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## FOCCL October 2022 Update

Dear Members,

I hope you and your families are OK and recovery from hurricane is making progress. Some of our members are facing unprecedented challenges, particularly Terry Brennen, who is in hospital with vibrio vulnificus, also known as flesh-eating bacteria. [See this News-Press article](#) for more information. Please keep Terry and Carlene in your thoughts and prayers.

Kudos to Dora Schilling and library staff for reopening our branch on Oct. 12 with only minor interior damage by Butterfly Garden door.

Post-Hurricane Ian we have ONE change to the calendar of events. **The Nov. 12 General Meeting has been cancelled**, the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration has been postponed to Sat., January 21 (see details below).

The Fall Book Sale is still ON, an eblast went out last week appealing for volunteers (see details below).

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### Welcome New Members

Bruce and Sherrie Johnson  
Anne Keane  
Dee J. Stevenson



## Volunteer Opportunities - Leadership

Looking for a way to support the library, use some of your valuable skills and meet new people? We need new faces on the Board! The **Assistant Treasurer** position is open. The A/T learns all the duties of Treasurer in order to serve as backup. It is considered a steppingstone to Treasurer.

### A/T Duties

The **Vice President** position opened in Dec. 2019, then the pandemic struck, now we're dealing with disaster recovery! Just to keep this in front of everyone, we need a VP to schedule general meeting programs, learn the job of President and step in when my time is up (ideally 2023).

### VP Duties

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## Volunteer Opportunities – Committees



The **eBay Committee** is looking for someone who enjoys working online selling items, primarily books. Duties include researching prices, taking photos, creating listings, completing sales and handling USPS mailings.

**Hotline** (Donation Message Service+) is looking for people to monitor voicemails, follow-up with potential donors to arrange pickup or drop off of large donations, then transport items to storage unit in SE Cape.

Send email to [president@capefriends.org](mailto:president@capefriends.org) if you have interest or questions about any of these volunteer opportunities.

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## Art Gallery

The next time you visit the library be sure to stroll through the Art Gallery, currently exhibiting on walls and in cases the artwork of Dedicated Artists of SWFL (through Oct. 27).

On November 4, the Gallery will feature artwork by members of the SWFL Fine Craft Guild (through Dec. 30).



## FOCCL Funding Enhancements

We are excited to announce FOCCL is funding 2 major enhancements in the library.



**In the children's section**, an interactive play wall, a selection of electronic interactive books, and a graphic book series. These purchases are funded by a bequest from Betsy Zeiss Lewis, a founding member and first President (1972) of FOCCL. She would be pleased to know her bequest is being used to encourage pre-K instructional play and fund books to increase literacy of young readers.



**In the Butterfly Garden**, shaded seating comprised of 2 tables with large umbrellas and mesh canopy over existing pergola and benches. Look for these items to be in place in coming months. What a welcome addition to the library space! Also purchased a large deck box to store supplies and implements used by the Cape Coral Garden Club. They do a wonderful job maintaining the garden every week of the year and were back to work a week after the hurricane!

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## Mark Your Calendar

For the Fall 2022 Book Sale 3-day Event:

**Thursday, Nov. 17**

Member Preview Sale, 10 AM – 3 PM

**Friday, Nov. 18**

Sale Open to Public, 9 AM – 3 PM

**Saturday, Nov. 19**

Sale Open to Public, 9 AM – 3 PM



Mary Achilles is leading the coordination effort; her email address is [booksale@capefriends.org](mailto:booksale@capefriends.org). She started canvassing for volunteers at the Sept. General meeting and sent eblast to membership last week. We need a **large team** to ensure success, please consider volunteering for at least one shift.

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## Mark Your Calendar

**Saturday, January 21, 2023 at 9:30 AM**  
**SPECIAL General Membership Meeting**

To be held in the Meeting Room  
of the Cape Coral Library, 921 SW 39th Terrace

**Program: Celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
Friends of the Cape Coral Library**

This will be a very special event celebrating the 50-Year Anniversary of the Friends of the Cape Coral Library, which was started five decades ago to raise funds for the library and was known back then as The Little Acorns.



The celebration will include special refreshments, a brief history presentation, and remarks by past presidents and local dignitaries. A guided tour of the Cape Coral Library will follow with focus on the Friends' contributions over the years. The public is welcome to attend the festivities and participate in the tour.

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Reminder - don't rely solely on eblasts for information. Visit our website, [capefriends.org](http://capefriends.org), or follow us on [Facebook](#) for frequent and timely information.



You can access the Cape Coral Library events calendar via our website home page, click on [Library Calendar of Events](#).

For advance information on Library events and programs, subscribe to the library newsletter. Visit [leegov.com/library/programs](http://leegov.com/library/programs), go to bottom of page, click on [subscribe now!](#)

I welcome your comments or questions, send email to [president@capefriends.org](mailto:president@capefriends.org).

Regards,  
Dawn LaVacque

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