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The Central-Clemson Friends of the Library Invite You to Their Annual Meeting Featuring

Dr. Susanna Ashcroft

The Central-Clemson Friends of the Library invite you to their Annual Meeting featuring special guest speaker, Dr. Susanna Ashcroft, on Sunday, May 19 from 1:30-2:30 pm at the Central-Clemson Library. Light refreshments will be served so please RSVP to: CentralClemsonLibFriends@gmail.com.

Dr. Ashcroft, Chair of Clemson University's English Department, will speak about her current project, the biography of John A. Jackson entitled, *A Plausible Man: The Storied Life of John A. Jackson, a Fugitive Abolitionist, Agitator, and Proud South Carolinian*. Her research has been profiled on CNN, *The New York Times*, MSNBC, and over 250 other global media outlets.

In 1848, when Jackson escaped from his Sumter, SC plantation labor camp and made his way north, he was seeking a life of liberty. He didn't expect to end up in Canada, much less spend a decade in the British Isles. He learned to read and write and authored a memoir which, while little known today, is a remarkable account of his life while enslaved. However, the story of Jackson is incomplete. It is not understood why and how he returned to South Carolina after the Civil War where he worked for the next 40 years to build up the lives of those he had left behind.

Dr. Ashton will tell not merely of Jackson's remarkable life, but also how and why some of these stories are known and others disappeared. She will explain how she discovered the remarkable story of John Andrew Jackson and put together the evidence that proves he hid with Harriet Beecher Stowe, the author of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. Most of all, she will share the story of a man who refused to give up on South Carolina.

Don't miss what is sure to be a fascinating afternoon! And stick around afterward for the Spring Author Showcase which begins at 3:30 pm, also at the Central-Clemson Library. The Spring Author Showcase will feature four local authors selling and signing their works. For more information, call the Library at 639-2711.

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Free and all are welcome.

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