

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS AT THE CAPE CORAL LIBRARY

- **May 3 (Wednesday) from 6:00 to 7:30 PM**
Awards Ceremony for Kids' Art Contest

The Awards Ceremony for the 12th annual "Coloring the Earth" Art Contest for children ages 7 to 12 will be held in the Large Meeting Room at the Cape Coral Library. This year's theme is "Let's Protect Our Florida Panthers." The public is encouraged to join youngsters, parents, teachers and prominent members of the community at this popular annual event sponsored by the Friends of the Cape Coral Library. Hear a presentation by a wild-life expert and enjoy some refreshments. Contact contest organizer Alessia Leathers at alessialeathers@yahoo.com for information.

Please be sure to see the flyers available each month at the library or visit www.leelibrary.net for details and registration information on the programs that are listed below as well as many other programs and activities for adults, children and teens.

- **May 5 (Friday) at 1:30 PM**
Value of Searching Public Records & Online Services
- **May 11 and 25 (Thursdays) at 11:00 AM**
Tai Chi/Qi Gong
- **May 15 (Monday) at 1:00 PM**
Community Classroom: A Healthy Heart for Life
- **May 18 (Thursday) at 1:00 PM**
Self Defense Demonstration
- **May 19 (Friday) at 11:00 AM**
Coloring for Grown-ups
- **May 24 (Wednesday) 1:00 PM**
Navigating the Medicare Maze
- **May 29 (Monday)**
Library is closed for Memorial Day
- **June 10 (Saturday) at 1:00 PM**
Movie: Docudrama about the 2010 oil-rig explosion in the Gulf of Mexico that resulted in the largest offshore oil spill in U.S. history. The film depicts the challenges that Mike Williams (Mark Wahlberg) and the rest of the rig's crew faced as they fought for survival. Kate Hudson, Kurt Russell, and John Malkovich co-star.
Rated PG 13.
- **June 12 (Monday) at 1:00 PM**
Community Classroom: Staying Fit at Any Age
- **June 16 (Friday) at 11:00 AM**
Coloring for Grown-ups

Mark Your Calendar

WED, MAY 3, 2017.....Children's Art Contest Awards
"Coloring the Earth": 6:00PM-7:30PM
SAT, MAY 6, 2017.....Board Meeting: 10:00AM
SAT, MAY 6, 2017.....Spring Luncheon at Mel's Diner:
11:30AM
SAT, JULY 8, 2017.....Board Meeting: 10:00AM
SAT, JULY 22, 2017.....General Meeting: 9:30AM
SAT, SEPT 9, 2017..... Board Meeting: 10:00AM
SAT, SEPT 23, 2017.....General Meeting: 9:30AM

Upcoming FOCCL Meetings for Members

By Paula Novander

Sat., May, 6 - Spring Luncheon

Each year, we hold a spring luncheon in place of a May membership meeting. For those of you who've already signed up and paid for this year's lunch before the April 22 deadline for reservations, we look forward to seeing you at Mel's Diner at 11:30 AM on Saturday, May 6.

Sat. Morning, July 22

Program: Books We've Enjoyed

Don't forget to join your fellow members for the Friends of the Cape Coral Library General Membership Meeting on Saturday, July 22. The morning will begin at 9:30 AM with some coffee, juice, and light snacks. The business portion of the meeting will start at 10:00 AM, followed by one of our most popular programs about books we've recently read and enjoyed. Each person may talk about a couple of books, or more if time permits. Those who are shy may just sit back and enjoy listening to others review their recent reads. The FOCCL Membership Meetings, which take place in the large meeting room of the Cape Coral Library at 921 SW 39th Terrace, are free and open to the public. We hope to see you there!



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President's Letter

Dear Friends of the Cape Coral Library,

What a busy spring! The Friends of the Cape Coral Library was a sponsor of the March 18 Southwest Florida Reading Festival in Fort Myers at Centennial Park, and we had a booth with art supplies set up near the Youth area. It was a spectacularly beautiful day, and thousands of people of all ages enjoyed the authors, activities and food at this wonderful annual event.

Thanks to our Fundraising Committee for greeting visitors to our booth at the Cape Coral Yacht Club Sunset Celebrations in March and April.

The News-Press published a nice article about the library gallery with photos of our March exhibit. Thanks to Pam, Dawn and Bonita who help arrange and hang the artwork.

Our March 25 membership meeting had a larger than usual turnout, and the audio visual presentation about the history of the Library and the Friends followed by a tour were well-orchestrated by Crystal

Revak. A new Board of Directors was elected and installed at the meeting.

We had another successful Spring Book Sale in April. The award ceremony for the 12th Annual Coloring the Earth kids art contest, organized by Alessia Leathers, will be held May 3rd.

Our new Events Chairperson, Marlene King, has been lining up some great donated raffle prizes for our May 6 Spring Luncheon at Mel's Diner...

Thanks to all our volunteers. As always, I look forward to seeing you at our meetings and events and at the many worthwhile library programs we sponsor.

Yours Truly,
Monica Rahman, President
Friends of the Cape Coral Library



Some April book sale volunteers

New Members

Andrea Applin
Gwen Bendixen
Jeff Conlin
Susan & Allan Dunfee
Patrick Esposito
Cherry Geathers
Theresa & Chris Goulding
Lyllith Irizarry
Lois Kimes
Ashley Koehler

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Nancy Skabar
Casey Smith
Elaine Smith
Margaret Smyth

Shawn Smyth
Susan Steacy
Alberta Supalo
Beth Swiger
Marlene Taylor
Lynne & Joe Viacava
Marty Waters
Robert Withey
Lynn Zukas

Thank You for Book Sale

By Paula Novander

This April's Book sale was fantastic - we grossed about \$10,500 in 3 days. Always amazing the number of books we put-out and then move on to happy new owners. We had over 1100 people come thru the door. Again, we had some wonderful books to sell so first thanks to all who donate. Remind your friends and neighbors we are always collecting.

Next heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers who come sort and place books on the tables. Our many volunteers make this a fun and worthwhile venture.

I am so happy to see your faces as you walk in the room. You keep showing up and I'll keep the Oreos coming. It is a lot of work but we know it goes to a great cause - our wonderful library. Be sure and visit the youth reading area to check-out the new furniture we paid for. OR come for a movie and enjoy the high-tech audio/visual equipment we purchased several years ago.

Finally, thanks to Tori Hersh and her staff at the library who help us gather books thru the year and their donations to our sale. Some beautiful craft books this year. See you all in November.



Library Quote of the Month

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”



- Anne Frank

Installation of Board Directors

The candidates for the 2017/2018 FOCCL Board of Directors were elected at the March 25 Annual Membership Meeting. The installation ceremony, which included a pledge to serve the organization, was conducted by Maria Maddalena, long time member and a former President of the Friends. Congratulations to the newly elected officers and coordinators:

President- Monica Rahman

Vice President/Programs- Paula Novander

Secretary- Mary Ann Ferrarese

Treasurer- Pat Faucher

Assistant Treasurer- Shirley O'Donnell

Community Services Coordinator- Mary Achilles

Financial Services Coordinator- Pam Macabio



Crystal Revak, who is retiring from her position as Vice President, was honored for her truly outstanding work in planning the presentations and luncheons over the past two years. President Monica Rahman thanked Crystal for her service and presented her with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the Friends of the Cape Coral Library.



Thanking
Crystal Revak
at the March
25th General
Meeting

New Faces at the Cape Coral Library

Reference Librarian

Matt Hawkins, Reference Librarian – CC Public Library

Born and raised in Fort Myers, I graduated from Florida State University this past August with my Master of Science in Information. In May I'll have been working for the Lee County Library System for four years, having previously held the positions of Library Page and Library Assistant at the North Fort Myers Public Library and Library Associate at the Lakes Regional Library. In my spare time I'm either watching some hockey, soccer, or baseball or I'm reading through my constant pile of comic books.

Children's Librarian

Arghero "Edie" Koumparakis

Edie was born and raised in Martinsville, VA. She moved to Johnson City, TN to attend East Tennessee State University, and after graduating in 2003, she moved to Florence, SC. She started with the Florence County Library System in 2007. While there, she received her MLIS from the University of South Carolina. She has worked with the Cumberland County Library in Fayetteville, NC and most recently, the Manatee County Library in Bradenton, FL. Edie enjoys running, and was once a Zumba and Aqua Zumba instructor.

Library Assistants

Luis Carballet-Martinez

I grew up in Florida after moving to Miami at the age 7 from Santa Clara, Cuba. I graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelors of Arts in History in 2016 and have been working for the Lee County Library system since then. I hope to be starting my Masters of Library Science in the summer and turn my love for the library into a career. When I'm not working, I enjoy reading non-fiction history and short novellas, cooking, and watching movies.

Summer Gee

I have worked in the Lee County Library System for 3 years, but transferred in October to Cape Coral. Working at this library has always been a dream for me since I was little. I was born in Fort Myers, FL so I'm a native to the area. I like to read a wide variety of books, but my favorites have to be Comics, Physics, and Romance. I spend the rest of my time with my two kids, three cats, and my dog.

Danyela Noriega

I'm Danyela Smile Noriega and 24 years old (yes my middle name is smile). I was born in Havana, Cuba. Moved to Miami, Florida when I was 2 years old. I was raised in Miami and then at 13 years old moved to Cape Coral. At an early age I always enjoyed reading and writing. I love spending time in the kitchen cooking or baking whenever I can. I am obsessed with films and music. Now I am in my dream job working as a Library Assistant at Cape Coral Library and working my way up to becoming better and continue to learn.



Friends Pay for New Furniture in Children's Area

The library bid adieu to the worn-out seating arrangement fondly known as the SS Acorn, with the "SS" in this case being short for "Steam Ship." So as Principal Librarian Tori Hersh humorously put it, the Acorn was officially decommissioned on April 3. Soon to be installed in its place will be new, kid-friendly furniture funded by a \$6954.32 donation from the Friends of the Cape Coral Library. The arrangement will allow families to sit and read together, just as they did on the Acorn. Photos of the new seating will follow in the next issue of this newsletter.



Thank you!

Please support the following Cape Coral businesses on Pine Island Road who donated raffle prizes for our Spring Luncheon.

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Gallery Exhibits

Artists on Exhibit in the Cape Coral Library Art Gallery

Brought to you by the Friends of the Cape Coral Library

By Monica Rahman

MAY 10 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017

A new tradition was established a few years ago, and it is one that we hope to continue in the future. This time of the year has been dedicated to exhibiting the work of young local artists.

Winning entries from the **“Coloring the Earth” Contest** will be displayed on the alcove walls. The annual environmental art contest for children ages 7 to 12 is organized by Alessia Leathers and is now in its 12th year. The theme this time is “Let’s Protect Our Florida Panthers.” The Friends of the Cape Coral Library sponsors the event and has provided frames so that the children’s artwork can be displayed professionally in a gallery setting.

Melany Alvarez’ acrylic paintings on canvas with 3-D touches will be on display in the gallery hall. Melany, a high school level home-schooled teen, is the youngest member of the **Cape Coral Art League**. She was thrilled when one of the first pieces she ever entered into a league show was sold, and this has further fueled her enthusiasm for painting. Although Melany has taken a few private art lessons, the fact that she is relatively self-taught in this area explains her fresh and forthright artistic approach. She’s a hard-working young lady, who has already been taking General Studies at FSW in anticipation of entering college and possibly pursuing a career in Physical Therapy. Regardless of which path she chooses, Melany no doubt has a bright future.



Into the Mystic by Melany Alvarez



Owls by Gabriella M - age 9



Painting by Isabella - age 10

Kindergarten through Second Grade **Fine Arts Students** of teacher Elizabeth Olancin at **Gulf Elementary School** in Cape Coral will exhibit their creations in the large cases in the library’s gallery. Young though they may be, Mrs. Olancin’s students already have previous experience exhibiting their artwork: at the Estero Art show, the Lee County School Board, and Alliance for the Arts. A large group painting created by the students is currently on display at RSW Airport in Fort Myers. Liz Olancin encourages the youngsters to give back to the community, and ten of them gather twice a week before school to create paintings with inspirational messages for the Golisano Children’s Hospital and are involved with 4 the Kid’s Foundation. An artist herself, Elizabeth Olancin has taught adults as well as children, has served as a judicator at local galleries, and was a presenter at the 2016 LAEA Art Conference held in Naples. Among the four books she has published are two that she wrote and illustrated for children: *One Inch at a Time* and *The Beginning Adventures of Popeye & Biscuit*.

A project featuring whimsical paper mache fairy houses and Zentangle illustrations will be displayed in the two-shelf case. These were created by students age 6 to 9 in the **Children’s Art Class** taught this winter by Betsy Koscher at the **Cape Coral Art League**. Paintings and drawings by several of the youngsters will also be hung over the case. Koscher studied at the Rhode Island School of Design, is an accomplished artist herself, and has taught art for 15 years. “Miss Betsy,” as her students call her, has a way of inspiring creativity and motivating kids to paint, draw and produce wonderful pieces. But most of all, they have a lot of fun in her class!



I would be interested helping Friends of the Library with:

- Events Accents
- Book Sale Publicity
- Gallery

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