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FOCCL June 2024 Update

Welcome New Members

Robert Bozek	Donald Kritzer
Hillary Koby	Maurlen Kohlheim
Eileen Godbout	Jennifer High
James Williams	Shane Gaillard
R. Gene Turchin	Virginiaia DeVault
Nicole Slager	Sherry Cunningham
Frank Scortino	Barb Crann
Dane Roberts	Natalie Brown
Heidi Paulec	Joyce Aliteri
Deborah Noonan	Nora Allison

Spring Book Sale

Thanks to the organization of our Board of Directors and the hard work of many volunteers we held another successful book sale in April. Over the course of three days we sold thousands of books, CDs, and DVDs and earned \$6700 to help us continue support of the Cape Coral Library. Patrons of all ages - including our volunteers - found plenty of treasures to take home with them!

Mark your calendars now for our **next sale beginning November 21st!**





Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

The Friends of the Cape Coral Library Board of Directors were delighted to hold a luncheon to say thank you to all the members who have volunteered for our organization throughout the year. Cape Coral's Gulf Coast Village hosted the event and served a delicious buffet. Dessert was a book shaped cake! Joanne Eddy and Rose Browning did a super job organizing the luncheon and collecting and displaying door prizes for all attendees. Special thanks was given to Monica Rahman for her many years on our Board of Directors.



The Children's Environmental Art Contest Awards Ceremony

Over 80 people attended the ceremony to honor the winners of our 18th Annual Children's Environmental Art Contest "Coloring the Earth" held in the Meeting Room of the Cape Coral Library. The audience was fascinated by an interactive presentation on this year's theme, the critically endangered Smalltooth Sawfish, by Adam Brame. Dr. Brame is the sawfish recovery coordinator for the National Marine Fisheries Service, an office of the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The young winners received their prizes, and everyone enjoyed the delicious refreshments. Thank you to Art Contest Chairperson Alessia Leathers for organizing the contest every year and for putting together such a memorable awards ceremony.

Click on the [Art Gallery](#) tab on our website capefriends.org for photos of all 21 winning contest art entries, which are also framed and on display at the library art gallery through June 27th.

**Keynote Speaker Adam Brame
of NOAA & Art Contest Chair
Alessia Leathers**



The Happy Art Contest Winners



**Dr. Brame Gave Interesting
Presentation on Sawfish**



Full House



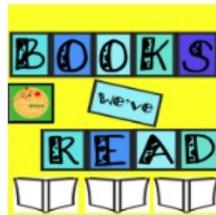
Summer Reading Program: Adventure Begins at the Library!



The Friends of the Cape Coral Library is happy to be a sponsor once again of the Summer Reading Program, which runs from June 1st to August 3rd. This year's theme is **Adventure Begins at the Library!** This free, all-ages program is designed to nurture and grow a lifelong love of reading and learning through special events, reading challenges and engaging activities.

There will be opportunities for readers of all ages to participate and in addition to the many programs, every child and teen who comes to the library will receive a free book (while supplies last). Check out the library website for a calendar of activities or even better, stop by the library, get your free book, stock up on summer reading materials, and find out everything you need to participate.

July General Membership Meeting



Join us on **Saturday, July 27th** for our General Membership Meeting. Light refreshments will be served at 9:30 am followed by a short business meeting. We will then have our annual round table discussion on books we've read and enjoyed this year. Bring a book (or two!) to share and bring a friend. This is a good chance to see what everyone's been reading lately and add to your summer reading list!

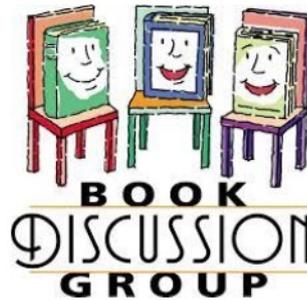
President's Message



Dear Friends,

Whatever the calendar says, my thermometer says summer is here! It's our quiet time of year- stay at home and curl up with a good book and an air conditioner time of year. But there's still plenty going on at the library thanks in part to the FOCCL. The butterfly garden provides a cool sanctuary and a chance to spend a little time outdoors under umbrellas, surrounded by beautiful plants that attract readers as well as butterflies. Visit our gallery and see the wonderful artwork of the winners of the children's art contest, along with some beautiful selections by local artists. Bring the kids or grandchildren in to play on our interactive play wall or Lego table and take part in the Summer Reading Program. Join a book discussion group, or come to our General Meeting in July and find out what your friends have been reading! However you're spending your summer (even if you're reading this from the cooler climes of "up north") hope it's one filled with the love of reading, books, and libraries!

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:

June- The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue by V.E. Schwab

July- A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

August- Save What's Left by Elizabeth Castillano



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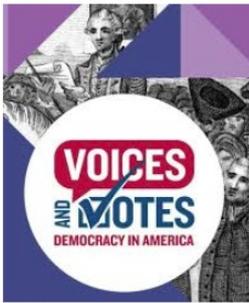
Our next exhibit will run from July 3 through August 24. Seven artists, who are all members of the Pine Island Art Association and have taken classes there over the years, are teaming up for this exhibit. They will share their artwork on all the walls in the library gallery. [Follow us on facebook](#) or check out our website capefriends.org for more information!

Sneak Preview



September General Meeting Greg Rule Returns!

Join us on Saturday, September 21st when WINK News meteorologist Greg Rules returns for a talk on weather in Southwest Florida. (Hopefully he'll be explaining why this year was hurricane free!)



Smithsonian Comes to Cape Coral Library

Our library is one of only five libraries in Florida chosen to host a mobile exhibit this fall by the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. Keep an eye on the library website (and our website and Facebook page) for details!

Website: CapeFriends.org

Photos from Events: CapeFriends.org/photo_gallery

Annual Calendar: CapeFriends.org/calendar

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