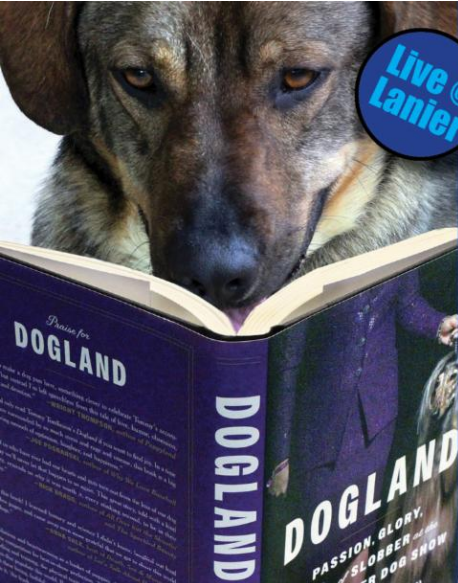




Your Monthly News & Updates

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DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

Sunday, March 30,
3 PM at TFAC...

Author &
Columnist
Tommy
Tomlinson



To write "Dogland," Tommy Tomlinson traveled for three years to more than a hundred dog shows from Midwest fairgrounds to Madison Square Garden. At the Tryon Fine Arts Center (TFAC), get the inside story first hand of what he experienced. Like a real-life version of the mockumentary movie "Best in Show," Tomlinson's true story follows Striker, a champion Samoyed, and his handler Laura King.

After the program, walk next door to the Library to meet the author and mingle with other dog lovers. Lanier usually welcomes dogs but ironically not this time. Refreshments will be served and to avoid canine temptation and stress, **NO DOGS ALLOWED**.

Public admission is free thanks to support from the Kirby Endowment Fund at the Polk County Community Foundation.

Chess Moves

Interested in learning to play chess or



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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Note from the President



Bidding You Adieu

This will be my last note to you as your President. My second term on the board of directors is up at the end of March.

It truly has been an honor and a privilege to have served as your President for the past few years. I love everything about this little library- from the warm and welcoming

staff to all the board members who bring a wealth of talents to the table and to all the members who make our library a vibrant community. I have especially enjoyed the opportunity to work closely with our very effective ED, Jenny Purtill.

It has been a true pleasure to see the physical improvements our board has been able to implement over the past five years which make our charming and historic building even more comfortable, safe and inviting. The list of deferred maintenance that has been addressed is pretty impressive. We fixed the nagging water and moisture issue in the downstairs crypt, replaced furnaces dating from 1979, installed solar panels, reinforced the parking lot's retaining wall (thereby averting a disastrous collapse), had the exterior of the building repainted, replaced worn out

carpeting both upstairs and downstairs, remodeled the upstairs bathroom to make it ADA compliant, replaced broken blinds in several rooms, installed UV film on East facing windows and replaced the compromised glass in the large Palladian window, and removed a couple of dangerous trees.

Thanks to the skills of two of our members, we now have a gorgeous custom podium and a replacement "Bob"- our signature giraffe. These improvements have all been made possible thanks to the support from several foundations, generous bequests from Legacy Donors, and to the contributions from our membership. In short, the Lanier Library is in good shape and is getting better all the time. The future looks bright... "so bright, I gotta wear shades!"

Our current Vice President, Cindy Caldwell, will serve as your next President and she will be great! So I will not say "Until next time" but close with my daily Wordle starting entry. That is -

Adieu, **Vicky**



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.

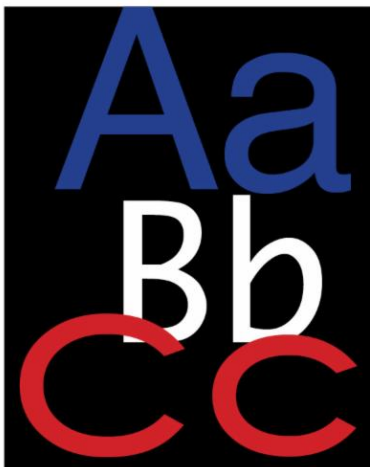
Take a closer look at our art, artifacts & curios



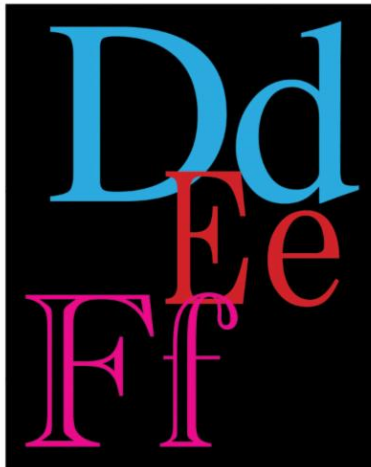
For more than a 110 years, members, artists, crafters, and patrons have donated talent and "finds" to enrich the experience of browsing Lanier Library. Today, for example, members and visitors can view a bronze Blind Justice and also judge the aesthetics of pre-Incan ceramics, a late 19th century metal reproduction of a 2nd century Roman stone sculpture of Antinous, and a collection of "Rebekah at the Well" teapots, circa 1855-1925.

IIII Culture Quiz IIII

TYPE STYLE? TYPE STYLE? TYPE STYLE?



- Serif
- Sans
- Script



- Script
- Sans
- Serif



- Sans
- Serif
- Script

SCROLL TO BOTTOM FOR ANSWERS

Book Lovers March 1, 2025

Book Lovers will meet on March 1 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

The Caretaker by Ron Rash
Bluebird, Bluebird by Attica Locke
The Shadow of the Empire by Qiu Xiaolong
Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano
The Devotion of Subject X by Keigho Higashino
Heartshot by Steven F. Havill
Trust Her by Flynn Berry
The Last One at the Wedding by Jason Rekulak

Nonfiction Book Club

The Nonfiction Book Club will meet on March 9 to discuss *We Will Be Jaguars* by Nemonte Nenquimo. On April 13, the book club will discuss *I Feel Bad About My Neck* by Nora Ephron.

Orders & Acquisitions

Below are the links to our [February 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 [Orders](#).
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February Book Review

Annual Popular Books by Circulation

Each year we track which books in the library's collection circulated the most. For 2024, the following books were the most popular by number of circulations at the Lanier Library:

1. *The Women* by Kristin Hannah
2. *An Unfinished Love Story* by Doris Kearns Goodwin
3. *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon
4. *James* by Percival Everett
5. *Jackie* by Dawn Tripp
6. *The Paris Novel* by Ruth Reichl
7. *Three-Inch Teeth* by C.J. Box
8. *Calamity of Souls* by David Baldacci
9. *Camino Ghosts* by John Grisham
10. *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride

Perhaps you are one of the readers who propelled these titles to the top of the list. If not, your fellow library members are recommending you consider adding these to your list of

books to read. Positive feedback from members often leads to higher circulation for titles. If you read a book you love, please let the staff working the circulation desk know so they can recommend it to other readers. Or, even better, consider writing a review for the monthly newsletter!

Submitted by Jenny Putrill

Pets @ Lanier

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



Last month Luna &
Noah
stopped
by Lanier
on a cold day.

Displays @ Lanier

Sandra's Shelf Display

The display for March will be a nod to our history buffs and will be titled *Explore Both Fiction & Nonfiction That Depicts a Distinct Time & Place*. We'll also have a small display of dog books in conjunction with Cindy Caldwell's display case.

March Display

The display case this month will be a collection of items celebrating dogs from Cindy Caldwell.



Thank You

Thank you to Cheryl Day for filing the display case with items related to birding. The birding program originally scheduled for February 19 will now be on April 23 at 1:00 pm.

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.

Dogs and Weather

by Winifred Welles

I'd like a different dog
For every kind of weather —
A narrow greyhound for a fog,
A wolfhound strange and white,
With a tail like a silver feather
To run with in the night,
When snow is still, and winter stars are bright.

In the fall I'd like to see
In answer to my whistle,
A golden spaniel look at me.
But best of all for rain
A terrier, hairy as a thistle,
To trot with fine disdain
Beside me down the soaked, sweet-smelling lane.

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Culture Quiz Answers

ANSWERS:

1. Sans means without serifs.
2. Serif is a small line or stroke attached to the end of a larger stroke in a letter.
3. Script font is designed to look like traditional handwriting.

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