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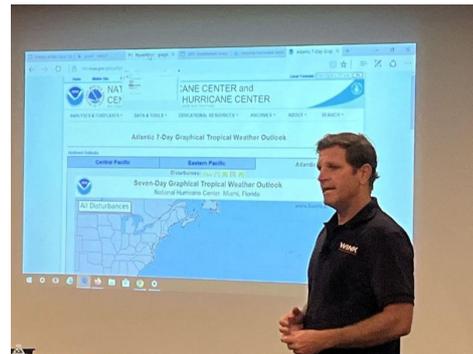


Friends of the
Cape Coral Library

FOCCL October 2024 Update

Welcome New Member

Jean M. Nichols



September General Meeting- Greg Rule Wink Meteorologist

Over thirty members and guests attended a timely presentation by Greg Rule, Wink Meteorologist. Greg gave us a great explanation of hurricane formation and forecasting just in time for us to prepare for Hurricane Helene. Following his presentation, a question and answer session allowed attendees to share their weather experiences post Ian and have all their weather related concerns addressed. Thanks to Wink News and Greg who has already agreed to come back next fall!



Smithsonian Comes to Cape Coral!

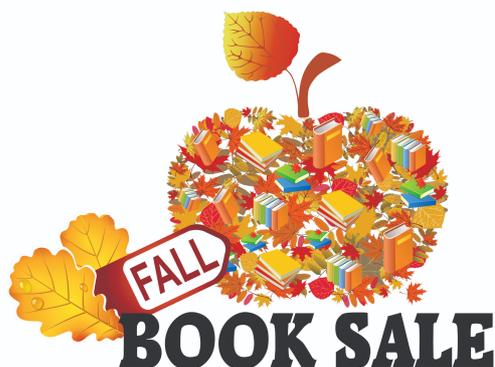
The Friends of the Cape Coral Library were proud to be part of the ribbon cutting ceremony on September 13th opening the Voices and Votes- Democracy in America Exhibit at our library. The Cape Coral Library was one of five in Florida chosen by the Smithsonian Institution as part of their Museums on Main Street program. FOCCL provided refreshments for the opening day festivities and tee shirts for staff and volunteers throughout the exhibit. If you haven't been to the library to tour this exhibit make sure you do before it leaves on November 8th. It is a wonderful collection of voting history and memorabilia. In addition to the Smithsonian several local groups have donated items for display commemorating voting in Lee County and Cape Coral through the years. Don't miss this timely and fascinating presentation.



November General Meeting- Saturday November 16th

Back by popular demand! The Garden Club of Cape Coral will present a program on using our local flowers and plants to create holiday decorations. Join your friends and bring a friend to get in the holiday spirit and receive some inspiration for decking the halls this season! Light refreshments at 9:30 followed by a short business meeting and presentation.





Fall Book Sale-November 21st-23rd

Our extremely popular book sales are held in the large meeting room of the Cape Coral Library located at 921 SW 39th Terrace. Find thousands of quality used books arranged by category, audio book and music CDs, movies on DVD. Most items are \$1 or \$2. (Small paperbacks are less than a buck!) Also for sale are some "Special" books, priced a little higher but still incredible bargains.

Cash or check only.

Thurs., Nov. 21 from 10:00 to 3:00 MEMBERS ONLY PREVIEW
([You can join](#) Friends of the Cape Coral Library at the door for just \$20. The Annual Membership includes family.)

Fri., Nov. 22 from 9:00 to 3:00 SALE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Sat., Nov. 23 from 9:00 to 3:00 SALE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



In addition to the **Book Sale** being a great place for book shopping - some of the books are as good as new and great for holiday giving - we also **need volunteers** to help out in many ways. Wednesday, November 20th is set up day. We need people to set up tables and unpack and sort books for the sale. This is a BIG job and we need all the help we can get! The moving van will arrive no later than 10AM and we hope to be finished by 4PM (or sooner if we have enough help!) Arrive at 9AM and stay as long as you can - drinks, snacks, and lunch will be provided. The sale begins for members only on Thursday, traditionally a very busy day, and continues for all buyers on Friday and Saturday. We need cashiers, organizers and some shoppers will need help packing and carrying their purchases outside. Shifts are open from 9-12:30 and 12:30-4 for Thursday and Friday, from 9-12:00 and 12-3 on Saturday. Saturday afternoon we will be taking the sale down from 3-4:30. Any help you can give is always greatly appreciated. Send email to booksale@capefriends.org to sign

up today!



Looking for another way to support the library, use some of your valuable skills and meet new people? Look no further, the Board of Directors has an opening for **Assistant Treasurer**. The A/T will learn all the duties of Treasurer to serve as backup, assist with banking duties, and ultimately assume the role of Treasurer. Requirements are basic computer skills, experience with spreadsheet software and ability to learn financial reporting software (Quicken). A summary of Assistant Treasurer and Treasurer duties is attached to the link below.

Send email to treasurer@capefriends.org or leave a message on FOCCL hotline 239-349-2572 if you are interested in learning more about the position.

[AT Duties](#)

President's Message



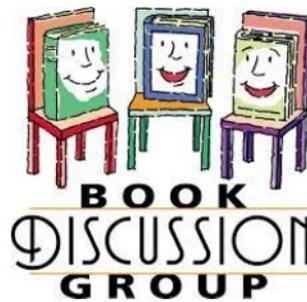
Dear Friends,

The calendar says fall is here, but the thermometer disagrees. No matter, it is October which means November is not far away and that means Book Sale! But the work of selling books goes on all year. Volunteers have spent the summer months collecting, vetting, sorting and storing thousands of books. Many have been sold already in our First Dibs shelves managed by a core group of volunteers on a weekly basis. Another group determines books' value and sells them on our EBay site or puts them aside for our Specials section at the sale. We were fortunate enough this summer to receive some donations that sold for over \$100 on EBay! More volunteers are working on creating beautiful craft items to be sold. And we still have many, many books, CDs, DVDs and BluRays to be sold at our sale. All of this work provides us with funds to support the library in so many ways including the art gallery, butterfly garden, special programs and most recently the Smithsonian exhibit. We rely

throughout the year on a small, dedicated group of volunteers for whom we are so grateful. We hope we can expand that group, starting with our November book sale. Sign up to volunteer for whatever time you have and see for yourself the tremendous job we are doing- maybe you'll be inspired to become more involved- I look forward to seeing you in November!

Teresa Goulding
President FOCCL

*Just as this newsletter was going out, Hurricane Milton came to call and I decided to wait and see where we were after the storm. Many of you may be facing significant disruptions, whether it's damage to our homes, power outages, or simply the emotional toll of the storm. Fortunately, the library sustained minimal damage and we can go forward with our plans for the fall. I'm hoping the same is true for all of our members.



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. Check the library's website for dates and titles.



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 \(libraryc.org\)](https://libraryc.org).



Library Art Gallery through June 27

Following the closing of the Smithsonian exhibit on November 8th, the Southwest Florida Fine Craft Guild will be exhibiting work on our walls and in cases. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website capefriends.org for more information!

Website: CapeFriends.org

Photos from Events: CapeFriends.org/photo_gallery

Annual Calendar: CapeFriends.org/calendar

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Cape Coral Public Library Calendar of Events.

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