Oconee libraries target adults

Offering series of events for summer

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WALHALLA — Local library officials are turning the tables on business as usual and pulling the rug out from under the tried and true.

Oconee County librarians are breaking with tradition by promoting a summer reading program that targets adults instead of children.

Under the banner "Summer reading isn't just kids' stuff," Oconee County Public Library officials put together a series of events for grownups through June and July.

Adults could start signing up right now at any branch to participate. They will receive a Bingo card with various book categories on it, and completing the Bingo cards makes them eligible to win prizes.

"The more you read, the more chances you have to win," said Walhalla Branch Manager Leah Price.

To attract participants, all branches will have a "Library Luau" on Monday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in which adults could sign up for summer reading and enjoy a cool tropical drink.

The Adult Summer Reading Program concludes July 28 with a Bingo party beginning at 2 p.m. at the Seneca branch. Library patrons are invited to play Bingo for free books. Refreshments will be available.

OCPL lined up other programs that adults can enjoy throughout the summer. These include:

- Final Master Gardening class, 1 p.m. June 12 at the Walhalla branch;
- Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail presentation with host Martha File, 2 p.m. June 13 at the Westminster branch;
- "All Wired Up" how-to-create wire jewelry class, 11 a.m. June 16 at Walhalla branch;
- Recycle Mania, 11 a.m. at Seneca branch;
- Basic photography class, 10 a.m. June 27 at Seneca branch;
- "How to Sell Stuff Online" class, 1:30 p.m. July 19 at Walhalla branch; and
- "Between the Covers ... of Romance Books" features a discussion by romance books enthusiasts, 6:30 p.m. July 23 at Westminster branch.

The Adult Summer Reading Programs are sponsored by Oconee Friends of the Library, Keep Oconee Beautiful Association and the Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail.