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## FOCCL August 2024 Update

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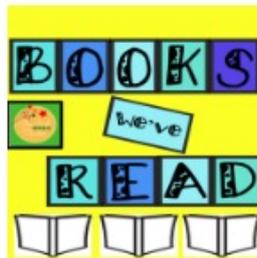
### Welcome New Members

Lois and Bob Welsh

Stephen Fotta

Robert Bozek

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### July General Meeting



We had twenty members in attendance and welcomed three guests. The program for the FOCCL General Meeting in July has traditionally been a popular round table talk about Books We've Read. And this year's program did not disappoint! We all thoroughly enjoyed hearing about the 29 different books that were recommended. Find a list of suggested books on our website [capefriends.org](http://capefriends.org)

At left: Bonita O. shares some of her favorites!

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## Summer Reading Program

Friends of the Cape Coral Library were happy to once again be a sponsor of the Summer Reading Program- this year's theme was Adventure Begins at the Library. Over 400 children and 100 adults participated in the program. A free book was given to every child and teen who enrolled and there was a variety of interesting programs for all ages including everything from Baby Explorers to Adam's Animal Encounters, Magically Ever After, Didgeridoo "Adventure" Down Under, and Teen Tech Playground just to name a few!



## Butterfly Garden

Come to our butterfly garden this summer and you may be lucky enough to spot a beautiful Atala Butterfly. This butterfly has been named endangered by the state of Florida and our gardeners (Thank you Garden Club of Cape Coral!) have worked hard to entice them to our garden.



## General Meeting- September 21st



Back by popular demand! Greg Rule, WINK news meteorologist will return with an informative presentation on our weather in Southwest Florida. Hurricane preparedness, general storm readiness and the importance of understanding our weather challenges in paradise will be discussed and questions will be welcome! Join us for light refreshments at 9:30 AM followed by a short business meeting and what is sure to be an interesting presentation.

## Smithsonian Exhibit- Voices and Votes: Democracy in America September 14- November 8



We are excited to share the news that the Cape Coral Library is one of five libraries in Florida chosen by the Smithsonian Institution to host their traveling exhibit Voices and Votes: Democracy in America. Our galleries, surrounding hallways and cases will be used to set up the exhibit which will coincide with voting in this all important election year. There will be many special events taking place during the exhibit so keep an eye on our website and follow us on facebook to be sure not to miss anything!



If you'd like to do more than visit the Smithsonian exhibit, the library is looking for volunteers to help out! This is where you can help. We are looking for 10 volunteers willing to support this exhibition as greeters and guides. Your responsibility will be to answer visitor questions and encourage community exploration and interaction with the exhibition. A mandatory instructional session will be conducted. You will also receive a Docent Handbook prepared by the Smithsonian. We are asking for the following commitments:

- Select a 3-hour shift, either 10am-1pm or 1-4pm
- Work a minimum of 4 shifts over the course of 8 weeks
- Select your preferred day from Monday through Saturday
- Attend one, 2-hour instructional session in August at the Cape Coral Library / Sessions TBD, from August 12 - 30

**Please note all candidates who are not current Lee County Library System Volunteers will need to complete a volunteer application and background check.**

**If interested or need additional information, please contact Larissa Woolwoo@leegov.com by August 10th.**



We need a new secretary! If you're interested in becoming more involved with the FOCCL think about taking on a board position. It's a great way to learn about how our organization works and what we do. The secretary needs to come to one BOD meeting and the General Membership meeting which are held every other month, take notes and prepare minutes to be shared electronically before the following meetings. A working knowledge of MS Word or google docs is helpful. If you're interested, reach out to us through our website or message us on facebook.

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## President's Message

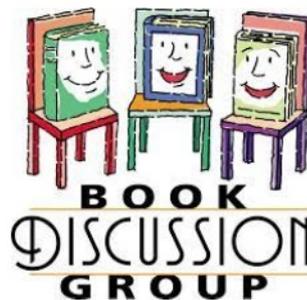


Dear Friends,

Seems like August is a quiet month at the library. September promises to be an

exciting time but for now it's just the long month of August. The Summer Reading Program is wrapped up, the children are going back to school and the dog days of summer - and hurricane season- are upon us. But for the FOCCL, the work goes on. Volunteers continue to collect and sort through hundreds of donated books on an almost daily basis. To earn the money to support the library we sell books in three ways. Everyone knows about our biannual book sales in April and November but we also sell books all year round on EBay-ccfl books- and every day the library is open in our First Dibs sale. We are lucky to have so many generous donations from the community but all of those books need to be collected, transported, stored and sorted. It is an enormous amount of work done by a surprisingly small number of extremely dedicated volunteers. We need help! If you can give us just a couple of days a month it will make a big difference. Think about it - if you can help send me a message through facebook or our website, and in the meantime stay cool, dry and hurricane free!

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.

**Summer titles are:**

- August 7- Save What's Left by Elizabeth Castellano
- September 4- The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict\
- October 2 - How To Sell A Haunted House by Grady Hendrix



The FOCCL are happy to sponsor in part with other Lee County Library Friends

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 \(library.org\)](https://www.library.org).



## Library Art Gallery through June 27

Paintings by seven members of the Pine Island Art Association along with bird carvings by Ken Yacavone and pottery by Suzanne Sherwin are on display in our galleries.





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