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President's Report



Betty Minton



Having just seen the newly opened, tension filled, photographic exhibit at the Foosaner Art Museum, "Touching Strangers" by Richard Renaldi, I happily realize that upon entering our library it is very much like "Touching Friends." You notice the beautifully trimmed landscaping as you enter the property with the many bricks encircling the entrance, honoring our friends and family. You look forward to and enjoy the rotating art exhibitions by our very talented local artists that enhance the meeting and reading rooms. The newly installed and exciting "Tree of Knowledge" with bronze, silver and gold leaves to memorialize and honor those we love and respect, dramatically adorns the wall of the lobby. The excellently organized special shelves filled with Stellar Sellers, large print books, DVDs, videos, audio books, and the inexpensive books for sale are there for your continued enjoyment. You immediately smile when you enter the children's section and observe the friendly atmosphere of fun with books, computers and tablets by all involved. You meet the very loyal volunteers cheerfully helping at our successful semi-annual book sales. You are the "Friends Touching" in the many ways your donations enable all of these wonderful programs to exist and flourish in our Suntree/Viera Library. Remember our website, www.GreatLibraryFriends.com, is where you can see everything about how the Friends benefit our library. The newly elected Board members thank all members of the Friends for your kind and continued support.

Spring Book Sale

Wednesday, April 20 — 3-6

For Friends of any Brevard Library with ID

Thursday, April 21 — 10-5

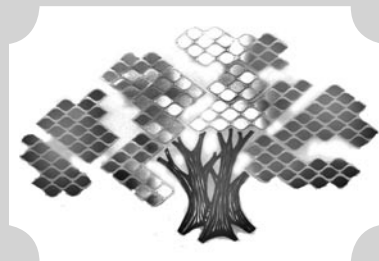
Open to the Public

Friday, April 22 — 9-5

Open to the Public

Saturday, April 23 — 9-4

Open to the Public/Special Bag Sale



Tree of Knowledge – a Lasting Tribute

The Friends of the Suntree-Viera Library are proud to offer a new funding venue. The Tree of Knowledge is a permanent, autumn cherry hand-crafted wood and cast sculpture, 3½ ft tall by 5 ft wide. One hundred and fifty donor recognition leaves are mounted to multi-level, polished, clear acrylic leaf islands, which emulate the patterns and rhythms of an actual tree.

This beautiful work of art is wall-mounted in the front lobby of the library, and the names of all donors will be included. The tree provides a unique opportunity to memorialize or honor a loved one(s), or recognize a business or

organization. Each recognition leaf includes an engraved plaque with an inscription of your choice.

Funds from the Tree of Knowledge will help the Friends fund new acquisitions, programs and special projects which enhance the services offered to all who will be using the library. Your donation will help maintain an area resource for you and the community.

At the time of your generous donation, a leaf will be inscribed at your discretion and placed on the Tree of Knowledge in recognition of your contribution.

For details see next page...



Our Library

Mary Scholtz, Director

The Suntree/Viera Library is very proud that our head of the Reference Department is going to West Melbourne Library as the new Director. Mauri Baumann has been with the Brevard County Library System since 1991. She started at the Eau Gallie Public Library and was promoted to Librarian I in 1995. She moved to the Melbourne Public

Library in 2000 as the Head of Reference. After 12 years at Melbourne, she came to Suntree/Viera Library in 2012 as its Head of Reference. Now she goes on to a new challenge of leading her own staff at the West Melbourne Library. We wish her well in her new position and will miss her leadership in Reference.

The library Coloring Club for adults met today for the first time. The library provided the coloring pictures, pens, colored pencils, etc, for this meeting. The Club will meet again on the 4th Thursday of April, that is April 28, at 2 pm. Join us if you are interested in this coloring hobby.

Library Art

March 14 — June 13

Our mild winter has come and gone, and here we are with warm weather and our new Spring Exhibition once again. **Janice Hitchcock** explores line, color and shape with her unusual sailboat compositions in oil and acrylics. The colorful crowded docks, riggings and masts create interesting abstract forms. **Darleen Hunt** loves to paint tropical references, wildlife and people involved in activities. Her painting of a curious young child in bright sunlight, “Just Looking”, demonstrates her wonderful watercolor technique of strong light and shadow. **Joyce Harper**, using acrylics, enjoys painting things from nature and her general surroundings. The bright blue and gold used in “Japanese Fishing Floats” show a sharp contrast between the very translucent floats and the densely opaque vase. **Laurie Griffin** has recently retired from NASA and now spends time painting, sculpting and learning new skills. Watercolor has become a favorite and the historic wooden

“LaGrange Church, Mims, FL.” which she has painted is a fine example. The majestic steeple and the gravesites in the background document the past and the present. **Regina Kear Reid**, a professional equestrian, poet and artist, has work in watercolor, pastel and colored pencil. Her whimsical “Dali Meets Disney” will make you smile when you see the Salvador Dali forms embedded in the Disney character composition. Of course you will see horses in her works also. We are pleased to have the Quillian photographers in the show once again. **Ruth Stanley-Quillian** has a black and white photograph of “Kayaks” that is so like a pencil sketch you have to look twice. **Ed Quillian** shows the wonderfully sultry shadows at dusk in “Merritt Island Wildlife,” also in black and white. Their High Dynamic Resolution Photography on gallery wrap canvas is very dramatic. The Friends welcome you all to the show.

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Tom Potere installs the Tree Sculpture in the library lobby



Sample of an Engraved Leaf

What are the Giving Levels?

Leaves are available for \$100, \$200, and \$500.

There are 100 Bronze Leaves at \$100,
40 Silver Leaves at \$200 & 10 Gold Leaves at \$500.

All are 3¼ x 2 inches in size.

How Can I Support this Project?

To participate in this unique opportunity, please complete a Donor Application Form located at the library, or for more information please call 321-626-0185.

Your donation is tax-deductible and will include a free one-year membership to the Friends of the Suntree-Viera Library.



2016 New Members of the Friends Board

*Back: Marta Ney, Tom Potere,
Stephanie Jager –*

*Front: Bobbi Shaw, Betty Minton,
Ken Patwari –*

Donor Bricks

Last Call! Our Brick Donor Program is nearing the end, and there are only 10 empty spots left. You can have an engraved brick with your personal message installed in front of the library, perhaps to permanently preserve your memory of a loved one or to share your happy occasion with a large group of people. All this for \$75! Forms are available at the front desk. For more information, please call Ken Patwari at 321-622-4734



Our Youth Services

*Scott Hauge,
Head of Youth Services*

A family comes into the library, and the youngster comes up to the desk. The child opens their mouth to ask the librarian a question and the parent comes up behind, directs the child away from the desk with the words, “Don’t bother the librarian.” Bother! Bother? What have we done to make you feel like you’re bothering us? You are not a bother, you are our reason for being, our sine qua non. If you were to ask me what words I least like to hear in the library it would be those: “Don’t bother the librarian.”

Many is the time I’ve been walking across the floor and some kind soul has stopped me with the words, “I don’t want to bother you, but...” I inevitably reply, “You are not bothering me, you are keeping me employed.” Our jobs are literally dependent on you asking us a question. Whether that question is, “Where is the bathroom?” or “What is the tallest mountain in the solar system?” The library is a public service institution. We are here to help you, to answer questions. We enjoy the opportunity to show how clever we are. (The answer to the question above is Olympus Mons on Mars; 16 miles high, 3 times higher than Mount Everest.)

Now, if you’re trying to foster self-reliance in your child, and want them to learn to do things by themselves, that’s fine. But they still need to be taught to use the catalog computer. We’ll be happy to give a quick lesson in using the

catalog and showing you how the library is set up so you can use it yourself.

Do you want to know what bothers the librarians most? When people don’t stop to talk to us. Talking to the librarian is an important part of the developmental process of the library. If you come in looking for a book, look in the catalog and don’t see it, then go home disappointed and never ask the librarian, we never know you were there or what you were looking for. Now, imagine everyone comes in looking for the same book, checks the catalog, then leaves without asking the librarian. There is a book everyone wants to read, and the library does not have it. But because you did not ask the librarian, we don’t know everyone is looking for it, and so we never get it. Now, change that scenario so that you did ask. And the librarian says, “You know, you’re the fourth person in 10 minutes to ask me about that book. It sounds like we really need to add it to the collection.” You have participated in the process of developing your library. By asking us, you have informed us of a need in our community, and by knowing that need we can make an effort to meet it. Now, I’m not telling you everything you ask for is going to wind up in the library, but if enough people are looking for it, we are certainly going to start asking why we don’t have it. So, next time you’re in the library, stop by, bother a librarian. We’ll be looking for you!

THE FRIENDS

2016 Board Members:

President–Betty Minton
1st Vice President–Bobbi Shaw
2nd Vice President–Ken Patwari
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Corresponding Secretary–
Marta Ney
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Stephanie Jager
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LIBRARY HOURS

Sunday — Closed
Mon & Tues — 9 am–8 pm
Wed & Thu — 10 am–6 pm
Fri & Sat — 9 am–5 pm

Closed
July 4 — Independence Day

Calendar of Upcoming Library Events

FRIENDS OF THE SUNTREE/VIERA LIBRARY MEET EVERY 3rd TUESDAY AT 3 PM IN THE MAIN MEETING ROOM

Brevard Antiques & Collectibles

1st Fridays 10–11:30 AM

Knitting – Sit & Stitch

1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 1–3 PM
NO MEETING APRIL 20

Quilting – Seaside Piecemakers

2nd & 4th Fridays at 9 AM–1 PM
NO MEETING APRIL 22

Wednesday Group Art Talk

1st Wednesdays at 1–4 PM

Investor's Business Daily Club

2nd Mondays at 11 AM–1 PM

Non-Fiction Book Club

4th Tuesdays at 3–5 PM

April 26: *"Astronauts Wives Club"*
by Lily Koppel

Youth Services

STORYTIME

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10 & 11 AM
Age 2 years & older with an Adult
NO STORYTIME APRIL 19 & 21
ENDS MAY 5 UNTIL MAY 31

Wednesdays at 4:30 PM

Age 2 years & older with an Adult
NO STORYTIME APRIL 20
ENDS MAY 4 UNTIL AUGUST 10

YS Elementary Writers

April 15 & May 20 at 3:30 PM (AGE 5–8)

Young Authors Group

April 14 & May 19 at 4:30 PM (AGE 6–16)

Freebuilding with Popular Blocks

April 8 & May 13 at 3:30 PM (AGE 5–10)

Library Evening Book Club

2nd Mondays at 6:30–7:30 PM

April 11: *"The Light Between Oceans"* by M. L. Stedman

May 9: *"The World Made Straight"* by Ron Rash

June 13: *"The Caine Mutiny"* by Herman Wouk

Library Book Discussion Group

4th Wednesdays at 10–11:30 AM

April 27: *"Hausfrau"* by Jill Essbaum

May 25: *"The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind"*
by William Kamkwamba

June 22: *"A Town Like Alice"* by Neal Shute

Neighbors Book Club

2nd Thursdays at 2–4:30 PM
NO MEETING IN JUNE

April 14: *"Hannah's List"* by Debbie Macomber

May 12: *"One Thousand White Women"* by Jim Ferguson



Summer Reading Program Registration Begins May 22nd