

# Bluffton Branch Library

Spring 2019

## A Note from the Manager

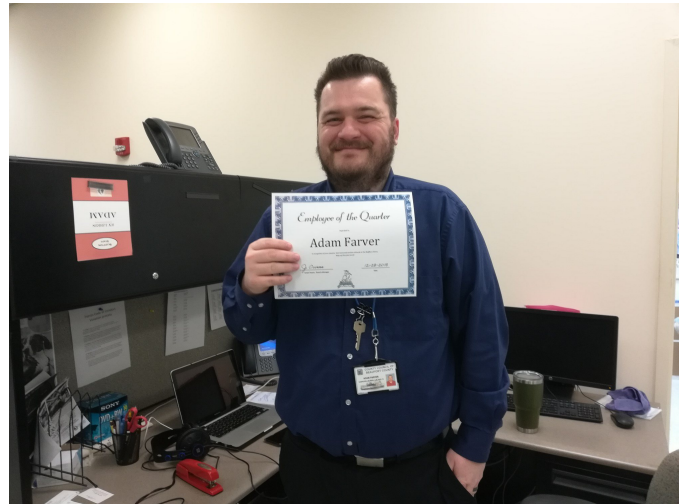
As always, the past few months have been quite exciting at the Bluffton Library! In January we were able to officially kick off the start of our space study by sitting down with the folks at McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture to discuss the needs of the library and the Bluffton community moving forward. These meetings, attended by library staff, stakeholders, and the general public were highly productive and I very much look forward to hearing their ideas about what we can do to improve the use of our space. This is only the first step in our potential renovation process but we have a path forward now and the excitement is palpable at the Bluffton Library!

While we are on the topic on renovations you will be pleased to learn that we recently had the carpet in all three of our meeting rooms replaced with LVT flooring. I've overseen quite a few renovation projects so far at the Bluffton Library but this one is by far my favorite because of how amazing the results look. Next time you're in the Bluffton Library feel free to poke your head into one of our meeting rooms and see for yourself.

Jonah Owens  
Bluffton Branch Manager



## Employee of the Quarter



It is my pleasure to introduce Adam Farver as our newest Employee of the Quarter here at the Bluffton Library. Many of you already know Adam through his role as Bluffton's official tech help guru. Over the past 18 months Adam has gradually pivoted from offering technology classes to groups to offering personalized one-on-one technology help. Our community has responded to his tech help offerings with gusto and he has become, quite arguably, the most well known staff member at the Bluffton Library. While it is true that I get mistaken for Adam multiple times a day, I try my best not to be bitter about the fact that he has more name recognition than I do (I'm still a little bitter). I've received a mountain of positive feedback regarding Adam and the tech help he provides and I encourage you to keep it coming. Adam is doing an amazing job and he deserves to hear about it every chance he gets.

Jonah "Not Adam" Owens  
Bluffton Branch Manager



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**Mondays - Thursdays** 9:00am-7:00pm | **Fridays** 9:00am - 5:00pm | **Saturdays** 10:00am-5:00pm

# Friends of the Bluffton Library

## New Lifetime Members!

The Friends of the Bluffton Library want to acknowledge the generosity of Claire and Tony Karnas, who both became Lifetime Members of the Friends of the Bluffton Library. With their gift, they received two copper leaves which we had engraved. On a sunny Wednesday in February we joined them as they attached their copper leaves to the Giving Tree in our Friends Bookstore in the Library. Their generosity helps us to support the work of the Bluffton Library, reaching the thousands of patrons and neighbors who visit the Bluffton Library every month. Thank you Claire and Tony!

Susan Meyer  
President, Friends of the Bluffton Library

## A Message from the Friends

Did you know that you can give a gift to the Bluffton Library that will be seen and enjoyed for years to come? You can truly give the gift of reading when you purchase a book through the Friends of the Bluffton Library Gift Book Program. Imagine the joy on your grandchild's face, knowing there is a book at the Bluffton Library with his or her name inside the front cover! Maybe you'd like to commemorate a birthday or a special occasion, or honor the memory of someone near to you.

Is your book club or garden club celebrating a milestone year of being together? You can remember that date by providing a book as well! There are many joys or special occasions in life, and giving the gift of a book is always in style! The donation for this gift is \$20.00 payable to the Friends of the Bluffton Library. You can indicate the area of interest or favorite authors, and we will do the rest.

When the book is received at the library you will be notified and will have the opportunity to be the first one to check out the Gift Book. A bookplate will be placed inside the front cover of the book, indicating the name of the person honored and the special occasion. We invite you to select a Gift Book today!

Susan Meyer  
President, Friends of the Bluffton Library



## Thank You

I would like to take a moment to thank the Bluffton community for the influx of donations we've received over the past year. Thanks to your kindness and generosity we have been able to add over 1,500 donated audiobooks and DVDs to our collection over the past 18 months! For us, this equates to anywhere from \$15,000-\$30,000 in materials. I don't get a chance to personally thank everyone that donates money and materials to the Bluffton Library so I want you all to know that your contributions matter. Without your help, and the help of the Bluffton Friends of the Library, we wouldn't be able to do any of the amazing things mentioned in this newsletter.

Jonah Owens  
Bluffton Branch Manager

# Spring Programs & Events for Kids!

## Gaming Club

Enjoy a bit of down time at the Bluffton Library with some of your favorite board and video games. Snacks and other refreshments will be provided.

Audience: 12-17

**Monday, March 25th @ 5pm**

## Half Day Matinee

You're out early for the day, so what better way to celebrate than to come to the library for some retro magic? Sit down and relax with a classic Don Bluth film that both you and your folks will enjoy.



Audience: All Ages

**Friday, March 15th @ 2pm**

## Teen Tech Week

Come throughout the week to participate in fun teen tech activities. Take a look at the Retro Tech Museum, make a phone speaker, and try to solve a Rubik's Cube.

Audience: 12-17

**March 18th - 22nd**

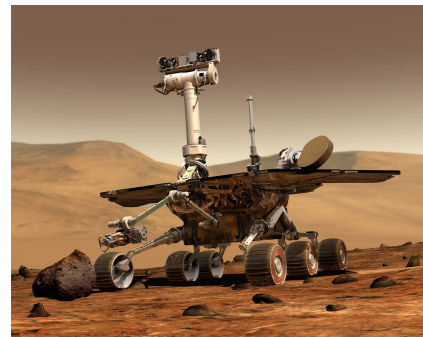


## Edible Mars Rover Challenge

Build a Mars Rover out of candy, graham crackers, and frosting! The winning rovers will receive an awesome prize and bragging rights for the rest of the year.

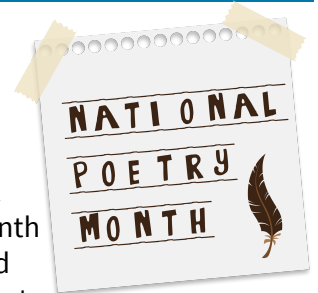
Audience: 12-17

**Tuesday, March 19th @ 5pm**



## Poetry Slam

Who would have thought that a group of teens would want to have a program based on poetry? Yet when the Teen Advisory Group was told about April being National Poetry Month they were ecstatic! Not only did they help plan a poetry slam, but they also helped plan a few passive programs for the teen area.



Join us for our first ever Poetry Slam on **April 16th at 5pm!** Teens will be able to read, rap, or sing an original poem or one of their favorites. After everyone has read their poem, the teens will then vote for their favorite reader(s). The winner(s) will receive a prize!

Not a fan of getting up in front of people to recite poetry? Do you still want to participate in National Poetry Month? Then stop by the teen area and ask about creating unique poetry! You can make a blackout poem, paint chip poem, or a book spine poem.





# Spring Programs & Events

## Book Club Corner

### Bluffton Book Club

**Wednesday, March 20th @ 1pm**

Selection: [Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng](#)

**Wednesday, April 10th @ 1pm**

Selection: [Then She Was Gone by Lisa Jewell](#)

**Wednesday, May 15th @ 1pm**

Selection: [Educated by Tara Westover](#)

### Literati, Inc. Book Club

**Tuesday, March 5th @ 1pm**

Selection: [A Place For Us by Fatima Mirza](#)

**Tuesday, April 9th @ 1pm**

Selection: [The Mars Room by Rachel Kushner](#)

**Tuesday, May 7th @ 1pm**

Selection: [The Ninth Hour by Alice McDermott](#)

### Lit Wits Book Club

**Thursday, March 14th @ 11am**

Selection: [The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde](#)

**Thursday, April 11th @ 11am**

Selection: [The Sellout: A Novel by Paul Beatty](#)

**Thursday, May 9th @ 11am**

Selection: [I Feel Bad About my Neck by Nora Ephron](#)

## Tech Help

Struggling with technology? The Bluffton Library can help! Call or email Adam Farver, our resident tech expert, to set up an appointment today!



Instructor: Adam Farver  
Phone: (843) 255-6570  
Email: [afarver@bcgov.net](mailto:afarver@bcgov.net)

## Genealogy 101

Start your family tree using Ancestry.com (Library Edition) or learn new tricks about Ancestry you didn't know.

Audience: Adults

**Thursday, March 7th & 28th @ 10am**

## River Boat Music for Mardi Gras Celebrations

A collection of music written and performed during the first 25 years of the 20th century inspired by Mardi Gras and the Mississippi River

Audience: All Ages

**Saturday, March 9th @ 2pm**

