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FOCCL Summer 2025 Update

Welcome New Members

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We are very excited to let members know that our website www.capefriends.org has received a much needed upgrade! You can now use our website to become a member, set up a book donation or volunteer to help us out! Check it out and find out even more about what's going on with the FOCCL!

Volunteer Luncheon

On May 7th, Gulf Coast Village hosted a wonderful luncheon that welcomed over thirty-five of our volunteers who give their time and energy to the FOCCL. The event was filled with smiles, stories, and appreciation for their tireless efforts. Every attendee was treated to a door prize, and a good time was had by all! Huge thanks to Joanne Eddy and Rose Browning for organizing this event and prizes.

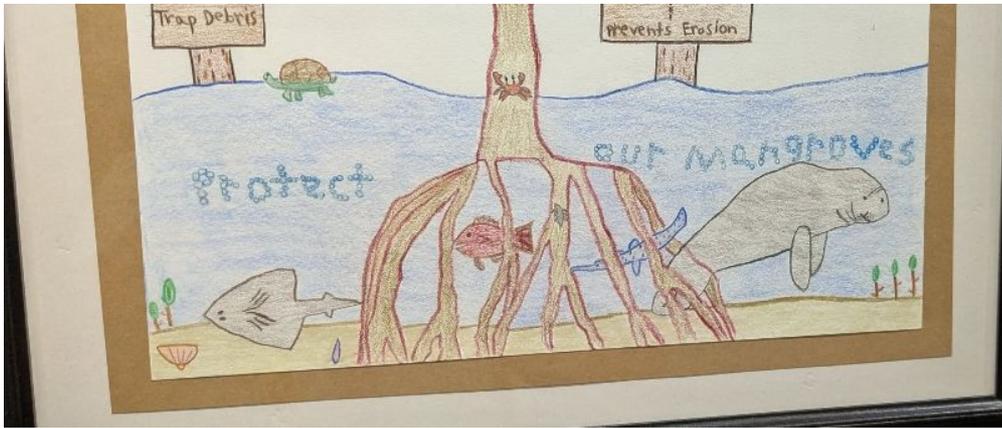




19th Annual Children's Environmental Art Contest

The Children's Environmental Art Contest Awards Ceremony was held the evening of Wed., May 14 in the large meeting room of the library. A record number of ninety-three enjoyed the evening which celebrated the art work of this year's theme Let's Save Our Mangroves. Thank you to Monica Rahman (who stepped in for Alessia Leathers our contest director) Marsha Wright, Librarian with Cape Coral Library Youth Services; Dawn LaVacque and Barbara Nightingale, FOCCL members; and to Kealy Pfau, the keynote speaker who also helped us keep the event running smoothly! Winners were thrilled to receive prizes and have their work displayed in our gallery throughout the month of June.





Summer Reading Program



9:30 AM-Library Meeting Room



Light refreshments followed by a short business meeting and our presentation.

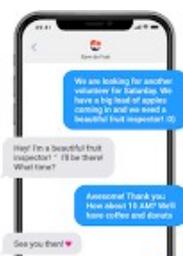
Back by popular demand- [WINK News](#) meteorologist Greg Rule will be the guest speaker at our September General Membership meeting. We're anticipating another interesting, fact filled presentation on weather in southwest Florida and hopefully an explanation on why the weather map is hurricane free!



Thanks to all, especially our new volunteers who have filled some gaps for us this summer. We still have some big openings so if you're available and willing for a small or larger commitment we'd love to hear from you. You can now sign up to volunteer on our website capefriends.org.

Book Transporter

We now have a great crew collecting and transporting donated books but can always use another hand to fill in as needed. This involves either collecting donated books at the library and taking them to our storage unit or picking up book donations at homes. It's a one day a week commitment (maybe less depending on donations).



Transport Coordinator

In addition to transporters we need a volunteer to coordinate them! The coordinator is responsible for receiving and sending text messages to transporters when books need to be collected. It can be done from home and the time



commitment depends on the number of donations.

Book Sale Coordinator

Another book sale is on the horizon (November 19-22) and we still need a Book Sale Coordinator. For those of you who have worked the sale you saw that we are a “well-oiled machine” but one person (or two working together) to oversee all the moving parts would be a valuable and much needed addition. It’s a twice a year commitment and would be much appreciated!



Assistant Treasurer

We are still very much in need of an assistant treasurer. If you have a background - or interest- in bookkeeping, finance, or accounting and you want to sharpen your skills please consider this position.



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.

Asst. Treasurer Duties

To volunteer for any of these opportunities please reach out to us through our website capefriends.org

President's Message



Dear Friends,

Summer is our quiet time of year here in Cape Coral. It's a great time to come to the library where it's cool, quiet and relaxing. It's also a great time to see first-hand where the funds we work so hard to collect all year are put to use.

 **Summer Reading Program** Each summer, your support helps us fund a summer reading program for children, teens, and adults. From reading incentives to author visits and interactive events, your donations help inspire a lifelong love of learning and literacy.

 **Library Programs** In addition to the summer reading program, there is always a wide variety of programs—storytime for kids, educational workshops, book clubs, and tech training sessions—that wouldn't be possible without your help. These programs empower residents, build connections, and foster growth.

 **Butterfly Garden** A peaceful haven right outside our doors, the Butterfly Garden offers beauty, calm, and a hands-on learning opportunity for nature lovers of all ages. Maintained through your support, it has become a cherished part of our library grounds.

 **Gallery Exhibits** Our rotating gallery space showcases local artists, of all ages and mediums. Your contributions allow us to host new exhibits, create opportunities for creative expression, and celebrate the vibrant culture of our community.

Each dollar makes a difference. Thanks to you, our library isn't just a building with books—it's a lively, welcoming hub where imagination blooms, knowledge grows, and community thrives.

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. Upcoming titles are:

August 6th- Funny Story by Emily Henry

September 3rd- Lady Tan's Circle of Women by Lisa See
October 1st- The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters



The FOCCL are happy to sponsor in part with other Lee County Library Friends a 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/Watch).



Library Art Gallery

On Exhibit now through August 28: On the walls and in the cases - a solo exhibit of art by Robert Bozek featuring his paintings of a wide variety of sizes, subjects and media.





September 4 through October 30, will feature various creations by the Dedicated Artists of Southwest Florida (DASF) on walls and in cases. They have historically shown with us every two years, and their members bring in lots and lots of new artwork each time.

Website: CapeFriends.org

Photos from Events: CapeFriends.org/events-photos

Annual Calendar: CapeFriends.org/calendar

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