October Celebrates Friends

Libraries across the nation celebrate October as Friends of Libraries Month in full recognition of the many ways we sustain public libraries. The Board of the Friends of the Fruitville Library salutes all Friends members and their many contributions to the ongoing support of the library.

October is Membership month and we'll be asking you to renew your membership and your commitment to the community. Ask your acquaintances to consider joining you in supporting your public library. Look for Board Members in the lobby in the coming month or stop by the Friends’ Bookstore to learn more ways you can help make our great library even better.

Annual Volunteer Thank You Luncheon
A Message from
Beth Cassell, President

I call the photo above “all in favor . . .” because for the first time in the years I’ve been on the Friends Board we had a crowd at our Annual Meeting!

Thanks to all who came to what we think was also the shortest business meeting on record. We know you came because we planned an interesting program afterwards, but we were thrilled to see so many members turn out. It gave us a chance to very briefly review this last year’s triumphs, introduce our new library manager, and make a pitch to the not-yet-members to join us in our efforts to make our great library even better.

You hear a great deal from us in this newsletter about the adult programming we sponsor. We don’t advertise all the incredibly important children’s programs as much here or on Facebook because they’re so heavily subscribed. We don’t ever want to turn folks away, so we’re careful about advertising those popular events.

That policy often seems to run counter to our other goal: to let potential members know how critical it is to support programs for pre-school children and especially summer enrichment programs. We hope you’ll understand our complicated calculus in all this and know that programming for children is our priority.

Your support is vital in ensuring children learn to read and develop a life-long habit of finding themselves at the library.
Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Peggy Border and I was recently promoted to the position of Library Manager. I have had the pleasure of working at Fruitville Library from the very beginning.

I am a graduate of the University of South Florida. I completed my master’s degree in 2005 while working in the circulation department at Fruitville Library. From there I transferred to the youth and then the reference department before serving as Assistant Manager for eight years.

My desire is to use all my experience to continue to provide excellent service to the staff and patrons of the Fruitville Library. Thank you!

**Peggy Border**

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**Anime/Manga Club Draws Teens to the Library**

Japanese animation, also called “Anime,” continues to be extremely popular with tweens and teens today. Not only is it entertaining, it also helps them learn more about Japanese culture. The animation is highly detailed and appealing to watch and the plots are imaginative, complex, unique, and often quirky or funny.

Many teens who watch anime also read Manga books, which are Japanese graphic novels that have been translated into English but are usually still read back to front like the original Japanese graphic novels. Like the movies and some television shows in the United States, many of the anime movies and television shows have been adapted from Manga graphic novels.

In order to capitalize on this teen interest and promote teen usage of Manga and Anime materials in the library collection, the Youth Team added this club to its regular program lineup 7 years ago. The members choose one or more Anime movies or TV shows to watch and discuss while enjoying snacks (provided by the Friends). They also often discuss Manga they have read, especially the series that corresponds to the Anime they are watching at the time and compare and contrast the two. The program has been highly successful in drawing older teens to the library who do not usually attend library programs during the year while they are juggling incredibly busy schedules.
A memorial brick can honor a loved one or commemorate a special occasion, such as a birthday, anniversary, or graduation. **We offer a special discount for bricks honoring veterans.**

Your memorial gift will help the Fruitville Library purchase books and media and provide special programs for adults and children. The path beautifies the first Reading Garden in the Sarasota County Library system.

If you have any questions, please call Pat Ward at 941-955-8512.

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Computer Classes

Bring your equipment or use a computer from our mobile lab. For a schedule, more information about specific classes, and to register for any of these classes stop by the Reference Desk or call (941)861-2518.

Adult Knitting and Crochet Club

All skill levels are welcome. Use our materials or bring your own. (Instructor-supplied yarns and needles or hooks remain with the instructor.) Knitting is every Monday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Crocheting is every Wednesday from 10:15 to 12 noon. Preparations are underway for the annual sale of items with proceeds going to the Friends of Fruitville Library.

Conversation Café

Practice speaking English. Just register as an ESOL learner with the Literacy Council of Sarasota at 941-955-9421. Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

AARP Tax Preparation Help

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TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY 10 AM TO 1 PM

MARCH 6 THROUGH APRIL 12.
Programs You Won’t Want to Miss

Asolo Play Readers present “Sing For Your Life”

March 27, 2018 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m

Limited Seating. Reservations Required. scgov.net/library. Click on calendar.

As part of the 2018 One Book One Community program featuring “Sing For Your Life” by Daniel Bergner, come enjoy a theatrical reading of excerpts from the book as the Asolo Play Readers bring it to life.

“Sing For Your Life” is a New York Times best-seller that tells the touching, triumphant story of Ryan Speedo Green’s journey from violence and despair to one of the world’s most elite artistic institutions, the world of opera.

In 2011, at the age of twenty-four, Ryan won a nationwide competition hosted by New York’s Metropolitan Opera, beating out 1,200 other talented singers. Today, he is a rising star performing major roles at the Met and Europe's most prestigious opera houses.

Genealogy Research

Tuesday, April 10, 2018
10:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Want to find your family roots? Come join us on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Knowledgeable Sarasota County Libraries staffer and genealogy enthusiast, Gail O’Hara will lead us on our quest to find our relatives.

We will be using the library databases Ancestry and Heritage Quest. Be sure to bring along names, dates and locations of families to be researched. It is suggested that you also bring along a thumb drive to save articles to be printed.

This class is limited to 10 participants. Registration is required scgov.net/library Click on calendar.
One of the ‘perks’ of being retired is the opportunity to take part in “extracurricular activities,” in my case being a part of the committee that chooses the One Book title for the community. One of the recent titles suggested--I’m not at liberty to reveal the final choice--was **Jade Dragon Mountain** by Elsa Hart.

In 1708 on the border of China and Tibet, a murder takes place and an imperial librarian becomes involved in solving it. The publisher’s lead sentence describes the set-up: “A detective must learn what a killer already knows: that empires rise and fall on the strength of the stories they tell. Li Du was an imperial librarian. Now he is in exile.” The librarian, of course, gets caught up in the investigation as, among other things, the area is about to experience an eclipse of the sun “commanded by the Emperor himself.” The librarian must choose whether to leave town or to stay and assist in the investigation.

One of the endearing details was the revelation that the library books are arranged by color within major subject classifications, which represent the twenty-eight constellations. Although the arrangement doesn’t help solve the mystery, it is an indicator, to me, of the breadth of the author’s interests. A complex solution to a basically simple problem: arranging the books (a hot topic for librarians) by color relating to the constellations. For further clarification, see page 30 of the book. Details like those keep the pages turning and contribute to the full effect of a book well-researched but very readably written. This is Hart’s first book and she has written one more, **The White Mirror**, featuring the same character, Li Du.

### Book Honored by 2017 Florida Book Awards

*Suncoast Empire: Bertha Honoré Palmer, Her Family, and the Rise of Sarasota* has been awarded the silver medal for Florida Nonfiction. The author, Dr. Frank A. Cassell, was the featured speaker at the Friends of Fruitville Library Annual Meeting. The book was also reviewed in the *Summer 2017 Out East* Newsletter.

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### Fruitville Library Welcomes New Staff Member

Emily Akers has joined the Fruitville team as a Library Assistant. She is currently working on her bachelor’s degree in English Literature at University of South Florida St. Petersburg and plans to continue to graduate school for Library Science. She became involved with libraries as the president of the Teen Advisory Board at the Braden River branch and as the Teen Representative for the Braden River Friends of the Library Board. She is also a Sarasota native. Outside of libraries, her interests include classical music, photography, and rock climbing.
IN THE READING GARDEN

Welcome to Spring! Once again, our winter ended a bit early and we have been enjoying above average temperatures for the past several weeks. As expected, this has resulted in an earlier response from all our wonderful reading garden plants as they start to present new colorful blossoms. Of particular note is the Queen’s Wreath (Petrea bolubilis) which can be found in the back, northwest corner (to the right of the cottage) behind the banana trees. The abundant blossoms of this tropical vine cascade down from the top of the wall like a lavender waterfall.

While you’re in that area of the garden, check out the colorful mural on the back wall. This often-overlooked artwork is a reminder of all of the companies and organizations that helped make the reading garden possible. Take some time to wander through the rest of the garden and find all of the other flowers blooming in this special area of your Fruitville Library.

JULE DORAN, SARASOTA COUNTY MASTER GARDENER

MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Sarasota, FL  34240

Our Membership Year Runs October 2017– October 2018, but it's never too early or too late to join and support the Friends.

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