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FOCCL April 2024 Update

Welcome New Members

Kathleen Corcoran

Susan Winkler

Patricia Fuschetto

Valerie Johnson

Uthona Green

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Diane Thompson

Burrowing Owls and SWFL Reading Festivals

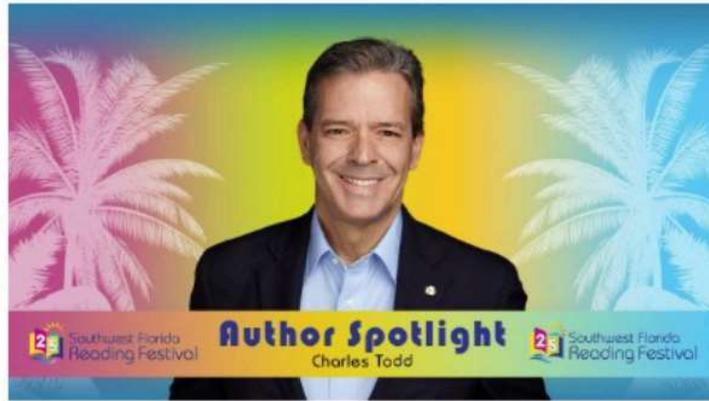
Thanks to all who attended and volunteered at the two festivals supported by the FOCCL during February and March. At both the Burrowing Owl Festival and the SWFL Reading festival we had booths to allow children to participate in our annual Children's Environmental Art Contest. We received entries from over 100 children!



At the SWFL Reading Festival the  sponsored author Charles Todd,



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March General Meeting

Our annual meeting took place on Saturday, March 23rd and had a full agenda! President Dawn LaVacque presented the annual report of committees for the past year. 2023 was a busy year for the FOCCL starting with our 50th anniversary celebration in January and ending with a wonderful program from the Garden Club of Cape Coral. In between we hosted several presentations, put together a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and held two very successful book sales. Copies of the annual report were distributed at the meeting.

The FOCCL Board of Directors has some new faces, and some familiar faces with new positions. Installed on Saturday, are our new President- Teresa Goulding, Vice President-Anne Keane, Treasurer - Dawn LaVacque and Secretary- Diane Mittl. Performing the installation was Maria Maddalena, former president of the Friends who will take a seat on the board, joining Mary Achilles, and Suzanne Michaels. Special thanks to Monica Rahman for over ten years of service to the Board of Directors. She will continue her fabulous work on the art gallery and publicity committees hopefully for many years to come!



Last but by no means
least, thanks to Brittney



Coordinator for CROW who provided a wonderful presentation of the important work done at the CROW Clinic on Sanibel. Over 40 members and guests were in attendance and were well engaged and provided many interesting questions and thoughts following the program.



Membership Dues



A vote was taken at our Annual Meeting to raise annual membership dues from \$15 to \$20. The former Business membership was eliminated, and the lifetime membership will remain unchanged. This raises the question: what do we do with your money? A walk around the library will give you the answer! Here are just some examples of sponsorship funding provided to the library so far this year.



The FOCCL sponsors many programs for children from toddlers to teens including the John Russell Magic Show, Lego club, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) Club, Toddler and PreK story times, and Family Build It. We also provide snacks for all family movie nights, and food, supplies, and prizes for scavenger hunts, Hunger Games Survival Challenge and the Teens Create and Teen Thursdays.





For adult programming we provide treats for the Book Discussion Group and English Cafe, and supplies for craft programs. We pay for presenters for example, the West African Kora program, and an annual subscription Book Page magazine. This year for the first time we are helping to sponsor online author events along with other Friends groups in Lee County.



The FOCCL are also sponsors of the Southwest Florida Reading Festival paying toward author expenses and free books for every child and teen.

The grand total for expenses through March is \$9,665. It adds up fast!

We are more than pleased to be able to assist our librarians Dora Schilling and staff who work hard to offer programs that appeal to patrons of all ages. Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Spring Book Sale
April 19-21**





Once again we will be holding our always popular Spring Book Sale. FOCCL Members may attend a preview sale on Thursday, April 18th (become a member at the door for \$15.00) from 10:00 AM to 3 PM. The sale is open to the public on Friday and Saturday from 9 AM to 3 PM. Thousands of quality books, CDs, DVDs and BluRays will be available for rock bottom prices! Bring your friends and family and stock up for summer reading! FOCCL members who haven't signed up to volunteer yet can do so by contacting us at booksale@capefriends.org.

Children's Environmental Art Contest



The Cape Coral-Lee County Public Library and the Friends of Cape Coral Library invite children ages 5-12 years to participate in the 18th Annual Children's Environmental Art Contest Coloring the Earth. The theme is **Save the Smalltooth Sawfish!**

To enter the contest, create an original painting or drawing that shows how we can protect this precious species from habitat loss and other main threats.. Entries should be on a flat, medium- to heavyweight art paper, size 8.5" by 11." Watercolor, crayons, pencils, color markers and/or any other preferred material may be used. All entries are due by May 4th.

Military Appreciation Month

The Cape Coral Library has some special programs planned for the month of May in honor of our military.

The Fighting Baileys: Florida's Black Military Experience**

6 p.m. Tuesday, May 7

During World War II and the Korean War, seven brothers from a black Punta Gorda family served overseas. Yet, the family received no acclaim for over 50 years for their exploits. From a high-flying Tuskegee airman to a grunt in the Red Ball Express, the Bailey brothers' struggles speak to the hidden and ongoing struggle to accord black Americans



who now edits and publishes books and is a popular writing coach, critic and lecturer.

Beyond the Homefront: The Untold Stories of WWII Heroes**

2 p.m. Tuesday, May 14

Renowned author Charley Valera, known for "My Father's War: Memories from Our Honored WWII Soldiers," delves into the long untold stories of WWII veterans. Drawing inspiration from his father, a WWII veteran who seldom discussed the war, Valera embarked on interviews with other veterans. Join him as he shares captivating photos and firsthand narratives spanning both theaters and all branches of WWII, complemented by an exclusive four-minute film trailer.

Military Intelligence in Early US History**

2 p.m. Tuesday, May 21

Cloak-and-dagger is the second oldest profession. It began with war itself. This presentation by retired special agent and law enforcement executive Thomas Eastwood examines the role of military intelligence in U.S. history during the American Revolution and the Civil War. It explores spies you know and some you don't.



All FOCCL volunteers will receive an invitation to our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon to be held on May 7th at Gulf Coast Village. Mark your calendar for this special event which will include a lovely luncheon and door prizes for some lucky winners!

President's Message



Dear Friends,

I am excited to be the new president of the FOCCL! I actually joined this group before I technically lived in Cape Coral. My husband and I had made an offer on a house and while awaiting a response went to the library to check our

were so impressed with the large selection of books and friendly volunteers. I knew this was a group I wanted to be a part of. I have enjoyed being your secretary for the past five years and learning the ins and outs of this great organization.

I would be remiss if I did not begin my tenure as president of the Friends of Cape Coral Library with thanks to my predecessor Dawn LaVacque. Dawn has worked tirelessly for the past five years as your president, treasurer, and whatever else was required of her to keep us afloat. She carried us through not only a worldwide pandemic but a category five hurricane! Either one of those events could have- and did- bring other organizations down, but we not only survived we thrived- continuing to creatively sell books throughout the pandemic and organizing a successful book sale just two months after Hurricane Ian. I am looking forward to carrying on her work with a great board of directors, dedicated volunteers and all of you- our 300 strong members.

Teresa Goulding
President
FOCCL



Looking for a Book Club but don't want the responsibility of hosting the group at your home? The library offers a Book Discussion program on the first Wednesday of the month in the Conference room, typically from 11AM-12PM. Find titles of featured books and program timing on the Library online calendar. Books for next month's program are available for checkout on a shelf behind the Circulation desk.

Upcoming Titles:

April 3 - Lightning Strike by William Kent Krueger

May 1 - The Last Wife by Karen Hamilton



a new program of online author events. Each month a bestselling, award-winning, and highly acclaimed author from around the world will be featured in this new program.. These featured writers and thought leaders cover a wide range of fiction and nonfiction genres. Participants have the opportunity to ask questions and interact with the author. All presentations are available on demand after the live event. Registration is required. For more information and to register go to [LSC | Watch | Lee County Library System Online Author Events \(libraryc.org\)](https://www.libraryc.org).



Library Art Gallery March 2 through May 2, 2024

Watercolor Paintings by Kay Foote and Fused Glass by Lois Johnston are on display. Artwork in this exhibit is available for purchase by contacting each artist directly.



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The next exhibit will run from mid-May through June 27 and is called the "Annual Young Artists Exhibit." The 20 winning pieces of artwork from this year's Children's Environmental Art Contest will be displayed on the walls of the alcove, and artwork by students from Cape Coral Oasis Schools will be on the hallway walls and in the cases.

Website: CapeFriends.org

Photos from Events: CapeFriends.org/photo_gallery

Annual Calendar: CapeFriends.org/calendar

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