

Your Membership Dollars at Work

Your membership dollars and contributions help support and enhance the services of the Cape Coral-Lee County Public Library.

Since July, the Friends have provided a total of \$1200 support for library programs, including:

- \$450 for the Summer Reading Program
- \$400 for children's programs, including a special Halloween program featuring the magic and comedy of James Chartier, and the puppet show "The Frog Prince" presented by Puppets to Go.
- Over \$150 for teen programs and supplies
- Over \$200 for adult programs. The Friends provide ongoing support for Bagels, Books and Banter; Bagels, Books and Banter en Espanol, and for the Craft/Scrapbooking program.

A special need arose to recover the computer chairs in the children's department, which were cloth-covered and subject to soiling by young children. Cleaning costs became prohibitive, and the Friends provided over \$2000 to re-cover the chairs in an easily-cleaned quality plastic material.

The Friends thank all our members and supporters for their generosity!



Recovered chairs are now being used in the computer section of the library by the children's area.

Mark Your Calendar

January 9, 2010	Board Meeting
January 16, 2010	General Meeting
January 21, 2010	Lee County PugFest 5

January Membership Meeting Saturday, January 16 at 10:00 a.m. Meeting Room in the Library

Join the Friends as we host noted Sanibel resident, Christine Lemmon, author of "Sanibel Scribbles", "Portion of the Sea" and "Sand in My Eyes". Christine will speak about her latest book, "Whispers from the Ocean" - - a collection of thought-provoking quotes related to solitude and inspiration, spirituality and creativity, marriage and motherhood, and contentment and joy.

Christine realized she wanted to be a news reporter when she was in high school. She started reporting for the student section of the local paper in Holland, Michigan. Since then, Christine has lived in many parts of the country, before settling on Sanibel Island.

Professionally, Christine has held positions including radio news producer, newspaper reporter, managing editor of a business magazine, and publicist for a major non-fiction publishing house among others. Her grandmother predicted, based on letters Christine sent her, that Christine would be a novelist.

A continental breakfast will be served before the January 16th meeting. So join your friends at 9:30 a.m. for a social time before the program.

Lee County PugFest5

Visit You Tube to see Pugfest III at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TPBfJRJ7KH0&feature=related>. Then come and see Pug Fest5 at Bell tower on January 21 from 12:00 to 4:00 for a great afternoon of fun.



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President's Letter

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that we've actually started 2010 already. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and is ready for an exciting New Year!

The Friends' Holiday Luncheon was a great success again this year. The decorations (courtesy of Marian Borneman and her creativity!) were especially festive and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Many thanks to Kathryn Nelson, Marcy Schaller, and Marian Borneman, for putting it all together.

Has everyone had a chance to check out the new Northwest Regional Library in the North Cape? It has a very modern décor; very bright and cheerful! Quite a few of us attended the ribbon cutting ceremony December 5th. Lots of local dignitaries were there and had some nice words to say about getting the library ready for the public to use. Mariner Middle School Chorus provided the entertainment for the program. Activities for the day included jugglers, balloon sculptor, and Curious George. We also enjoyed refreshments. The best part of the day was finding new books available for check out that I have had on request for a month or two. That won't happen

again until the new Ft. Myers library is built!

Thanks to all the hard work Bob and Paula Novander put into getting everything ready for and running the book sale, we had a fantastic turn-out! Thank you, Bob and Paula, and all of you who helped out during the sale. Even with the hours being shortened this year, we sold "A LOT OF BOOKS". And, we are already on our way, collecting books for the April sale.

Please be sure to join us for our general meeting on Saturday, January 16th. Our local author, Christine Lemmon, will return to tell us about her newest novel. Her discussions are always so interesting and she very willingly answers questions.

Chocolate & Spirits, one of the excellent fund raisers put on by the Lee County Library System to support the Reading Festival, was delicious. Just ask Nellie! Even with the rain that night there was a good turnout. Lots of people took home some great prizes.

Don't forget to mark your new, 2010 calendar: the Reading Festival will take place on March 20th!

Pam Macabio
President

The Friends Come to Our Rescue

The Youth Service room was in great need of replacement chairs for the children's computers. The up and down mechanisms were failing on our original chairs due to eight years of constant use. The South County Library had replaced some of their chairs and we were able to acquire 21 from South County that were in good condition.

Our wonderful County Maintenance Department made good use of our failing chairs by stripping them for parts. The parts were used to repair some of the chairs in our adult area.

Youth Services was very happy with the South chairs except that the chairs were upholstered in fabric. I will leave the consequences of children and fabric chairs to your imagination.

As usual, the Friends came to our rescue and paid to have the chairs upholstered in an easy to wipe off vinyl covering. The chairs are very attractive and easy to keep clean. A picture is on page 1. Your generous support is very much appreciated.

Sharon Myers
Regional Librarian

January Gallery Exhibits

Shirley Hales blends her enjoyment of nature with her passion for artistic realism to produce fine art paintings of a wide range of subjects. In her paintings of landscapes and nautical scenes, she captures an array of moods through skillful use of bursts of color for brilliant sunsets and sunrises, or subtle applications of paint resulting in atmospheric depth and drama. Attention to detail brings wildlife and waterfowl to life and tempts and arouses the senses when viewing her still life creations.

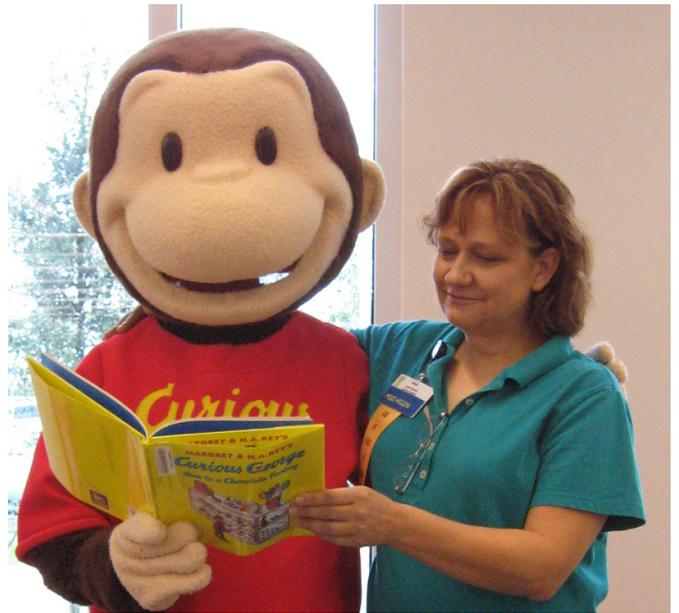
Gay Cable took various classes in drawing and painting, needlework, sewing, decoupage, macrame, and silversmithing. Several years ago, when she took her first jewelry making class, she knew she had found her artistic passion.



Within a year she entered the field of jewelry design and started her own business, G C Creations. Gay has been a featured artist at the Don Drumm Studios and Gallery in Akron, Ohio, and Crossed Palms Gallery in Bokeelia, Pine Island, Florida. She has sold her work at the Jonathan Arthur Boutique in the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Savannah, Georgia, D'Ora's Dress Shop in Fairlawn, Ohio, the Visual Arts Center in Punta Gorda, Florida, and at various art shows.

Marjorie Ewell is a cloth doll maker and artist. She has been a painter most of her life, and became a member of the Cape Coral Art League in 1996. She is currently employed by the Cape Coral Art League. Marjorie purchased "Quilter's Corner", a fabric shop for Quilters, in Pewett Center, Fort Myers, FL., and returned to her cloth doll making during this time. Currently, Marjorie studies watercolor and oil at the CCAL. has studied with cloth doll teachers Katy Gardenia of Matlacha and Judy Lane.

Sandra Yetman became involved in glass when she took a class from a local high school in the 1980's. While working full time in a medical office and raising six children, Sandra used any extra time to work on glass art. Since retiring, her art has taken up more of her time. She starts with an idea from nature and creates the image in colored glass. She filled her house with her art, and now enjoys sharing her passion for glass art with others.



During the Grand Opening of the new North West Regional Library, Helen Crim took a minute out from work to read along with Curious George!



Patrice Koerper, the Peace Corps volunteer spoke at the November meeting. The table in the photo displayed cultural items from Macedonia, where she has served as a volunteer.

Quote of the Month

"I declare after all there is no enjoyment like reading! How much sooner one tires of anything than of a book! When I have a house of my own, I shall be miserable if I have not an excellent library.

Jane Austen, *Pride and Prejudice*, 1811



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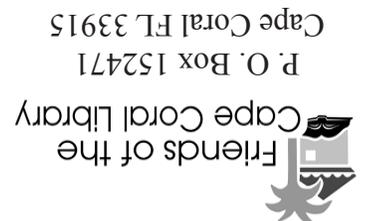
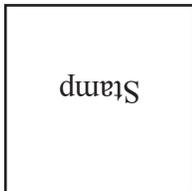
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November Book Sale

We were concerned that the new library hours could really effect the book sale; the members only sale would be from 3:30 to 5: 30pm on Thursday Nov. 5th. We had great publicity in the Cape Coral Breeze thanks to Meghan McCoy's half page article in the previous Saturday's Breeze BUT would it be enough?

Well - we started setting up tables Wednesday morning, and many thanks to Elaine Berryhill's husband Buck and friends who helped Bob move the hundreds of boxes of books from the storage unit to the library.

And many, many thanks to the Friend's volunteers who unpack, arrange and re-arrange all the books onto the correct tables.

We were actually all ready by 2:00pm on Thursday. The people began lining up outside the door at 3:00pm. We had an excellent turnout and sold over \$1500.00 worth of books in just 2 hours. We had a very steady crowd on Friday and Saturday, until we closed up on Saturday afternoon.

In all we raised just over \$7,000.00 that will go directly to help the Cape Coral library and its many programs that would not be possible without the Friends support..

All the remaining books are re-boxed and sold to a book wholesaler - we start all over again the next week - collecting donations for our next sale beginning Thursday April 22nd, 2010.

To volunteer to help with the sale leave a message for Bob on the Friends Hotline at 477-5100. Also, if you wish to donate hardcover books, paperbacks, CDs, DVDs or VCR tapes, leave a message on the Hotline or an email a message thru the website Cape-Friends.org. Small quantities can be brought to the library circulation desk or we will pick up larger donations at your home. All donations are tax deductible and we can give you a receipt.

Thanks to all for their continued support of the book sale - our largest fund-raiser.



Friends Enjoy the Booksale

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The Christmas Lunch Was a Great Success