those connected to the Murrells Inlet community. We invite you to participate in a research study titled Our Marsh Counts – Murrells Inlet Community Survey, conducted by Cassandra LaValley of CCU. The survey takes about 2 minutes and asks for your views on plastic waste, sustainability practices, and local environmental concerns. Your feedback will help shape future programs and strategies that support environmental stewardship in our region. Participation is completely voluntary, and all responses are confidential. Study approved by Coastal Carolina University’s Institutional Review Board.

Survey Link: https://coastalcarolina.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6r47BQxcxGqjcSW

Thank you for supporting this important community project. Beth Goodale, CPRP, Director of

CALENDAR OF COMMUNITY EVENTS

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www.road scholar.org/lecture25 [Virtual Learning | Live Online Lectures for Adults](#)

Nightly through Jan. 4

4-9 PM (Sunday, Jan. 4) – Nights of a Thousand Candles. Experience one of the most beloved holiday events in the Southeast, Nights of a Thousand Candles. See Brookgreen Gardens come to life amid the soft glow of more than 2,700 hand-lit candles and millions of sparkling lights. From 4-9 PM walk the paths with a warm cup of cider, hear the sounds of holiday music, and celebrate the season with family and friends! Are you looking to add a touch of magic to your upcoming visit? Look no further than our Sparkle & Fun Package! This package includes a glass of wine (or cider) and a set of holographic glasses that will make the lights at Brookgreen Gardens even more festive. The holographic glasses create a stunning visual effect, turning every light source into a mesmerizing display of color and sparkle. You will be amazed as you sip your wine and watch the gardens come alive with dazzling lights. Whether you're attending with friends or family, our Sparkle & Fun Package is the perfect way to elevate the atmosphere and create unforgettable memories. Dress warmly, and get here early. Traffic is sometimes heavy. We encourage guests to carpool whenever possible! **Harvest Restaurant** is open during Nights of a Thousand Candles, and reservations are recommended. However, to have dinner at Harvest, you must also have tickets to Nights of a Thousand Candles. Visit the website for food truck dining and entertainment details. **MEMBERS:** \$35 Adult, \$15 Child 4-12; **NON-MEMBERS:** \$40 Adult, \$20 Child 4-12. **The only legitimate places to purchase tickets to Nights of a Thousand Candles are our website or our ticketing company, www.showclix.com.** www.Brookgreen.org.

Friday, Jan. 2

1-4 PM – Hike Hobcaw: King's Highway to Fraser's Point. Almost five miles of the original Kings Highway can be found on Hobcaw Barony. This hike will take a four-mile roundtrip hike of the historic by-way which originated as an Indigenous Peoples trail and was later joined with the 1,300-mile road built at the royal command of Charles II. Points of interest include longleaf pine forests where the formerly endangered Red-cockaded Woodpecker nests, a cemetery for plantation

owners and members of the famous Caines decoy carving family, a canal dug by enslaved people to flood rice fields, and the ferry landing at Frasers Point where travelers would cross from Calais to Dover Plantations. Participants will need to dress for the weather, wear closed-toe shoes, and bring a water bottle. If weather conditions prevent safe travel, the program will be cancelled. (Exertion level: High impact- hiking, standing for long periods, walking on uneven terrain) Reservations required. Please note that tour participants travel via a 14-person passenger bus on rustic roads comprised of sand and dirt. Often, the roads are extremely rough and rutted, a situation which will jostle riders on the bus. Although the staff at Hobcaw Barony tries to keep them smooth, due to changeable weather and other factors, the condition of the rural roadways cannot be guaranteed to be smooth. \$38 per person, www.HobcawBarony.org.

Monday, Jan. 5

9 AM – Tidelands Photography Club meets at the Waccamaw Library each month, usually on the first Monday. We provide a guest presenter, speaking about a photographic topic. Tidelands Photography Club also offers a Photoshop club to educate members in Adobe Photoshop and related post processing tools. This is a Membership club, but guests are welcome. ed.robidou@icloud.com

1-3 PM – Common Threads meets Mondays in DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium (Jan. 12 in John & Libby Charles Room). Knitting, Crochet, Needlepoint, Cross Stitch and more. Bring your current project to our casual needle craft group!

1-3 PM – First Labyrinth Walk of 2026 at Brookgreen Gardens Labyrinth .As we take our first steps into 2026, we will set hopeful intentions to unconditionally love ourselves so that we may have love for others. Free with Garden admission, www.Brookgreen.org.

2-3 PM – 3D Printing Class in Waccamaw Library's Teen Tech Room. Bring your ideas to life with precision and innovation! Explore 3D printing and file creation for customized solutions that push the boundaries of design and manufacturing. *Also offered Jan. 19 and 26.* Reserve a seat, ddennis@gtcounty.org or 843.545.3343 or stop by.

5 PM – League of Women Voters of Georgetown County meets at the Waccamaw Library DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. Prospective new members are welcome to

attend. The League is over 100 years old, non-partisan and all about Democracy. We register voters, educate voters on the voting process, sponsor candidate forums and lectures, work to get out the vote, and make positive contributions to our community. (*The next two meetings are Mondays, Feb. 2 and March 2.*) Karen Rudio Ebbets, President, 508.397.2316 or prezlwvgc@gmail.com.

Tuesday, Jan. 6

10-11:15 AM - Adult BINGO at Waccamaw Neck Branch Library, DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. Prizes & snacks! Geared for 18+. All supplies included. Space limited to 75. *Also offered Feb. 3, March 3 and April 7.* For more information call 843.545.3623.

Noon-1 PM - Adult Laser Cutting & Engraving Training in Waccamaw Library's Teen Tech Room. Learn the software, create something and take it home! Five seats available each session. *Also offered Jan. 8, 20, 22, 27, 29.* For more information, ddennis@gtcounty.org or 843.545.3343 or stop by.

Wednesday, Jan. 7

1-2 PM – Digital Art & Design at Waccamaw Library's Teen Tech Room. Join us to learn free and easy digital design programs. We will focus on design basics, creating digital art, and basic software proficiency. Seats are limited, basic computer skills required. *Also offered Jan. 21 and 28.* For more information, ddennis@gtcounty.org or 843.545.3343 or stop by.

4-8 PM – Game Night! At Waccamaw Library's Teen Tech Room. Board Games, RPGs and Card Games! **For ages 10 to adult.** For more information, ddennis@gtcounty.org or 843.545.3343 or stop by.

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Thursday, Jan. 8

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ddennis@gtcounty.org or 843-545-3343 or stop by.

4:30-7:30 PM – Photography After Dark. Join CCU Assistant Professor of Photography David Johnson for a magical evening of hands-on night photography at Brookgreen Gardens. Explore the stunning Nights of a Thousand Candles exhibition while learning professional techniques, including long exposures, tripod use, and low-light composition. This workshop includes exclusive after-hours access to the gardens, guided instruction, and personalized feedback. Participants should come with a working knowledge of their camera, a tripod, and weather-appropriate clothing. An instructional video will be provided prior to the event to help prepare. Limited to 20 participants. David Johnson is a lens-based artist, educator, and curator whose work explores the relationship between people and the spaces they occupy. Using long-term documentary approaches, his photography considers how architecture, environments, and everyday spaces shape and reflect individual experience. \$70 (members), \$85 (non-members), www.Brookgreen.org.

Friday, Jan. 9

10-11 AM – Family Tree Search at Waccamaw Library's DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. Learn about www.ancestrylibrary.com and other library resources to research your family tree. Free family charts while supplies last! For more information, 843.545.3351.

9:30 AM-12:30 PM – CLASS offers Stained Glass with Kathy Welde. This 6-week course (1/9-2/13) is for beginners and seasoned artists using the copper foil and solder method of stained glass art. You will choose appropriate level projects to work on. Basic tools are provided (glass cutters, grinders, and soldering irons) along with scraps of glass for use in your projects. Beginner kits containing solder, copper foil and flux are available for purchase from the instructor. There is also a limited supply of stained glass that can be purchased. The classes are structured in a relaxed atmosphere working at your own pace. Individual attention and instruction is provided. Students will be working with soldering irons, grinders, and sharp edged glass, requiring dexterity, steadiness, and the ability to stand for long periods of time. There will be a \$3 fee payable to the instructor to help cover costs of tools for the class. Class held at the Parish Hall at Holy Cross Faith Memorial Church, Baskervill. Prior students have priority but there are usually a couple of spaces available for new students. \$120, www.ClassAtPawleys.com or 843.235.9600.

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6 PM – PBOC Concert: Internationally acclaimed Duo Arpeggione featuring Catherine Lan (piano) and Claudio Jaffe (cello) will be returning to give another beautiful and entertaining concert! The concert will take place in the Parish Life Center (next to the church). You won't want to miss this unforgettable evening exploring the dynamic potential of this instrument pairing! Free and open to the public, Andre.Rakus@pbocchurch.com.

Monday, Jan. 12

11 AM-4 PM – American Red Cross Blood Drive at Waccamaw Library's DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. Sign up at www.redcross.org or 1.800.REDCROSS.

12:30-3:30 PM – CLASS offers Stained Glass with Sharon Knost. This 6-week course (1/12-2/16) is for beginners and seasoned artists using the copper foil and solder method of stained glass art. You will choose appropriate level projects to work on. Basic tools are provided (glass cutters, grinders, and soldering irons) along with scraps of glass for use in your projects. Beginner kits containing solder, copper foil and flux are available for purchase from the instructor. There is also a limited supply of stained glass that can be purchased. The classes are structured in a relaxed atmosphere working at your own pace. Individual attention and instruction is provided. Students will be working with soldering irons, grinders, and sharp edged glass, requiring dexterity, steadiness, and the ability to stand for long periods of time. There will be a \$3 fee payable to the instructor to help cover costs of tools

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Tuesday, Jan. 13

9:15 AM – The Low Country Herb Society meets at the Waccamaw Library. The guest speaker is Sue McClary from Inlet Culinary Garden in Murrells Inlet, presenting "Growing Winter Herbs." Membership to the Low Country Herb Society is open to all and no experience is necessary. A "meet and greet" social time to welcome guests and members is held prior to the meeting with refreshments provided by LCHS members. Every regular meeting includes a guest speaker and information on the Herb of the Month. Throughout the year an annual picnic is held, a holiday luncheon, fundraisers for a scholarship fund and a field trip. LCHS meets from September through May, and the annual dues are \$25 with a quarterly newsletter included. For more information, look for us on Facebook or contact us at sclchsnews@gmail.com.

10:30-11:30 AM – Myrtle Beach Movies and Music History in Brookgreen's Ron Daise Auditorium. Hollywood stars brought big-screen magic to Myrtle Beach over nearly 50 years. Kathryn Hedgepath, author of the now collectible book Myrtle Beach Movies, will share stories of the motion pictures made or premiered here, as featured in her book and on her popular weekly trolley tour that takes guests to various film locations. She will also highlight the city's impact on music history—drawing from her Myrtle Beach History, Movies & Music Trolley Tour—including the origins of Beach Music and South Carolina's state dance, The Shag. Myrtle Beach native Kathryn Hedgepath is the creator and narrator of the Myrtle Beach History Trolley and Step-On Tours. She has traveled to forty countries across six continents and uses her global experiences to present local history through a worldly lens. Free with Garden admission and registration, www.Brookgreen.org.

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Wednesday, Jan. 14

5:45-6:45 PM – Adult Community Yoga at Waccamaw Library’s DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. All levels welcome. Mats & blocks available upon request. Donation class.

Thursday, Jan. 15

10:30-11:30 AM – The Virtuous Honeybee in Brookgreen’s Ron Daise Auditorium. Beekeeper Tom Francis invites you to explore the fascinating world of honeybees and the remarkable “superorganism” that is the hive. Discover how these tiny creatures embody virtues such as tireless work ethic, cooperation, cleanliness, and purpose. Through engaging insights and reflections, Francis reveals what humans can learn from these industrious pollinators and their essential role in sustaining life on Earth. After 38 years in telecommunications with Verizon, Tom Francis got into beekeeping. Once his backyard operation, Bees By the Sea, outgrew its home, Tom was given permission to bring some of his beehives to Brookgreen, where he has been a member for over 30 years. Tom manages the observation hive at Brookgreen and educates the public about bees through area lectures, special appearances, interviews, and consultations. Free with Garden admission and registration, www.Brookgreen.org.

6 PM – FOWL Live Music Series begins at the Waccamaw Neck Branch Library, DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium with Dan Sachs’ “Acoustic Classic.” Free and open to the public, www.TheFOWL.org.

Monday, Jan. 19

1-3 PM – Common Threads meets Mondays in DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. Knitting, Crochet, Needlepoint, Cross Stitch and more. Bring your current project to our casual needle craft group!

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Tuesday, Jan. 20

Noon-1 PM – Adult Laser Cutting & Engraving Training in Waccamaw Library's Teen Tech Room. Learn the software, create something and take it home! Five seats available each session. *Also offered Jan. 22, 27 & 29.* For more information, ddennis@gtcounty.org or 843-545-3343 or stop by.

Wednesday, Jan 21

1-2 PM – Digital Art & Design at Waccamaw Library's Teen Tech Room. Join us to learn free and easy digital design programs. We will focus on design basics, creating digital art, and basic software proficiency. Seats are limited, basic computer skills required. *Also offered Jan. 28.* For more information, ddennis@gtcounty.org or 843.545.3343 or stop by.

4-8 PM – Game Night! At Waccamaw Library's Teen Tech Room. Board Games, RPGs and Card Games! **For ages 10 to adult.** For more information, ddennis@gtcounty.org or 843.545.3343 or stop by.

5:45-6:45 PM – Adult Community Yoga at Waccamaw Library's DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. All levels welcome. Mats & blocks available upon request. Donation class.

Thursday, Jan. 22

10-11:30 AM – FOWL Writing the Tide: Waccamaw Library Writers Group Writing Workshop Series begins the 2026 season with publisher and editor Linda Ketron, founder and owner of CLASS Publishing, who will facilitate a session on the ins and

outs of the publishing process. A follow-up publishing session will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 4 at 10 AM with upstate SC writer Kay Wade who will be in town to go over final proofs for her CLASS book, *Jocassee, Wet & Wild*. Free to attend and open to the public.

Noon-1 PM – Adult Laser Cutting & Engraving Training in Waccamaw Library’s Teen Tech Room. Learn the software, create something and take it home! Five seats available each session. *Also offered Jan. 27, 29*. For more information, ddennis@gtcountry.org or 843.545.3343 or stop by.

6 PM – FOWL Live Music Series features Pam Purvis Ackerman, “That’s Life: Jazz & Cabaret” in the Waccamaw Library’s Debordieu-Cross Auditorium. Free and open to the public.

Friday, Jan. 23

2 PM – FOWL Classic Film Series present *The French Connection* (1971) in the Waccamaw Library’s Debordieu-Cross Auditorium. Films will be introduced by Tony Miller and Daniel Cross Turner, with audience discussion to follow. Arrive early to enjoy free live music. *Series continues Fridays through March 13*. Free and open to the public.

Monday, Jan. 26

1-3 PM – Common Threads meets Mondays in DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. Knitting, Crochet, Needlepoint, Cross Stitch and more. Bring your current project to our casual needle craft group!

2-3 PM – 3D Printing Class in Waccamaw Library’s Teen Tech Room. Bring your ideas to life with precision and innovation! Explore 3D printing and file creation for customized solutions that push the boundaries of design and manufacturing. *Also offered Jan. 19 and 26*. Reserve a seat, ddennis@gtcountry.org or 843.545.3343 or stop by.

Tuesday, Jan. 27

Noon-1 PM - Adult Laser Cutting & Engraving Training in Waccamaw Library’s Teen Tech Room. Learn the software, create something and take it home! Five seats available each session. *Also offered Jan. 29*. For more information, ddennis@gtcountry.org or 843.545.3343 or stop by.

Wednesday, Jan. 28

1-2 PM – Digital Art & Design at Waccamaw Library's Teen Tech Room. Join us to learn free and easy digital design programs. We will focus on design basics , creating digital art, and basic software proficiency. Seats are limited, basic computer skills required. For more information, ddennis@gtcounty.org or 843.545.3343 or stop by.

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Thursday, Jan. 29

Noon-1 PM - Adult Laser Cutting & Engraving Training in Waccamaw Library's Teen Tech Room. Learn the software, create something and take it home! Five seats available each session. For more information, ddennis@gtcounty.org or 843.545.3343 or stop by.

Friday, Jan. 30

2 PM – FOWL Classic Film Series present *Out of the Past* (1947) in the Waccamaw Library's DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. Films will be introduced by Tony Miller and Daniel Cross Turner, with audience discussion to follow. Arrive early to enjoy free live music. *Series continues Fridays through March 13.* Free and open to the public.

6 PM – French Film Festival begins with six film screenings on the final weekend of January and the first weekend of February in the DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium inside the Library. The French Film Festival is sponsored by the Friends of the Waccamaw Library (FOWL). All screenings are free and open to the public, and will be shown with English subtitles. This year's lineup of movies showcases an excellent mix that offers something for everyone—comedy, adventure, romance, drama—and all these extraordinary foreign films are well worth seeing on the Library's large screen.

- **Friday, January 30 at 6 PM: *A Kid (2016)***: Mathieu has never known his father. One morning, in his Paris apartment, he receives a call from Quebec telling him his father has died. Mathieu decides to attend the funeral and meet the two Canadian brothers he has just found out about, thus launching a remarkable journey of mystery and discovery.

4-7 PM – Hobnob at Hobcaw: Winyah Rivers Alliance 25th Anniversary Celebration and Oyster Roast at Kimbel Lodge, Hobcaw Barony. This event combines food, fellowship, and fundraising in support of the work of our Riverkeepers to protect our river watersheds. Purchase your ticket (\$50pp) now at: <https://winyahriverfoundation-bloom.kindful.com/e/hobnob-at-hobcaw-wra-25th-river-celebration-and-oyster-roast->

Saturday, Jan. 31

2:30 PM – French Film Festival in the Waccamaw Library’s DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium presents *The Three Musketeers, Part 2: Milady (2023)*: The Three Musketeers decide to join forces with the mysterious Milady to put their enemies out of action, while the Kingdom of France is divided by religious wars and remains under British threat. The French Film Festival is sponsored by the Friends of the Waccamaw Library (FOWL). All screenings are free and open to the public, and will be shown with English subtitles.

LOOKING AHEAD!

Now is the time to get your 2026 calendar and start filling in those boxes or digital tabs with great programs at your library that you don’t want to miss. Below is a preview of the tremendous schedule of free events, open to the public and planned by Dan Turner, Georgetown County Library System Head of Programming & Outreach, for the Waccamaw Neck Branch Library (41 St. Paul Place, Pawleys Island).

FOWL Live Music Series – Thursday evenings at 6 PM in the DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium.

- January 15: Dan Sachs, “Acoustic Classic”
- January 22: Pam Purvis Ackerman, “That’s Life: Jazz & Cabaret”
- February 12: Pawleys Island Ladies Ensemble, “A Choral Celebration”
- February 26: Chick ’N’ Biscuit with Emily Dunlap Carter and John Carter
- March 12: Rich Johnson with hits from the 1970s
- March 26: Pawleys Island Concert Band Jazz Band, “Jazz in the Stacks”

FOWL Writing the Tide: Waccamaw Library Writers Group Writing Workshop Series – Mostly Thursdays, 10-11:30 AM

- Thursday, January 22, Publishing Process: Linda Ketron
- Wednesday, Feb. 4, Publishing Process: Kay Wade
- Friday, February 27, Memoir: Emily Dunlap Carter
- Thursday, March 26, Haiku: Sylvia Kelly
- Thursday, April 16, Poetry: Hastings Hensel
- Thursday, May 21, Creative Nonfiction: Daniel Cross Turner
- Thursday, June 18, Poetry: Marlanda Dekine
- Thursday, July 23, Poetry: Marlanda Dekine
- Thursday, August 20, Poetic Forms: Daniel Cross Turner

FOWL Classic Film Series – Friday afternoons at 2 PM in the Debordieu-Cross Auditorium.

- January 23: *The French Connection* (1971)
- January 30: *Out of the Past* (1947)
- February 6: *Heaven Can Wait* (1978)
- February 13: *The Third Man* (1949)
- February 20: *Kramer vs. Kramer* (1979)
- February 27: *Charade* (1963)
- March 6: *Best in Show* (2000)
- March 13: *Marathon Man* (1976)

FOWL French Film Festival – Fridays-Sundays, Jan. 30-Feb. 8 in the Debordieu-Cross Auditorium.

- Friday, January 30 at 6 PM: *A Kid* (2016)
- Saturday, January 31 at 2:30 PM: *The Three Musketeers, Part 2: Milady* (2023)
- Sunday, February 1 at 2:30 PM: *Haute Cuisine* (2012)
- Friday, February 6 at 6 PM: *The Sense of Wonder* (2015)
- Saturday, February 7 at 2:30 PM: *Àma Gloria* (2023)
- Sunday, February 8 at 2:30 PM: *The Rose Maker* (2020)
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FOWL Local Author Book Fair – Saturday, March 7, 10 AM-2 PM in the Debordieu-Cross Auditorium.

ONGOING!

Check out the routinely re-stocked shelves of "**Bargain Books to Benefit FOWL**" at the Litchfield Exchange (14363 Ocean Highway behind Applewood House of Pancakes). Browse through organized hardcovers and paperbacks (all books \$1 each) and find recent releases and older treasures you always meant to read. Your donations can be placed in the envelopes provided and slipped under the door of Unit#5 (catercorner from the book shelves). Many of the "best" recycled books are being shelved at the Exchange.

Through Sunday, Jan. 4, 2026 – Treasured Holiday Memories in Brookgreen's Rosen Galleries. The theme of the holiday exhibit is traditional – trains and treasured memories of past holiday

seasons. Trains by Lionel and American Flyer chug through landscapes designed and built by department staff. New this year is a vintage American Flyer layout from the early 1960s in the Mize Gallery. Also returning are “Amusement Park and Pavilion,” evoking the views and sounds of the historic Myrtle Beach Pavilion and 1950s vintage trains from a private collector. These historic vignettes wrap the old and the new in holiday warmth inside the Rosen Galleries. The exhibit will also be open on the days the Gardens are open for general daytime admission, but the trains will not be running. During *Nights of a Thousand Candles*, our engineers will be running all the trains!

Through Sunday, Jan. 25, 2026 – 18th Annual Fiber Arts Exhibition: In Praise of Ancestors at Brookgreen’s Lowcountry Art Gallery. Now in its 18th year, this annual juried exhibition showcases nearly 60 fiber artists from 22 states, presenting original works that honor the legacies of African American ancestors. Rooted in African traditions of ancestor reverence and carried through the African Diaspora, these works celebrate lineage, resilience, and the enduring influence of those who came before us. This year’s theme pays tribute to the known and unknown figures of the Diaspora whose lives, sacrifices, and dreams shaped our present. The artists draw inspiration both from celebrated African American historical figures and from the intimate histories of their own families, using fiber as a medium to preserve memory and amplify ancestral voices. Created and curated by award-winning textile artist Torreah “Cookie” Washington, *In Praise of the Ancestors* highlights the innovation and creativity of African American fiber artists. From quilts to mixed-media pieces, the exhibition blends traditional and contemporary techniques to create visual narratives that are at once personal and universal. Several quilts included in this exhibition have traveled to Brookgreen Gardens from across the country, underscoring the national scope and significance of this gathering of work. *In Praise of the Ancestors* is more than an exhibition—it is a call to remember, to honor, and to carry forward the strength, prayers, and hopes of generations past. Torreah “Cookie” Washington is a fourth-generation needleworker and Charleston-based fiber artist known for her narrative art quilts that honor the Divine Feminine and African ancestral heritage. Born in Rabat, Morocco, and self-taught in quilting, she carries forward the legacy of the women in her family—seamstresses, designers, and tailors—while forging her own path in textile-based art. Daily 9:30 AM-4:30 PM. Free with Garden admission, www.Brookgreen.org.

Mondays-Fridays, 10 AM and 11 AM and 2:30 PM – Discover Hobcaw Tour. This two-hour tour requires little walking and includes highlights of Hobcaw Barony’s 16,000 acres of history, ecology and research. A privately owned research reserve, the property represents every environment and century of the Lowcountry. The bus stops for a tour inside Bernard Baruch’s c.1930 home that played host to politicians, generals and newspapermen, as well as Winston Churchill and President Franklin Roosevelt. In addition to Hobcaw House, tours include a drive by the home and stables of Bellefield Plantation, the home of Mr. Baruch’s oldest daughter Belle Baruch who owned all the property by 1956, as well as a stop in Friendfield Village, the last 19th-century slave village on the Waccamaw Neck. Information shared will include coastal ecosystems, native wildlife and endangered species. Tours are not recommended for children under 7. Reservations required, \$30 pp, www.HobcawBarony.org.

Saturdays, 10 AM – Explore Hobcaw Barony Tour. Enjoy an expanded seasonal tour of Hobcaw Barony for opportunities to see and experience more than what is offered on the daily Introductory Tour. With stops at the North Inlet salt marsh, the grounds of Bellefield Plantation, Friendfield Village, and the main floor of Hobcaw House, participants have a chance to spend more time at each location than offered on the daily tour. Participants will need to dress for the weather, wear comfortable shoes and bring sunscreen, bug spray, snacks, and water. (Exertion level: Moderate impact, walking, standing for long periods). Reservations required, \$40 pp, www.HobcawBarony.org.

Storehouse Tours Spring schedule for Pontoon Boat Tours to Pee Dee Plantations, Port of Georgetown, Hasty Point and Sandy Island are available and filling online at <https://www.storehousetours.com/pontoon-river-tour-details>. Day trips can be found at <https://www.storehousetours.com/day-trip-details>.

IBIS – Inlet & Bay Stewards is a volunteer organization that supports South Carolina's [North Inlet-Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve](http://www.northinlet.sc.edu). Located at historic Hobcaw Barony, our Reserve is a vital local resource for environmental education, science, and data that promotes community resilience to storm surge and flooding. To find out more, visit these websites: <https://northinlet.sc.edu> and <https://www.inletandbaystewards.org>. If you are interested in joining IBIS as a member, IBIS is also on Facebook (@NIWBIBIS), Twitter (@bay_inlet) and Instagram (NIWBIBIS). Or email: inletandbaystewards@gmail.com.

Tuesdays, 5-6 PM – T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets at Oaks Bible Church (5487 Wesley Road, Murrells Inlet). Annual Fee \$70 new members, then \$5 monthly. Sarah Cathey, tinkerforgiven@gmail.com.

For accurate and up-to-date information from the "horse's mouth," about favorite venues, hosting sites, and organizations, please visit their websites:

Art & Cultural Events	www.TheArtsGrandsStrand.org
Avian Conservation Center	www.TheCenterforBirdsofPrey.org
Brookgreen Gardens	www.Brookgreen.org
Burroughs & Chapin Art Museum	www.MyrtleBeachArtMuseum.com
Chamber of Commerce, Gtn Co	www.VisitGeorge.com
CLASS (art courses, boat tours)	www.ClassAtPawleys.com
Coastal Carolina University	www.Coastal.edu/culturalarts
Freewoods Farm	www.FreewoodsFarm.com
Georgetown Business Association	www.GeorgetownSeaport.com
Georgetown County Museum	www.GeorgetownCountyMuseum.com
Georgetown County Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services	www.GTCounty.org
Georgetown Library System	www.GeorgetownCountySC.org
Georgetown Walking Tours	www.OldGeorgetownWalkingTours.com

Grand Strand Arts Calendar	www.TheArtsGrandStrand.org
Hampton Plantation	www.SouthCarolinaParks.com
Hobcaw Barony	www.HobcawBarony.org
Hopsewee Plantation	www.Hopsewee.com
Horry County Museum	www.HorryCountyMuseum.org
Huntington Beach State Park	www.SouthCarolinaParks.com
Kaminski House Museum	www.KaminskiMuseum.org
Keep It Green	www.KeepItGreeninSC.com
League of Women Voters, Gtn Co	www.georgetowncountysc.lwv.org
Litchfield Books	www.LitchfieldBooks.com
Long Bay Symphony	www.LongBaySymphony.com
The Moveable Feast	www.ClassAtPawleys.com
Murrells Inlet 2020	www.MurrellsInletSC.com
Myrtle Beach History Trolley Tours	www.MyrtleBeachHistoryTours.com
Myrtle Beach State Park	www.MyrtleBeachSP.com
My Sister's Books	www.MySistersBooks.com
North Inlet-Winyah Bay NERR	www.northinlet.sc.edu/upcoming-events/
Pat Conroy Literary Center	www.PatConroyLiteraryCenter.org
PI/Litchfield Business Association	www.JoinPilba.com
Pawleys Island Concert Band	www.PawleysIslandConcertBand.com
PI Festival of Music & Art	www.PawleysMusic.com
The Rice Museum	www.RiceMuseum.org
SC Maritime Museum	www.SCMaritimeMuseum.org
Sewee Visitor Center	www.SeweeCenter.fws.gov
Storehouse Tours	www.StorehouseTours.com
Strand Cinema	www.StrandCinema.org
Swamp Fox Players	www.SwampFoxPlayers.com
Theatre of the Republic	www.TheatreOfTheRepublic.com
Tidal Tales of Georgetown	www.GeorgetownTidalTales.com
Tidelands Photography Club	www.TidelandsPhotographyClub.com
T.O.P.S. (Take Pounds Off Sensibly)	www.TinkerForgiven.com
Visitors Center, Gtn Co	www.VisitGeorge.com
Friends of Waccamaw Neck Library	www.TheFOWL.org
Waccamaw Audubon Society	www.WaccamawAudubon.org
Waccamaw Neck Arts Alliance	www.SCWNAA.org
Winyah Rivers Alliance	www.WinyahRivers.org