



EVENTS AUTUMN 2014

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Meetings are on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m.
at the Georgetown Library Auditorium on Cleland Street.

September 16th

Avoiding Burnout on Reentry

Imagine you've served your time, and you're getting out of jail with no job training and your self esteem at an all time low. Deborah Barr of the Georgetown County Detention Center will talk about the jail's groundbreaking reentry program, where inmates learn the skills they need to get a fresh start after their sentences have been served and avoid the pitfalls that lead so many back to jail. The reentry program is the only one of its kind in the state, and has a 100% success rate. "They're all working in jobs, getting married, and living their lives," Barr said.

September 23rd

Five Wishes

The Five Wishes program is a clear, simple way for people to talk about and plan for care at the end of life. Kelly Jayroe of Amedisys Hospice will explain Five Wishes, which remains the country's most popular living will. The document is written in everyday language, helps you express how you want to be treated if you are seriously ill and unable to speak for yourself, and can be downloaded for free through many hospice websites.

September 30th

The Advantage of Proper Posture

Straighten up! You probably know that bad posture can make your neck creak and your shoulders ache, but recent research shows that your slouch might be making you a grouch. Bad posture can actually lead to constipation, decreased circulation, increased risk of developing diabetes or cardiovascular disease, even depression. There's even a study that shows folks with straight spines have 20% higher testosterone levels and a 25% decrease in cortisol levels. Alan Thompson of Health Source Chiropractic will talk about these phenomena and how you can keep your own posture picture-perfect.

October 7th

It Takes a Village

The Village Group of Georgetown County brings together community leaders, parents and concerned citizens to build a brighter future for rural youth. The group runs the popular "Plantersville Summer Academy," in which kids and teens keep their academic skills sharp; a Literacy is for Everyone series that brings reading to life; back to school rallies; Christmas parades; family nights and more, all leading to a strong sense of community and support. Ray Funnys will talk about the exciting plans his group has for the fall.

October 14th

"Free in Deed"

Local author April Dennison discusses her novel, "Free in Deed," a poignant look at a 15-year old girl and her family.

October 21st

Precious Pet Protection

St. Frances Animal Shelter is a vital protection agency for lost and abandoned pets, but that's just the beginning. The caring and creativity of this agency is evident in its "Happy Endings" tally of pets adopted, its inexpensive "Neuter-Thons," the newly created "Catty Shack" for mama cats and kittens, even glamorous grooming sessions that help pay for medicine, bedding and overall care for the animals. Join Ophelia Snow and Brenda DeLuca as they explore their awesome agency.

October 28th

Built to Last

Mason Daley shares her knowledge of 18th century furniture, from Chippendale side chairs to maple candlestands and blanket chests. She has insights to local collections or interest, as well.

November 4th

No Program—Election Day!

November 11th

No Program—Veteran's Day

November 18th

"Horry County Murders"

Peter Warren joins us to talk about his law enforcement experiences and exciting new book, which is being lauded by critics and cops as a page turner, exciting, and a must-read. In "Horry County Murders," Paul Waring, a retired state trooper from Connecticut, is recruited by his friend, Captain Bobby Ray Jenkins, from the Georgetown County Sheriff's Department, to help solve a series of brutal murders that continue to occur between Myrtle Beach and Georgetown. Can Paul's expertise help stop the bloodshed?