Thanks to the Friends, Summer is a Blast!


Build A Better World

Stimulating imaginations, encouraging creativity and supporting continued learning.
As you can see anytime you stop by, the Fruitville Library is a happening place. And the Friends of the Library are delighted to be a part of the growing number of events and programs that delight, entertain, and inform the thousands who attend them each summer.

We’re especially proud to support programs that stimulate imaginations, encourage creativity, and support learning for the children of Sarasota County.

But we can’t do it alone. For about the cost of a single paperback at retail, you can join the Friends and we’ll give you a Bookstore coupon good for $5. (If you’ve shopped there before, you know that our gently used paperbacks only cost $1 each. As my Aunt Faye says, “That’s a good deal!”) Adding your name to the list of Friends demonstrates to one and all that you value the library as a civic institution, a community center, an educational asset, and a big part of making Sarasota a great place to live.

Our membership year runs from October 2017 to October 2018, but if you join now, we’ll extend your membership through that coming year. For bargain hunters, that means you get an extra two months of membership benefits including early notice on Book Store sales. We also invite you to pick up your butterfly cutout from the Book Store so your child or grandchild can help make our butterfly poster beautiful.

Let me close by thanking you and adding this message from Suellen Williams and Less Hasselbring, our Membership Co-Chairs.

GOOD LIBRARIES NEED GOOD FRIENDS. It’s just that simple. We need members who understand and care about the value of libraries for themselves, their families and their community.

We invite you to renew or join the Friends during our October membership drive. Our members really do make a difference, and each new member makes us stronger.

Best Wishes to all, Beth Cassell
Greetings from Ann Ivey
Library Manager

Fruitville Library has continued to enjoy generous support from all of our community members. We are so thankful to those who add their time, talents and treasure to the resources provided by Sarasota County. The Friends of Fruitville Library have supported us from the onset, hosting fundraisers and serving as advocates for all of our library services.

The Friends of Fruitville Library make possible important programs for adults and children including Storytime, literary programs, computer instruction (they bought the computers!), all of our summer programming and even the popcorn and snacks we serve at our new monthly movie showings. The Friends have also supported the purchase of new furnishings and decorations throughout the library.

The Friends Bookstore has been the most important source of the funds raised for the library. Membership is a close second. Becoming a member of the Friends allows you to support the programs and atmosphere at the library. It can also provide discounts in the bookstore. We are so thankful for the loyal Friends that have been supportive for the last 15 years and we look forward to adding more to the Fruitville library community.

Thank you!

Ann Ivey

An Educational Center for all: Summer programs for school-age children, help for home schoolers, and story-time for preschoolers. Computer classes, ESL tutoring, and resources for adults. Programs and materials in the youth section for teens.

A Cultural Center presenting enriching programs of music, dance, literature, drama, movies, and art. Programs are sponsored by the Friends of Fruitville Library and offered free of charge to patrons.

A Community Center annually providing meeting space for more than 60 civic groups, associations, craft clubs, book clubs, Socrates Café, Master Gardener Plant Clinic, Early Voting Center, and AARP Tax Help.

A State of the Art Library offering ebooks, music cds, movies, computer access, free wi-fi, selections for children and youth, a reading garden, knowledgeable resource librarians . . . and, of course, millions of books!
Honor a loved one, commemorate a birthday, celebrate an anniversary or congratulate a graduate.

Have a memorial brick engraved and installed in our reading garden near the fountain, under the arbors, or by the Storybook Cottage. Order forms can be found in the Friends Bookstore.

For more information, go to our website at:

www.friendsofthefruitvillelibrary.org.
See You at the Library~~

There are so many Reasons to Visit Fruitville Public Library!

Computer Classes

Classes are held in the Meeting Room of the Fruitville Public Library. Classes are lecture style and last approximately one hour. 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

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.

Add a Butterfly to our Wall

Children and grandchildren of members are invited to decorate a butterfly and add it to our poster. Pick up your butterfly from the Book Store Desk.

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. November 13-18.
A Happy Place to Find Yourself!
For anyone residing or even visiting south of the Florida-Georgia border, *Suncoast Empire: Bertha Honoré Palmer, Her Family, and the Rise of Sarasota* by Frank Cassell is a “must-read.” The opening sentence of the Introduction sets the tone and direction of the work: “In February of 1910, Mrs. Potter Palmer and members of her family stepped down from their private Pullman car in Sarasota, Florida, after a 34-hour ride from their home in Chicago.” From there we go on to learn Mrs. Potter Palmer had been a moving force in the Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893 as president of the Board of Lady Managers, a newly created position and “the first time the government had created such an official recognition to women.” She observed that the United States government had “just discovered women.” Her move to the Sarasota area in 1910 and the influence she had on everything from infrastructure to local crops to tourism is still evident over 100 years later. “The society queen and social reform advocate excelled as a frontier entrepreneur, just as she had in every other endeavor in her life.” Dr. Cassell’s account of Bertha’s accomplishments is recounted in an easily readable style, leaving the reader with an appreciation for the remarkable accomplishments of one very strong, forceful and farsighted woman. Disclaimer: Frank Cassell is a Sarasota resident and has long been an active participant in the Fruitville Library book discussion group. His wife, Beth, is also a participant in the discussion group as well as the President of the Fruitville Friends of the Library.

*The River Why*, by David James Duncan, is a book about fly-fishing in Oregon. Except that it is so much more. Told from the point of view of Gus Orviston, it recounts Gus’s discovery of who he is and what he can do. Raised by what could be called hippie parents, Gus leaves home at an early age and establishes himself in a cabin by a stream. According to the publisher’s summary, the book was originally published by the Sierra Club and stands alongside Norman Maclean’s *A River Runs Through It* as “our era’s most widely read fiction about fly-fishing.” I found it to be a journey of self-discovery by a narrator I would like to have met. He recalls how he used to read to his little brother, Bill Bob, at night, in a ritual his mother called “Tuckin’ Time” where his brother would talk himself to sleep. Bill Bob’s conversation ranged from the day’s events to the a discussion about “light nights,” “like a night in shining armor” and in one revealing explanation, he tells his older brother about the “Garden Angels,” which leads to a convoluted discussion of shadows, twins, and the difference between what a thing looks like what you see, and “what he is is what he is. Lots of junk don’t look like what it is.” The logical reasoning of a 5-year old. There is an afterword, written 20 years after the book’s original publication, which explains much of what the author got from living on his own at a fairly impressionable age. I liked the book better before I read that, just because it removed some of the “book magic” from my original impression, adding a somewhat pessimistic flavor to his perception of what he learned. I still would like to meet him.

In a complete turn to something different, consider *The Power of Style: The Women who Defined the Art of Living Well* by Annette Tapert and Diane Edkins. Published in 1994, the book looks at the lives of 14 women “who defined the style of their eras, sharing anecdotes and 275 photographs that capture Coco Chanel, Pauline de Rothschild, Diane Vreeland, Jacqueline Onassis and others,” according to the Publisher’s Summary. Each vignette gives an account of where the person fits in New York society of the Twenties, Thirties, Forties and beyond. The writing style is light and breezy as well as informative, describing a world we see from an insider’s point of view but not offering much in the way of introspection or explanation, perhaps a subtle comment on the lives. Many of the people profiled are familiar names; many are not, but after reading several accounts the reader will understand the lifestyles of the individuals, even if not truly relate to them. One complaint, there is no index or table of contents. This is not necessarily a book to be read cover to cover, but dipped into. The profiles are presented loosely chronologically, but dates are sometimes scarce or buried in the narrative. And just to confuse, Coco Chanel is presented last because, as the authors say, “of all the great women of style, she was the greatest.” Nonetheless, it is an enthralling read (Did people really live that way?) and one does get a good picture, created by the text and multiple photographs, which help define “style.” The book will cause a reader to check her (or his) wardrobe!
It’s summertime and the Caladiums are back again! These wonderful tropical foliage plants are yearly visitors to our garden and have been surprising us ever since they were planted in 2004. Caladiums are bulbs that are dormant when the weather is cool but pop up every year in the late spring when the temperatures rise. They last for many months until the weather turns cold again. The small Florida town of Lake Placid, which is located about 75 miles east of Sarasota, provides 90% of the world’s Caladium bulbs! The annual Lake Placid Caladium Festival is held in late July and well worth visiting.

The variety seen in our garden is called Red Flash and features a large red and green heart-shaped leaf. There are many types of Caladiums with a variety of stunning colors. Most Caladium bulbs typically last from 3-5 years in a Florida garden. However, our Reading Garden soil, which is called “muck,” is the perfect environment for Caladium growth and ours have thrived for over 10 years. Take a walk through the garden and see how many of these visitors you can spot.

-Jule Doran, Sarasota County Master Gardener

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**IN THE READING GARDEN**

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**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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