

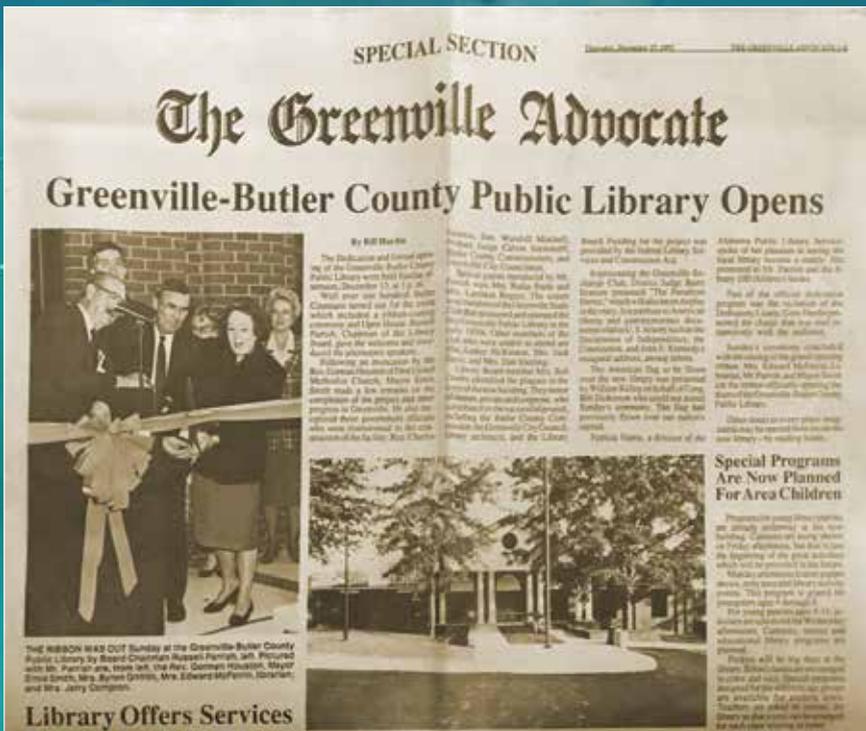
THE STORY *of* US

A Greenville-Butler County Public Library Book



Who would have thought that a cedar chest in the early 1900s would hold the dreams of a library that would serve a city, a county and generations that would follow? But that oversized cedar chest in Greenville was the genesis of what would become the Greenville-Butler County Public Library.

Jennie Vieve Poole, a member of the Greenville Study Club and founder of the library, recounted the story of that old cedar chest in her grandmother's home when the newest version of the library opened in 1992. When she was a child, that cedar



chest, filled to the brim with books, was her key to seeing the world.

Just like the promise that cedar chest held for Mrs. Poole, the library holds those keys to the world that lies just beyond its doors. After all, when you open the doors to a library, you open the doors to the world that awaits inside. And in January 1932, Mrs. Poole and the Greenville Study Club opened the first free library in Greenville.

Over these many decades, the library took us from childhood to classics: See *Dick Run*, *Green Eggs and Ham*, *Sam I Am*, *Little Women*, *The Great Gatsby*, *The Old Man and the Sea*, and *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

It shed new light in our lives and gave us new perspectives through the written word. "To be or not to be ..." – the words and brilliance of Shakespeare still speak to us. So does the view



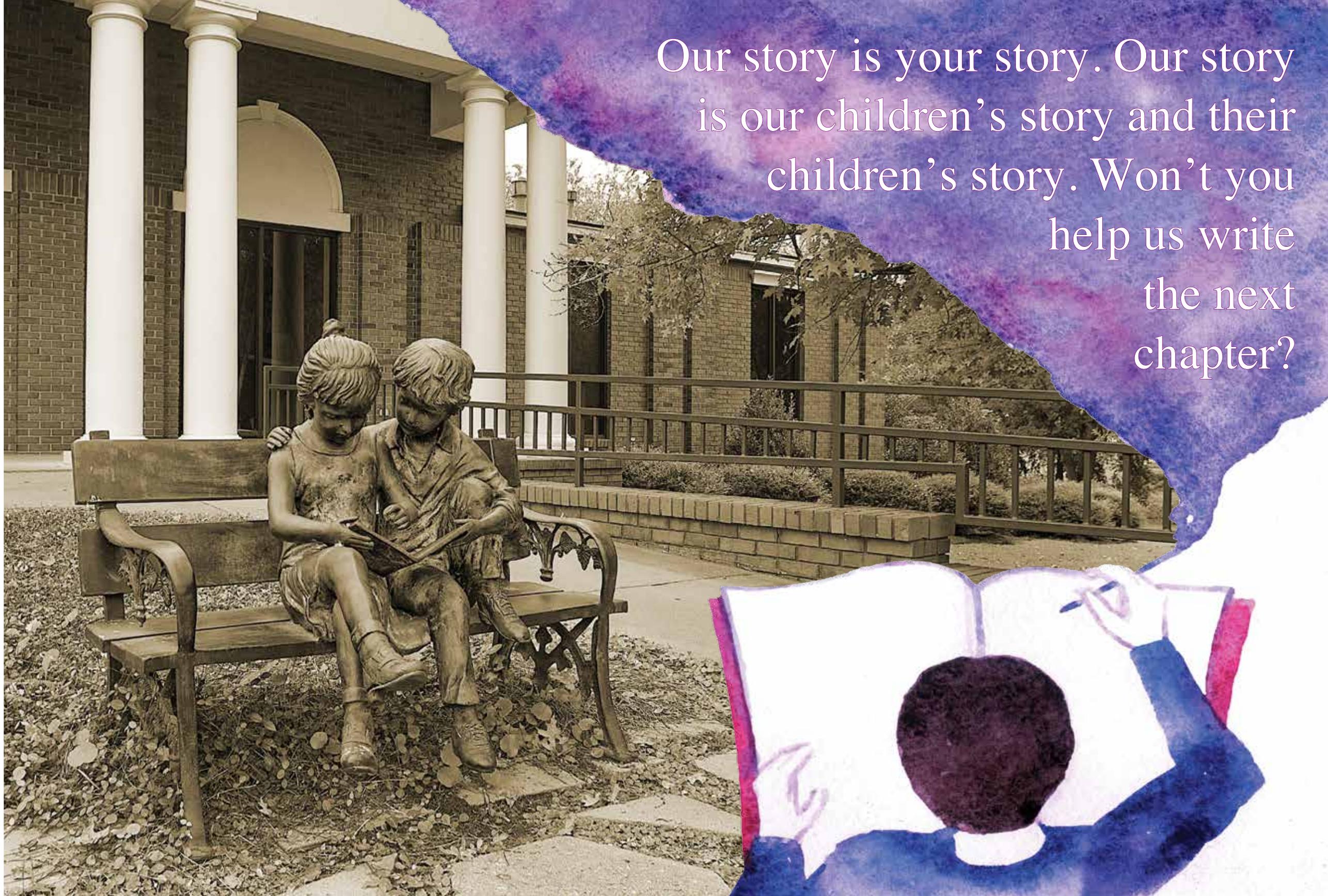
of life from Thoreau
“If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away.”

Of course, the library provides us millions of pages in millions more volumes – each one with the potential to reach us, teach us and impact our lives.

But the library does not stop there. Moving from book shelves to computer screens, audio books, DVDs and streaming video, our library is still central to our yearning for life long learning.

This is our story. It is one of a community striving to provide a public library that is continually evolving to meet the needs of its constituency. Our story is one of many chapters already concluded and many more yet to come.

Our story is your story. Our story is our children's story and their children's story. Won't you help us write the next chapter?





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