



## Your Monthly News & Updates

### Programs @ Lanier



**BAT  
FACTS &  
FICTION**

**Felburn Nature and Wildlife  
Program with Pam Torlina  
from Conserving Carolina,  
Wednesday, 2/18, 1PM  
[REGISTER NOW ONLINE](#)**

#### Bats with Pam Torlina

At the next Live@Lanier, Pam Torlina will help you decide which of the following, and more, are bat facts or fiction. More than 50% of bats carry rabies. Bats are naturally aggressive. Nocturnal habits and appearance have unfairly shrouded bats in superstition, suspicion, and misinformation for centuries. Male bats serenade females with ultrasonic songs. Like bees, bats are pollinators. Bats are blind. Most bats have excellent vision but rely mainly on echolocation to navigate and find food. Bats are in the order of Chiroptera or flying rats and mice. Bats get tangled in human hair when searching for nesting materials during breeding season. White-nose syndrome kills millions of bats a year. Bat wings are elongated fingers covered by thin skin. Echolocation clicks are too high-pitched for humans to hear. Vampire bats consume blood.

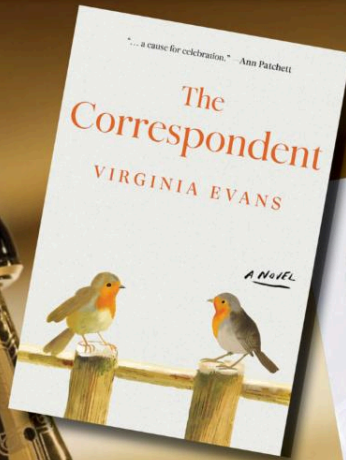
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## Distinuated Speaker Series

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AND RECEPTION.

Virginia Evans

In her debut novel that jumped to #1 on the NY Times Best Seller list, Virginia Evans introduces 73-year-old Sybil Van Antwerp, a divorced grandmother, retired lawyer, who tries to heal old wounds through letter writing. Unexpectedly, letters from someone in her past force her to examine one of the most painful periods of her life.

Seating is limited to 300 for the author's program at TFAC. Reception afterward is limited to 100 at the Library.

Free public admission thanks to support from the  
Kirby Endowment Fund at Polk County Community Foundation.

Register for each event [here](#).

\*"This year's breakout novel no one saw coming," Wall Street Journal

\*Long listed for The Center for Fiction First Novel Prize and Andrew Carnegie Medal

\*Best Book of the Year at NPR, Washington Post, Christian Science Monitor, and others



## 50 reasons to reserve your seat at programs

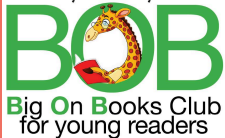
Thanks to members and the community, Live@Lanier Programs have grown in popularity and with increasing frequency the audience has exceeded the comfortable capacity of 50 seats.

Going forward, to assure a seat, please register online at

**[www.thelanierlibrary.org](http://www.thelanierlibrary.org).**

Click on Programs at the top of the page.

You are invited on the 4th  
Tuesday of every month



### Big On Books (BOB) Club for Younger Readers

The BOB Club for K-12 readers will meet on February 24 at 3:30 at Lanier Library. Regular meetings will be on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 3:30. This is a get-together for young readers to share thoughts and feelings about whatever they are reading, from

Adventure to Zoology, fiction and non, and to get ideas of what they may want to read next. Lanier Library members and non-members are welcome. BOB (Big On Books) is the name of the giraffe presiding at the top of the Chestnut Street hill outside the Library.

# An Equestrian Library of More than 50 Books



**Coming to the Felburn Nature and Wildlife Collection...  
Ready to Check Out by End of February**

Harry Goodheart, former president of Lanier Library and owner of Tryon Fine Books, thought something was missing in the Library's Felburn Nature and Wildlife Collection. Considering the importance of horses in the area, he thought the shelves should offer an equestrian collection suitable for riders of every level from trainers and competitors to beginners and those who simply loved horses. Harry died on 10/29/21 before the careful process of collection could be begin.

Gloria Verrecchio, DVM, CERP (Certified Equine Rehabilitation Practitioner), had been collecting equine books for about 40 years, each carefully curated to help her be a better rider, better understand horses, help run a breeding farm, be a better veterinarian, stay current on the latest technical advances, and keep an open mind to alternative medicine. When she died on 10/4/25, her unique collection was bequeathed to the Library to finally fulfill Harry's vision.

## Thank you PCCF!



The Lanier Library community is grateful to the Polk County Community Foundation for the gift of two new dogwood trees for the library grounds. We are excited for the ways this gift, celebrating fifty years of the community foundation, will enhance our campus. BOB the giraffe promises to watch over his new neighbor in the years to come.

## Note from the President

**Thank you, Art!**



This month, I would like to extend a heartfelt “thank you” to Art Marquis, who is retiring as a Lanier Library volunteer after 10 years of dedicated service. Art has worked faithfully behind the scenes with three library directors and numerous board members to make sure that things run smoothly. Each day, Art has been one of the first to arrive, flipping the “Open” sign and bringing the books in from the book drop on the street. Then he settles down with the Wall Street Journal and a cup of coffee in an out of the way place to start his day. He is always available for anything the staff needs help with.

I do not take for granted all of the times Art has helped with heavy lifting, before and after our events. He sets up the chairs, carries dirty dishes downstairs, brings the heavy punch bowl upstairs and sets up and takes down folding tables. During the holidays, he brings out the ladders and assists with decorating the library from top to bottom.

Art has worked so well with all of the staff and volunteers, pitching in where needed, spreading ice melt during inclement weather, putting the heavy trash and recycling bins by the street and bringing them back, and adding new books to the card catalog.

All of these activities happen automatically, and you may not be aware of everything that Art has done to make your visit to the library more comfortable. He is a loyal friend of Lanier, and we will miss his contributions, but know that he will still be a regular visitor.

Thank you, Art, for all you have done, and best wishes as you take a well-deserved break

See you at the Library! **Cindy**

## Membership @ Lanier



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.

# Culture Quiz

Where and What  
in Lanier?



- Main Room
- Grady Room
- Holden Room

Where and What  
in Lanier?



- Holmes Room
- Main Room
- Non-Fiction

Where and What  
in Lanier?



- Non-Fiction
- Main Room
- LeDuc Room

**SCROLL TO BOTTOM FOR ANSWERS**

## Book Lovers February 7, 2026

Book Lovers will meet on February 7. Book Lovers did not meet in January, so there is no list of books to share this month.

## Nonfiction Book Club

The Nonfiction Book Club will meet on Sunday, February 8 at 1:30 to discuss *Mother Emanuel: Two Centuries of Race, Resistance, and Forgiveness in One Charleston Church* by Kevin Sack . On March 8, they will discuss *In the Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larson.

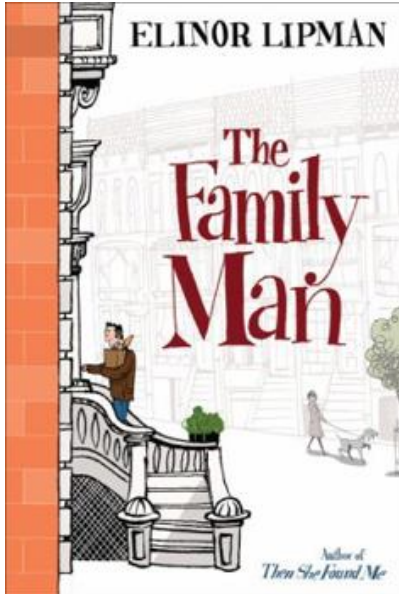
## Orders & Acquisitions

Below are the links to our January Acquisitions. The media selection committee did not meet in January; there are no orders for that month. 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.

## Book Review



### The Family Man

by Elinor Lipman

Have you ever had an author recommended to you that you just never seem to find the time to try? I can't recall exactly when a coworker told me *The Family Man* was a romantic comedy I simply had to try... but it was at least 10 years ago! Thankfully, on one of my first days here at Lanier I happened to see it on the shelf, and impulsively checked it out. And I'm so glad I did as it is simply charming. Henry Archer, a gay lawyer who may be best described as "courtly," thinks he is just fine living a quiet life after retirement. Then events pull him into a variety of relationships (ranging from a long-estranged step-daughter to a new beau) in ways that are both funny and emotionally satisfying. Published in 2009, there are a few moments that feel dated now, but overall, it is both witty and kind - just right for when you

just want to settle into something comfortable. Of course this has opened up a new "problem" namely: there are six more titles by Elinor Lipman on the shelf – which do I take home next?

Reviewed by [Marlise Schiltz](#)

## Last Month @ Lanier



### Art Book Launch

Our 2026 program series is off to a great start! We celebrated the publication of a new book on the artwork of the Lanier Library with local collectors James Blanton and Gary Corn who walked audience members through the art of the library and helped them connect some of the dots among well-known Tryon artists and others

in the community. Thank you again to Vince Verrecchio for his hard work photographing and editing this new book. We hope everyone will come give the art of the Lanier Library a closer look!

## Pets @ Lanier

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

# Theo the dog came in



last month with  
his human,  
Zoe.



## Displays @ Lanier

### Sandra's Display Case

We'll have a double header for our February book display. One will feature some wrapped books with teaser descriptions & will be titled: *We Want To Play Matchmaker! "Book" Your Blind Date With One Of Our Recent Crushes*. Our other display will celebrate the Lunar New Year, The Year of the Horse, and will feature great equestrian books and media.



### February Display

This month, Pam Torlina of Conserving Carolina filled the display with information about bats and Conserving Carolina.

### Thank You

Thank you to Gary Corn, James Blanton and the library staff for filling the January display case with artifacts and art celebrating Lanier's art collection.

## 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.

## The Little Brown Bat

by Edith Matilda Thomas

Quoth the little brown bat: "I rise with the owl--

Wisest and best of the feathered fowl;  
Let other folks rise, if they will, with the lark,  
And be early and bright--I am early and dark!"

Quoth the little brown bat: "I'm awake and up,  
When the night-moth sips from the lily's white cup;  
While the firefly lanterns are searching the sky,  
I am glancing about, with fiery eye!"

Quoth the little brown bat: "The night has its noon  
As well as its day--and I'm friends with the moon.  
Many a secret she tells me alone,  
Which never a bird or a bee has known!"

Quoth the little brown bat: "There is house-room for me,  
When the winter comes, in some hollow tree;  
Or under barn eaves, near the fragrant hay,  
I sleep the dull winter hours away."

## Culture Quiz Answers

1. Main Room: "View from Lyncourt in Tryon," oil on board by Lawrence Mazzonvich (1871-1959) replaced his similar work destroyed in this room in a 1924 fire.
2. Main Room: "Summer", 1935, one of The Four Seasons Group sculpted by Sylvia Shaw Judson (1897-1978). Her 1936 "Bird Girl" was popularized on the cover of the 1999 best-seller "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil."
3. Non-Fiction Room: "Kabuki Dancer," mixed media in the style of the Edo period (1603-1867), Japanese artist and date unknown.

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