



May 2021 Update from FOCCL

Dear Friends,

We have been active despite the pandemic and have several news items to share with you since our last update in February:

- Beginning May 3, Cape Coral-Lee County branch resumed normal hours.

Monday – Wednesday 9am – 8pm

Thursday 9am – 6pm

Friday, Saturday 9am – 5pm

- The library is not accepting donations yet -- **but we are!** Simply call our Hotline telephone number, 239-349-2572, wait for the beep, leave a message with your name and that you have books, CD's or DVD's to donate, and a volunteer will return your call to arrange a pickup.
- Awards for the 15th Annual Children's Environmental Art Contest were presented to 20 Lee County youngsters, ages 5 through 12, at Rotary Park on May 1. Kudos to Alessia Leathers, Art Contest Chair, for her enthusiasm and creativity putting together the program in challenging circumstances due to Covid19 closures and restrictions over the past year. The theme, "Save the Monarch Butterfly", inspired some very impressive drawings! Check them out on our website, www.capefriends.org.
- We sold 136 bags of books at the curbside, contactless April Bag O'Books Sale held offsite of the library. This gave us an opportunity to capture the interest of the public, our membership and a small group of volunteers, while also making money for the library.
- In addition to Bag O'Book Sales, we are generating income with our successful "store" on eBay. Check out available titles under eBay seller "ccflbooks".
- The SWFL Reading Festival results are in! Our sponsorship purchased 4,910 grab-and-go craft kits for children and teens, with 608 kits distributed at the Cape Coral-Lee County Library branch. Lee County Library System and EventHub did a fantastic job creating a virtual Festival that garnered 16,569 views by IP addresses all over the US and the world.
- FOCCL is also a proud sponsor of the upcoming Summer Reading Program, held from June 14 to August 1. So, mark your calendars for another amazing SRP for all ages! This year's program will feature online and offline reading and activity challenges, grab-and-go activity kits and engaging virtual events. Every child and teen who signs up receives a FREE book, while supplies last. Visit the CC Library branch or call them at 239-533-4500 for more information.

With the library open at 100% capacity and normal hours, we are cautiously optimistic that meeting room access will be restored in several months. We can't wait to see you at our next membership meeting!

Best Regards,

Board of Directors

Friends of the Cape Coral Library