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## FOCCL August 2023 Update

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### Welcome New Members

Beth Blewett  
Donna Kilbride  
Susan Gensler  
Diane Archer  
Alison Connors  
Erin Young

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### Summer at the Library!

**The Summer Reading Program**, funded in part by FOCCL, wrapped up on August 1st and was a huge success with fun activities for all ages, including the chance to win prizes for each of the 4 age groups. The theme was All Together Now, celebrating kindness, friendship and unity. Over 500 kids and teens registered for the 2 month long program, each receiving a free book and grab'n go craft kit. Over 1,000 kids and teens attended a variety of activities such as Storytime w/Ella the Therapy Dog (birth-5 years), Science Reactory Factory (6-

11 years) and Bunny Yoga (12-18 years). Adults received a grab'n go craft kit and Bingo cards for a chance to win a gift basket filled with books, puzzles and other fun stuff.

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## Butterfly Garden

The butterfly garden was also a busy place this summer. Cape Coral Garden Club members worked hard to reintroduce 2 native butterflies lost to Hurricane Ian.



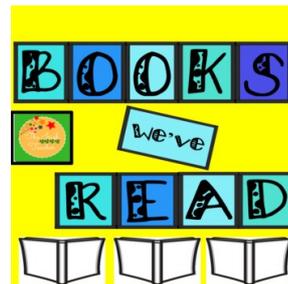
Thanks to their hard work the endangered Atala butterfly was seen recently enjoying nectar from a sweet almond plant. Zebra longwings, Florida's state butterfly, have been coming out of their chrysalis and flying around the firebush. Great job ladies!



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## Books We've Read

On July 15 our General Meeting program was a roundtable discussion with 19 members and 3 guests sharing comments and recommendations about a variety of fiction and nonfiction books. Check them out for your ToBeRead lists!



[Click here for printable PDF of book list.](#) (This list is also archived on events/photos page of FOCCL website, capefriends.org.)

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## Note Upcoming Library System Interruption of Service (Internet Only)



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## Book Discussion Program

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.



**Sept. 6,** HELLO BEAUTIFUL by Ann Napolitano

**Oct. 4,** DAISY DARKER by Alice Feeney

**Nov. 1,** OUR MISSING HEARTS by Celeste Ng

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## Volunteer Opportunities



### eBay Sales

Loralee Hamel needs team members to assist with creating and posting listings and finalizing sales, which includes getting books from storage, wrapping them, printing labels and taking them to the post office. A tablet and laser printer are required. This is a great way to be directly involved in earning money for the library!

### Join Our Board of Directors

The search for a Vice President continues. Full-time residents preferred but seasonal residents could participate on a "co-position" basis. It works for committees (and other volunteer non-profits), so it could work for FOCCL.

Vice President - primary duties are to attend meetings, arrange for General meeting program presentations and assist with program publicity. This is an opportunity to bring in speakers of interest to you and fellow members. The Vice President is a stepping stone to President, so this person, (or persons), will be expected to succeed Dawn as President when her 2nd term ends in March 2024. If you are not ready to jump in now, attend a Board meeting and consider being a candidate for VP after the March 2024 transition.

Visit website [www.capefriends.org/newsletters](http://www.capefriends.org/newsletters) for summaries of duties for the VP and President.

Contact Dawn by email ([president@capefriends.org](mailto:president@capefriends.org)) or call 734-740-0119 if you are interested in attending a board meeting, volunteering or have questions about current volunteer opportunities.

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## General Membership Meeting - Saturday Morning September 16



All are invited to the Friends of the Cape Coral Library General Meeting on Saturday, September 16. The morning will begin at 9:30 AM with coffee, tea, light snacks, and social time.

Our guest speaker **Greg Rule, WINK News Meteorologist**, will give a presentation on hurricane forecasting and preparedness, including recapping the timeline of Hurricane Ian, what was learned and what can be done better if another major hurricane hits our area. He will also give us a look at real time satellites and radar and what, if anything, is brewing in the tropics. Don't miss what is sure to be a fascinating look at what goes on behind the scenes in weather prediction for Southwest Florida.

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## Fall Book Sale November 16 - 18

The next FOCCL Book Sale Event will take place in the Meeting room of the library beginning with a MEMBERS ONLY preview sale on Thursday, November 16, followed by sales open to the public on Friday and Saturday. Volunteers will be needed to set up on Wednesday, Nov. 15, work during the sale and tear down after the sale. Mary Achilles will have sign up sheets available at the Sept. 16 General Meeting and she will also appeal for volunteers via email. (Visit website [www.capefriends.org/calendar](http://www.capefriends.org/calendar) for dates and times of the sale.)

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## President's Message

A big THANK YOU to Suzanne Michaels for joining the Board of Directors as Financial Services Coordinator! Suzanne is a relatively new member who volunteers on the Art Gallery and Book Sale committees and is enthusiastic about serving on the BOD. Unless another member volunteers for the position before Sept. 16, she will be installed at the General meeting held on that date. Welcome aboard Suzanne!



Another big THANK YOU to Teresa Goulding, Recording Secretary, and Monica Rahman, Past President & Publicity Chair, for assuming more responsibility in the absence of a Vice President. We are very fortunate to have caring and hardworking Board members while being short handed for the past 4 years.

I'll continue to be optimistic that someone will volunteer to be Vice President in the near future, learn the ropes and take over from me in March, 2024.

See you in September (which is still SUMMER in SWFL),

Dawn LaVacque

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## On Exhibit in Library Art Gallery

On exhibit in the library gallery until August 30th are paintings by Beth Blewett on the walls and Gourd Art by Barbara Gomes and Veda Krust in the cases.



Beginning on September 2 and back for the 7th time with all new artwork are the Dedicated Artists of Southwest Florida (DASF). Their work will be displayed on all the walls and in the cases through Oct. 30.

For information about library art exhibits, contact Monica Rahman, Art Gallery Chair, by email to [gallery@capefriends.org](mailto:gallery@capefriends.org).

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