

Library Manager Sharon Myers Retires Joyce Lyons

Our long time Library Manager, Sharon Myers, quietly retired last month. When Sharon first arrived the \$9,000,000 renovation project expanding our library had just begun, She helped our Friends of the Library begin the popular Art Gallery, and has seen the Cape Coral Library circulation increase to a half-million visitors annually.

Although we hate to see Sharon go, (how can she be replaced?), she deserves a well-earned retirement. She has just returned from an exciting visit to Paris and has lots of plans for the future.

Farewell, Sharon, we will all miss you very much.

Planning for the November Book Sale Paula Novander

We're on track with the fall book sale on November 4th, 5th, and 6th. We are getting regular donations. The library has also been giving us donations from their discards. It looks like we can expect a good sale.

If you have a small donation, please leave it with the librarians. A pick up can be scheduled for large donations. You can leave a message on the Hotline or web site for Bob, and we'll schedule a pickup. Every little bit helps. Please check your shelves for books you can bring us.

Bob at a huge Book Fair we saw while in Dusseldorf, Germany 2 weeks ago. All the tents were along the canal, and they had beer and bratwurst available! Now that was a great book fair.



Mark Your Calendar

July 10	Board Meeting
July 17	Membership Meeting
September 4	Board Meeting
September 18	Membership Meeting
September 8	Initial Budget Adoption
	Hearings by Board of County Commissioners*
September 23	Final Budget Adoption
	Hearings by Board of County Commissioners*

*It is more important than ever this year to contact our County Commissioners before the budget hearings to thank them for their past support of the libraries, and to urge them to consider the important role our libraries play in the community. Let them know your concerns about the proposed decrease in funding for libraries and the impact this will have on vital library services.

Annual Summer Reads Program at July Friends Meeting Nellie Slayton

Come join the Friends at the "Favorite Summer Reads" general membership meeting on Saturday, July 17, 2010 in the meeting room at the Cape Coral Library. Share your thoughts about the books you are reading and enjoying and hear what other Friends are enjoying. This is a great opportunity to discover authors and books you may not have read or heard about.

Coffee and refreshments will be available at 9:30 a.m. The general membership meeting and book discussions will begin at 10:00.



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President's Letter

Dear Friends,

Maybe we should wish for winter again or maybe you like this hot, humid weather. Anyway, summer is here again and that means that the children and teens can take advantage of the Library's Summer Reading program, which is now in full swing! We can still use volunteers, if you have the time.

As you will see by Joyce Lyons' article, Sharon Myers has retired as library manager. I am sure she is enjoying retirement, as she plans to keep busy and do some traveling. I know she had a trip to Paris planned. We certainly miss her around the library and wish her all the best.

Although a replacement has not been hired yet, at the time I'm writing this letter we are fortunate to have Nancy Skabar acting as our interim Library Manager and I'd like to thank her for all her hard work. Hopefully, by the time you read this we will have a new manager.

The spring luncheon, held at Wine & Roses turned out great.

Everyone seemed to have a good time and we had some very nice door prizes. It is always nice to get together for lunch and good company.

Don't forget the next Friends general meeting is Saturday July 17th. This is my favorite meeting of the year: "BOOK REVIEW" Time. I enjoy hearing all about the different interests' people have and the books they choose to read. Has everyone got a book picked out to review? Even if you don't, plan to attend this fun meeting to hear others' choices which might give you some ideas to add to your summer reading list!

Before I close I want to welcome Judi Mitchell Smith as our new Vice President. Most of you know Judi as the library volunteer coordinator before she retired from the library system. Judi brings lots of energy and new ideas to the "VP" position. "Welcome Judi".

Enjoy the rest of the summer, and I'll see you July 17th.

Pam Macabio
President

Report from the Branch Manager

Many of you are already aware that Sharon Myers retired as Branch Manager at the end of May. Sharon and friends have already been to Paris and back. An auspicious beginning to retirement life! The Cape Coral staff will miss Sharon and wish her all the best.

Nancy Skabar participated in a Business Expo sponsored by the Small Business Development Center and the Cape Coral Chamber of Commerce at the Farmer's Market on May 15th. She made contact with many local business people and promoted the business databases that are available in

the library.

Summer Reading Program begins Monday, June 14, 2010 with sign-up at the end of the gallery area. Our first program is "Spectacular Seas" by Puppets to Go on Tuesday, June 22, 2010. Our theme this year is **Make a Splash Read! @ your library.**

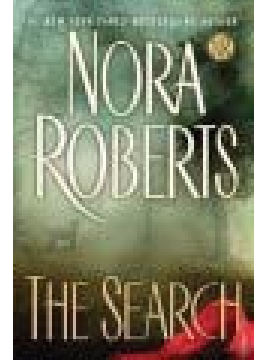
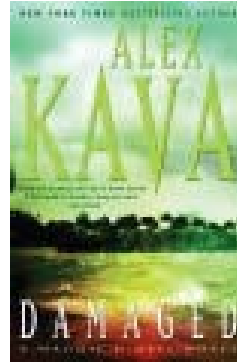
Staff is furiously working to "tag" our entire collection of material over the summer. Construction will begin sometime in August on refitting the circulation area and book drop for machines that will automatically check in items. Our plan is to be up and running on the new system in November.

Nancy Skabar
Interim Branch Manager

Hot Titles

These are a few of the library systems Hot Titles.

- As Husbands Go : A Novel - Isaacs, Susan
- Queen of the night - Jance, Judith A.
- The Glass Rainbow - Burke, James Lee
- Shadow Zone - Johansen, Iris
- Damaged : a Maggie O'Dell novel - Kava, Alex
- Take Four - Kingsbury, Karen
- Corduroy mansions - McCall Smith, Alexander
- The search - Roberts, Nora



You can check the library catalog at:

<http://www.nextreads.com/Display2.aspx?sid=3bf78282-cee4-4bba-9fea-5d99d1aaa64a&N=272390> .

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Book Review

Remarkable Creatures

by Tracy Chevalier

Reviewed by Helen Crim

I am one of those readers who often choose to read a book based on its cover art and title. I picked up Tracy Chevalier's novel, Remarkable Creatures, for those reasons, without even a glance at the book jacket description. I have been impressed with Chevalier's earlier novels, such as Girl with a Pearl Earring, The Lady and the Unicorn, and Falling Angels, so I had no doubt I would be quickly drawn into her newest endeavor.

Chevalier introduces her intriguing main characters, Mary Anning and Elizabeth Philpot: Mary, a young girl helping her poor family eke out a living in Lyme Regis, and Elizabeth, a woman whose family, in essence, exiles her to that same town, far from the comforts she is used to in London. The remarkable creatures, I first assume, are these two women making their way through life in 19th Century England.

The storyline centers, however, on their interest in the fossils they find along the coast in Lyme Regis. As the story progresses, it becomes apparent that the title refers to the fossilized remains of ancient creatures. Anyone interested in such fossils, will find the descriptions well-researched and intricately described by the author. Others may find them a bit tedious and may well skim over them.

While I was not interested in the scientific aspects of the novel, I still found Chevalier's descriptions and

characterizations enough to keep my interest. The use of the fossils to contrast between Mary, who sells them to tourists as a means to keep food on the table, and Elizabeth, who collects them as a hobby, is a refreshing device chosen by Chevalier to reinforce the class discrepancies of the era. Through their shared interest, each steps outside the boundaries considered decent, appropriate behavior for women of the time, regardless of their position in the community. The twist of the title, of course, is that it refers to the ancient creatures as well as to Mary and Elizabeth who lived remarkable lives during the 1800s.

The novel is not quite as powerful as Chevalier's other fiction, but keeping in mind her thorough research, literary writing style, and ability to craft excellent fiction around a true story, I can still recommend it, with the cautions mentioned above.

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Share your thoughts on a book you've read! The Accents would love to feature your book review! Mail reviews to P.O. Box 152471, Cape Coral 33915 or email to [accents@capefriends.org](mailto:accents@capefriends.org).



## July Gallery Exhibits

### **Exhibiting from June 15 to July 31**

**Kathryn Erickson** will be displaying her baskets and pine needle designs. She blends innovative designs into different styles of basketry, including objects of nature, and hand spun wool into her baskets. Each is a unique piece of work and never duplicated.



**Dorayne Lombardo** worked as a commercial illustrator before moving to Cape Coral. She belongs to the Pine Island Art Association where her art has won prizes at annual shows. Dorayne has also won prizes from the Cape Coral Art League. She does backdrops for the Cultural Park Theater, and is illustrating children's books.

**Keary Gallagher's** work will be displayed in the shot case. Keary is a graphic designer. Her ceramics are done in bright color and are abstract in design.

### **Exhibiting August 1 to September 15**

**John O'Brien** is a ceramic artist who works mainly with porcelain, stoneware, and premium porcelain mixtures. He tries to create things that have never been seen before, and so his work is very imaginative.



**Renate Rueter** is a fine artist who has displayed her work locally in galleries in Sanibel, Cape Coral, Bonita Springs, Naples and Fort Myers. She does of tropical scenes, wildlife, and still life studies. Her subjects come from the beaches and sanctuaries of southwest Florida. She is inspired by the color and moment of things in nature. She works in all mediums, including watercolor, acrylic, and oil.

**Andrew Miller** is a photographer. His work will be displayed on the gallery walls in August.

## New Members

Patricia Caccioppoli  
Margaret Mader  
Sharon Myers  
Ruthie and Sal Kapunin

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Please Renew Your Membership for 2010, if you have not yet done so. We would like to keep all our Friends! Fill out the form on the back page and mail it in. Or you may go to our web page and renew there. Visit [www.capefriends.org](http://www.capefriends.org)

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Thank You to The Friends of the Library for the financial support that was given to the library Art Gallery. We now have a new 'hanging' system for the art we display each month. It has made a huge difference in the ease in hanging the art. Our volunteers do a great job and this helps make it so much faster for us all.

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### Library Quote of the Month

"A book burrows into your life in a very profound way because the experience of reading is not passive."

*Erica Jong, O Magazine, 2003*



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