



## Your Monthly News & Updates

### Programs @ Lanier



Thursday, September 19, 1 PM

**REALITIES OF PARTISAN POLITICS**

Olin Sansbury  
Retired Chancellor  
USC Spartanburg

In an age of social media, friends unfriend friends when learning that their political beliefs are not the same. Differences between opposing parties are publicly expressed in dismissive anger.

The concept of objectivity is losing usefulness.

At the next Live@Lanier, Olin Sansbury, Chancellor Emeritus of USC Spartanburg and author of "Joint Ventures", will share his perspectives on the roots, psychology, and process of partisan politics. Olin says, "Even George Washington could not avoid partisan politics. He regretted the conflicts between two of his loyal Cabinet members but he understood the reality that democracy requires partisanship. More recently, however, some politicians and interest groups give partisanship a bad name, demonizing opposition to advance their own interest."

Looking for practical bipartisanship government, join Olin to delve into the

roles of population growth, mass media, the 2-party system, voting by personality versus philosophy, and more.

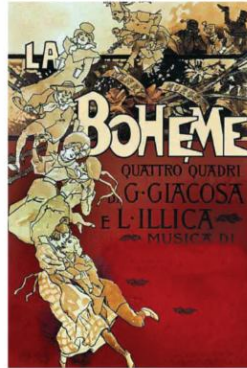
# Culture Quiz

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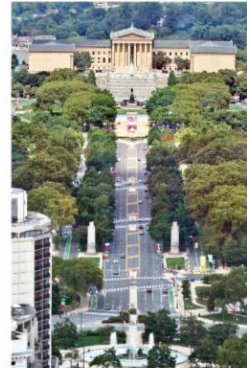
Munch, Rembrandt,  
or Spitzweg

COMPOSER?



Bizet, Verdi,  
or Puccini

MUSEUM?



Philadelphia, Oslo,  
or Cleveland

ARCHITECTURE?



French, German,  
or Italian

Answers at the end of the newsletter.

## Chess Moves

Interested in learning to play chess or  
improving your game?

Join Lew Martin and other players on  
Tuesdays at 1:00 pm in the Holmes Room  
at Lanier.

No experience is necessary and  
chess boards are provided.



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## FACT FIND TO WIN

WWW.THELANIERLIBRARY.ORG

*“At the first Lanier program in 1890, who shared  
her opinions about annexing Canada?”*

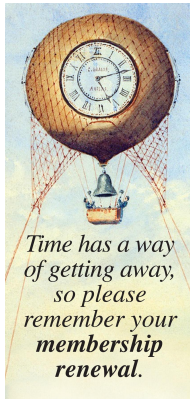
Win one of two \$10 gift certificates when you search our new website and find the answer to the question “At the first Lanier program in 1890, who shared her opinions about annexing Canada?” [www.thelanierlibrary.org](http://www.thelanierlibrary.org)

The first and last member who e-mails the correct answer during September wins a \$10 certificate to Trade Street Diner. Only one certificate awarded per member per month.

A winner can win again in subsequent months answering different questions. The e-mail link to answer is at the bottom of every page of the website: [thelanierlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:thelanierlibrary@gmail.com)

Expect a new monthly question in the newsletter through December.  
This is the first of four questions.

## Membership @ Lanier



### Membership Renewal Time

Is your membership about to expire? No need to come in to the library, just visit the library website by clicking on:

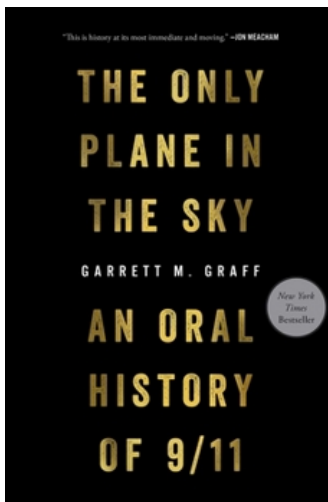
<https://thelanierlibrary.org/membership/online-membership-form/> and [renew online.](#)

If you aren't sure when your membership expires, please contact the library at 828-859-9535.



Established by the Lanier Library Board in 2020, the Lanier Legacy Fund honors the generosity of members who included the library in their estate plans with a gift of \$25,000 or more. Five recognition plaques are now mounted in the Great Hall in memory of Jim & Hertha "Tah" Flack, Earl & Lilian Bettinger, Harry Goodheart, Rachael & George Gould, and Margaret Howe.

## A Note from the President



When I drive around doing errands, I listen to a lot of audio books. Call me old-fashioned, but one of the criteria for my latest car was that it had to have a CD player- and lots of new cars don't offer that feature any longer. (I really should learn to use Hoopla - which comes with our library membership - but oh well!) A friend who takes a lot of road trips also listens to audio books en route to various destinations. He recommended *The Only Plane In The Sky*. It is an oral history of 9/11 and shares the first-hand accounts of a whole host of people who directly experienced the trauma of the

attack. You hear the stories of government officials, first responders, members of the armed forces, survivors, witnesses, friends and family members of victims. It is a powerful and moving work that made my spine tingle and several times had me tearing up. Ordinary folks did amazing things that day. It made me very sad for the many sacrifices, but also grateful and proud to be an American. Check it out. Until next time,  
**Vicky**

## Book Lovers Meets September 7 @ 10 am

### Book Lovers - August 2024

The first Saturday of every month, avid readers meet at Lanier Library to discuss books they've enjoyed (or not)! It's casual, enlightening, and there are no rules. Join the fun.  
Here are current favorites.

#### Fiction

*A Death in Cornwall* by Daniel Silva  
*The Stolen Child* by Ann Hood  
*The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon  
*All the Colors of the Dark* by Chris Whitaker  
*The Burning* by Linda Castillo  
*The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore  
*James* by Percival Everett  
*The Housemaid* by Frieda McFadden  
*Broken Bayou* by Jennifer Moorhead  
*Some Choose Darkness* by Charlie Donlea  
*Sharp Objects* by Gillian Flynn  
*Beloved* by Toni Morrison

#### Mystery

*The Betrayal of Trust* by Susan Hill  
*A Peculiar Combination* by Ashley Weaver  
*The Face of a Stranger* by Anne Perry

#### Nonfiction

*Death in Mud Lick* by Eric Eyre

#### Biography/Memoir

*Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance  
*The Forgotten Girls* by Monica Potts  
*Kin* by Shawna Kay Rodenburg

## Nonfiction Book Club

The Club will meet on September 8, 2024 at 1:30 PM to discuss  
*The Wager* by David Grann.

# Orders & Acquisitions

Below are the links to our **August** Acquisitions & Orders. Feel free to contact the library to put your name on the hold list for any you would like to read.

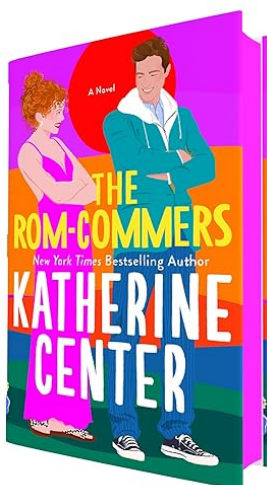
You can call us or [log in through the catalog on the website using your library card number for ID and PIN.](#)

And, as always, let us know if there is a book or DVD you think would enhance the collection.

Click here for [Acquisitions](#).

Click here for [Orders](#).

## September Book Review



### The Rom-Commers

Katherine Center's *The Rom-Commers* is an absolute joy to read! It's the perfect blend of humor, romance, and heartfelt moments.

The characters are so relatable and endearing, you'll feel like they're old friends by the end of the book. Center's writing is warm and witty, making the story both fun and meaningful.

If you love a feel-good story that leaves you with a big smile, this book is a must-read!

Submitted by [Alice Payne](#)

## Last Month @ Lanier



### All A Buzz

Farmer and environmental educator Kim Bailey of Milkweed Meadows Farm enthralled participants with information about plants that attract pollinators. She brought in three different caterpillars with the leaves that they eat as well as a sample of plants to consider using to “plant the rainbow” and attract pollinators.

Kim reminded everyone that we need to provide plants that feed pollinators in all stages of their lives, not just the flowers.



Participants could be seen scribbling notes of plants they may want to bring into their gardens for butterflies, bees, hummingbirds and other pollinators.



## Pets @ Lanier

*Lanier Library welcomes all library-friendly dogs & cats, but asks that they remain on leash or in their carriers at all times.*



## Meet Jackie Martin...

who stopped by with owners  
Phyllis & Lew Martin to watch  
for new books to arrive!

## Displays @ Lanier

### Sandra's Shelf Display

The September display will be a bookend to last month's display of the 100 Best Books of the 21st Century (so far) curated by writers. In September, we'll display: *The top 100 Books of the 21st Century According to Readers of the NY Times.*



### September Display

Our September display will be a collection of political campaign buttons from Izzie and Dave Rice.

## Thank You!

Thank you to Kim Bailey for filling the August display case with information about ways we can attract pollinators of all types to our gardens.

# Poem of the Month

The Lanier Library Poetry Committee is pleased to introduce a poem of the month program. Each month we will be posting a different poem that we hope will inspire you. The poem will be in the monthly newsletter and posted at the library. Please let us know what you think of each month's selection.

## In September

by Edward Dowden

Spring scarce had greener fields to show than these  
Of mid September; through the still warm noon  
The rivulets ripple forth a gladder tune  
Than ever in the summer; from the trees  
Dusk-green, and murmuring inward melodies,  
No leaf drops yet; only our evenings swoon  
In pallid skies more suddenly, and the moon  
Finds motionless white mists out on the leas.  
Dear chance it were in some rough wood-god's lair  
A month hence, gazing on the last bright field,  
To sink o'er-drowsed, and dream that wild-flowers blew  
Around my head and feet silently there,  
Till Spring's glad choir adown the valley pealed,  
And violets trembled in the morning dew.

## Trivia Answers

"The Bookworm" by Carl Spitzweg

"La Boheme" composed by Giacomo Puccini

The Philadelphia Art Museum (with the "Rocky" steps)

Frankfurt Germany

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