



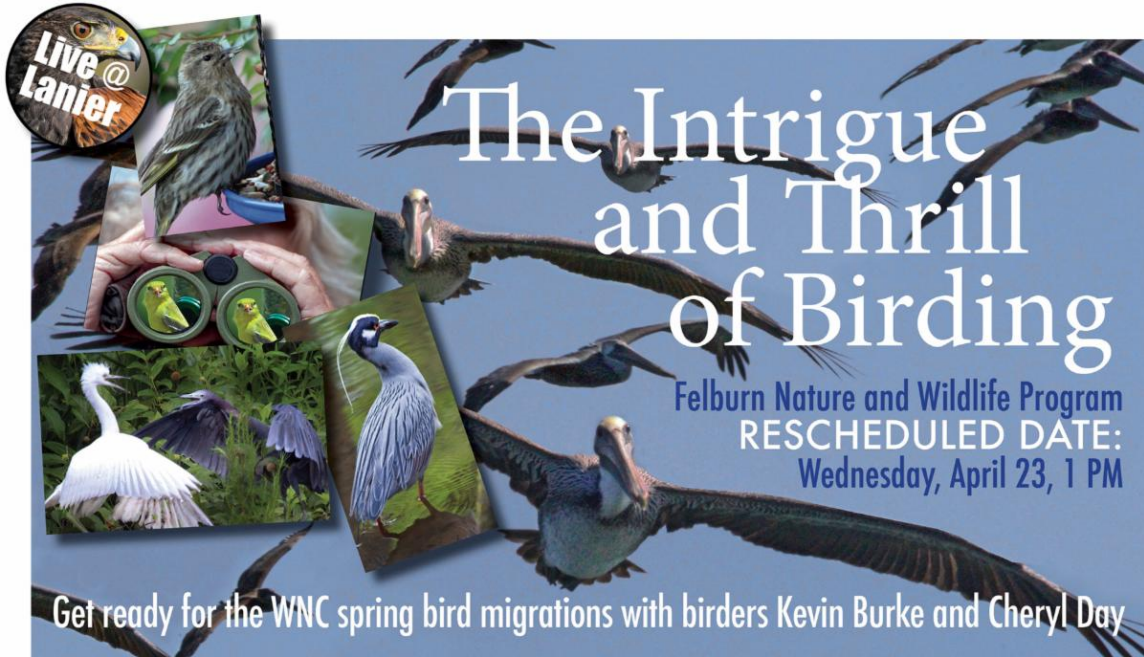
Your Monthly News & Updates

Programs @ Lanier

A collage of three photographs of young musicians performing. On the left, a group of three girls are playing acoustic guitars and singing into microphones. In the center, a girl is playing a banjo. On the right, a boy is playing a violin. A circular badge in the top left corner of the collage says "Live @ Lanier". The text "Young Takes on That Old Time Music" is overlaid on the collage in a large, stylized font. To the right of the collage, the date "Thursday, April 10, 6 PM" is displayed. At the bottom right of the collage, text reads "PacJAM Music Event Hosted by Program Director Julie Moore and Led by Will Trakas".

PacJAM (Pacolet Junior Appalachian Musicians) teaches area youth from 7 to late teens and adults to play and enjoy traditional music on fiddle, guitar, 3-finger banjo, and other instruments. Students have performed in venues across the region from Knoxville to Raleigh. One of the student bands, the PacJAM Performers, will entertain at Lanier free to the public. Professional mandolinist Will Trakas will lead six local youths, 13-17, as they bring back that old time music: Eli Aldrich on bass; Phoebe Aldrich, fiddle and vocals; Frankie Barber, guitar and vocals; Sarah Doan, fiddle and vocals; Ella Tokar, mandolin and vocals; and Lyla Tokar, guitar and vocals. They will also play some of their own compositions and interpret some modern music with Appalachian flair.

Program Director Julie Moore will introduce them and tell of PacJAM's role in the community.



This program was originally scheduled for February but had to be rescheduled due to weather. Here's what you can expect on the rescheduled date of April 23.

Western North Carolina has always been one of the best places to seek and find newly arrived spring bird migrants such as vireos, warblers, tanagers, and more. Some birding hot spots in our area were heavily damaged by Hurricane Helene, such as Green River Cove Road, but local birders Kevin Burke and Cheryl Day will share the places you can still go to enjoy the colors, calls, and thrill of a spotting in the upcoming migrations.

Kevin has led birding trips for almost 20 years in the United States, Ecuador, Costa Rica, and elsewhere. Together, he and Cheryl will tell you what to look for in your backyard and within convenient driving distance of Tryon.



New Book Club for Younger Readers Begins on April 22

Are you school-aged? Do you like to read, have you read something amazing lately and want to tell others about it, or do you want to read more? Join Elizabeth and Laura on the fourth Tuesdays of the month from 3:30-4:30 for the BOB Club! That's the Big On Books Club! The club will gather in the downstairs LeDuc Room. Please contact thelanierlibrary@gmail.com with any questions.



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.

Holiday Closure

Lanier Library will be closed on Sunday, April 20 in observance

of the Easter holiday.



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Browsing the Collection

Mixed media model, circa 1905, of one of two Royal Navy Sentinel Class scout cruisers. Launched 2/7, 1905 and began WWI service in command of eight torpedo boats.



Note from the President



This is my first monthly message as the new president of the Lanier Library board of directors. I am honored to serve in this position, and look forward to working with our great board and staff.

The board is going through a bit of a transition, beginning this month. Recently, both Tom Ervin and Christine Vincent have left the board, and we very much appreciate their service and contributions. After six years, Lee Cudlip is turning over the responsibility for media acquisition to new board member Eileen Mehta. Doug Clark and Derek Harrison are joining the board as well. Vicky Jackson will

remain on the board in an ex officio position for the next year, and I am grateful for her strong leadership during her time as president. I have very big shoes to fill.

I have always loved to read. My grandmother was my first grade teacher, and she encouraged my love of books at an early age. As soon as school was out for the summer, I walked to the library in our little town, and came home with as many books as I could carry. Books transported me to many places and opened my eyes to the big world out there.

My best friends have always been avid readers. When I discovered the Book Lovers Group at Lanier on the first Saturday of each month, I felt like I was home.. Lee Cudlip introduced me to new authors and I have made many new friends. If you are new to the library or to Tryon, this is a great way to meet people and find a good book to sink your teeth into.

What do you like best about the Lanier Library? Do you have ideas for new programs or reading groups? I want to hear your suggestions, and hope to get to know as many members as I can. You will find me at the library often, sometimes with my dog, Scout. I am a self-proclaimed dog nut, with a weakness for terriers. Please say hello, and let me know how we can make the Lanier Library the best it can be.

See you at the Library, **Cindy**



The Lanier Library board is looking for an individual who is interested in leading hospitality efforts at the library. If you would like to know more, please contact Jenny Purtil at 828-859-9535 or thelanierlibrary@gmail.com.

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.

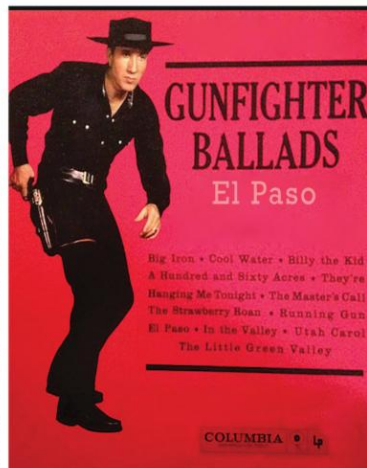
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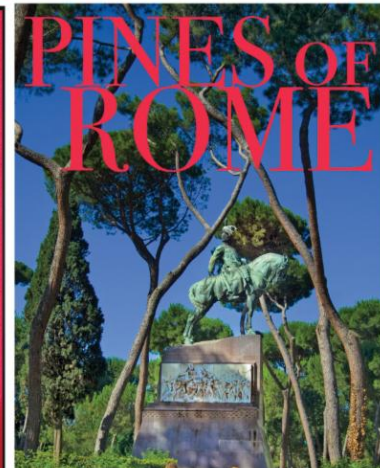
- Los Angeles
- Philadelphia
- Washington DC

SINGER?



- Jimmy Dean
- Marty Robbins
- Johnny Horton

COMPOSER?



- Holst
- Schumann
- Respighi

SCROLL TO BOTTOM FOR ANSWERS

Book Lovers April 5, 2025

Book Lovers will meet on April 5 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

Small Rain by Garth Greenwell

The Lost Bookshop by Evie Woods
The Cutting Season by Attica Locke
My Life On Earth and Elsewhere by Peggy Payne
This Is Happiness by Niall Williams
Bel Canto by Ann Patchett
Bells for Eli by Susan Beckham Zurenda

Memoir/Biography

Connie by Connie Chung
Wordstruck by Robert MacNeil
I Feel Bad About My Neck by Nora Ephron
Once Upon a Time: the fascinating life of Carolyn Bessett-Kennedy by Elizabeth Beller

Nonfiction

Horse by Timothy Winegard
Owls of the Eastern Ice by Jonathan Slaght
The Theoretical Foot by M.F. K. Fisher
The Lives of the Wives: Five Literary Marriages by Carmela Ciuraru

Nonfiction Book Club

The Nonfiction Book Club will meet at 1:30 on April 13 to discuss *I Feel Bad About My Neck* by Nora Ephron. The book for May 11 is *On Tyranny: twenty lessons from the twentieth century* by Timothy Snyder.

Orders & Acquisitions

Below are the links to our **March** 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.

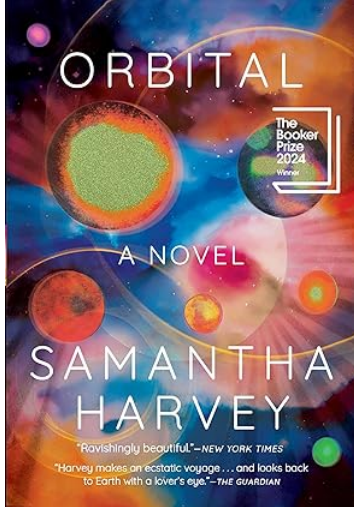
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March Book Review

Orbital

In a twenty four hour period, the Space Station which is 250 miles above the earth, circles the planet sixteen times. That means sixteen sunsets and sunrises for the crew. Samantha Harvey's novel, *Orbital*, takes us on this journey. The winner of the 2024 Man Booker prize for fiction evokes a love for our planet from the distance of the Space Station.

The six astronauts on board come from five countries and discover the roots of their own ambition to become an



astronaut. A common thread is their love of our planet. As the narrator says, "Before long, for all of them, a desire takes hold. It's the desire- no, the need (fueled by fervor)- to protect this huge yet tiny earth."

The novel is a warning about mankind's abuse of our planet, and lovingly describes earth's beauty and wonders. Harvey writes with a poet's sensibility evoking our senses. On a space walk, Nell, one of the astronauts, observes - "Here is Cuba pink with morning. The sun bounces everywhere off the ocean's surface. The turquoise shallows of the Caribbean..."

Orbital offers the reader an opportunity to reflect on our planet and our own role as a guardian of the earth. Read and enjoy!

Submitted by Tom Jackson

Last Month @ Lanier



A large crowd was entertained by author Tommy Tomlinson, who shared with us about his book *Dogland* at our 2025 Distinguished Speaker Series lecture on March 30. In his talk, Tommy shared that he set out to write *Dogland* because he wanted to answer the question "Are show dogs happy?" Even more, he wondered if pet dogs were happy. As he researched, he learned all about the life of a show dog and a good bit about pet dogs as well. Tommy was available after the program to sign books at a reception held in the library. Thank you to Lanier Library board members for hosting such a lovely reception.

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 Twig
stopped by
with owner
Joan Roseberry.

Displays @ Lanier

Sandra's Shelf Display

In honor of International Children's Book Day in April, our book display will be titled *Children's Books That Adults Shouldn't Miss Enjoying. We Love Them!*

April Display

The display case this month will be a collection of items celebrating the music of PacJAM, arranged by Julie Moore.

Thank You

Thank you to Cindy Caldwell for filling the display case with dog items.

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.

An April Day

by Joseph Seamon Cotter, Jr.

On such a day as this I think,
On such a day as this,
When earth and sky and nature's whole
Are clad in April's bliss;
And balmy zephyrs gently waft
Upon your cheek a kiss;
Sufficient is it just to live
On such a day as this.

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Culture Quiz Answers

1. "Rocky" in Philadelphia, PA, sculpted for "Rocky III" by A. Thomas Schomberg
2. Marty Robbins (1925-1982)
3. Ottorino Respighi (1879-1936)

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