Thanks to the Friends . . .

We get lots of fan mail from happy library patrons, especially from the parents of children who participated in the more than 30 special programs this last summer. Here are just a few excerpts:

“We love the 1000 Books before Kindergarten Program! My two girls look forward to reading and recording their books every day.” KB.

“I would like to comment on the reading program and how fantastic and motivating it is for my 5 year old. . . . We have read 750 books in the last year since we started the program.” A.W.

“My son and I have done this program for the last 3 years. Now his sister gets to start and we love it. . . . Thank you. We look forward each summer!” S.T.

We get your message! The Friends will increase our commitment to programming next year. Thanks to our creative librarians for planning these wonderful programs!

Above: Reference Librarian Lisa Backer presents Susie Romanzuk with a Kindle Paperwhite donated by the Friends of the Fruitville Public Library. A record number of adults participated in the Adult Reading Program this year, submitting reviews of the books read. Participants were eligible to submit an entry in the drawing for each book read.

Below: Ashlyn Sullivan, winner of the summer Online Contest shows off her prize, an IPod Nano, provided by the Friends.

Save the Dates

Holiday Bazaar presented by the Knitting and Crochet Groups in the Fruitville Library Lobby
November 16-21, 2015

Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Fruitville Library
January 20, 2016
A Message from Beth Cassell, President of FFL

I recently heard from a loyal Fruitville Library fan that she was eager to support the library, appreciated everything the Friends did, but was a busy mom with a fulltime outside job and didn’t think she could volunteer. I quickly assured her that we do not expect every Friends member to volunteer time, as well as the small fee to join. **We welcome you as a member, whatever you are able to contribute.**

Some folks have more time than money, so they offer their talents in lieu of a membership fee. We’re glad to count them as sustaining members. Similarly, if you can afford the cost of a trip to Starbucks, but are very busy, we welcome your membership fee and will put it to work making this great library even better.

The important thing is enrolling as a member to endorse the critical role our library plays in fostering literacy, providing access to information, and creating an informed electorate. We need you to send a message in this way to our elected officials that supporting public libraries is essential to sustaining our democracy.

Beth Cassell
Greetings from the Library Manager

Ann Ivey

It was a SUPER summer at Fruitville Library!! Thanks to funding provided by the Friends of the Fruitville Library, the Youth Team was able to present 33 programs from June 1st through August 1st this summer. Programs such as the Laser Juggling and Magic Show, Kids and Teen Yoga, Superhero Crafts, and Frozen Family Sing Along were just a few of the programs attended by 1367 people. Our Jurassic Film presentation was also a huge success!

The second year of the Adult Reading program was even more popular than last year, with an increased registration of 66.

We are continuing on our Adult programming streak with three programs this fall. An Edgar Allan Poe event is on November 9th, a Holiday Event from classical guitarist Peter Fletcher on December 8th, and a Jane Austen Tea Party on December 17th.

As always, the generous support of our Friends continues to make our programming and our library a vibrant community place where there is something for everyone. Hope to see more of you in the fall!

Ann Ivey

Programs for Adults
At Fruitville Library

The Fruitville Library Readers
Join us the first Thursday of each month: 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please register at Fruitville Library reference desk or call 861-2518. Seating is limited; registration is required. Watch for the announcement of the next cycle of books selected by the group.

Master Gardener’s Corner
Stop by the table to ask questions or pick up informational brochures about Florida-friendly gardening. 4th Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Conversation Café
Practice speaking English! Sponsored by the Literacy Council of Sarasota. Please call 941-955-0421 to register as an ESOL learner with the Literacy Council of Sarasota. Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Conference Room

Socrates Café
The Society for Philosophical Inquiry is comprised of philosophical inquirers of all ages and walks of life. Its members strive to form communities of philosophical inquiry. 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Suncoast Mobile Career Center
An eleven-station computer lab on wheels with state-of-the-art equipment complete with Internet access has most of the resources available in the Resource Rooms of Suncoast Workforce, our local one-stop career center.

Job seekers may use the Mobile Career Center to conduct an online job search, receive referrals to employers with available positions, write resumes and cover letters, evaluate work skills, study software applications with Microsoft Tutorials, and much more. All services are available at NO COST to job seekers.

2015-2016 Schedule at Fruitville Public Library:
First Monday of each month: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
MEMORIAL BRICK PATHWAY

Honor a loved one, commemorate a birthday, celebrate an anniversary or a graduation.

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:

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Mary and Lee Hasslebring offering the Fruitville Library Readers a taste of “Harty Choke Pie,” made from Martha Washington’s recipe in Founding Mothers by Cokie Roberts. The book was delicious too!
See You at the Library~~
There are so many Reasons to Visit Fruitville Public Library!

Programs for Adults

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.

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.

Programs for Children and Teens

The Friends of the Fruitville Library support programs year round for children of all ages and for teens. Because of their popularity, many programs require registration. See a librarian for postings and to reserve a place.

A Community Resource

Did you know? Fruitville Public Library makes meeting rooms available to neighborhood non-profit organizations. Last year about 60 not-for-profit organizations held a total of 569 meetings. For reservations for your meeting, contact Ann Ivey, Library Manager.

Jane Austen Tea Party

You are cordially invited to a party in honor of Mrs. Jane Austen’s two-hundred and fortieth birthday, celebrating the author, her world, and fictional lives of her delightful creations.

Please join us on Thursday, December the seventeenth, at one o’clock in the afternoon for a tea party with Jane Austen inspired games and crafts.

Guests are asked to please bring their favorite tea cups. Regency era bonnets and attire are welcome for the celebration. R.S.V.P. online at www.scgov.net/library

Peter Fletcher
Special Christmas Concert
Dec. 8, 2015

Edgar Allan Poe:
One Man Show
Starring Duffy Hoffman
Nov. 9, 2015
Blue Porterweed: A Native to Know

By Lorraine Wolfinger, Master Gardener

Blue porterweed (Stachytarpheta jamaicensis) is a native, low-growing perennial shrub that is hard to beat for sunny Florida landscapes. It grows to about 3 feet tall by three feet wide and bears small blue flowers year-round on long stalks that attract butterflies and other pollinators. Like other perennials, it only lives for about three years, but it can be quickly replaced by starting new plants from tip cuttings or reseeding. In the Fruitville Reading Garden it serves as an attractive low ground cover and understory shrub for taller plants like firebush.

Porterweed is the larval plant for the tropical buckeye caterpillar. It is native to south Florida and is sensitive to low temperatures. It will look best in groups and should be cut back each year and then allowed to grow back into an unclipped shrub. Porterweed is drought tolerant and requires little care otherwise. Many garden centers sell a very similar non-native porterweed called Stachytarpheta cayennensis, which grows more upright and taller and has darker blue flowers. It is not as desirable due to its habit of seeding profusely, so make sure and seek out the native variety.

Bring Porterweed into your landscape and enjoy years of butterflies and carefree blooms!

Support Your Library – Donate for Consignment!

Items accepted at Woman’s Exchange:  
- Purses
- Linens
- Wall Art
- Jewelry
- Kitchen Items
- Decorative Treasures

All items must be clean and in good condition. Drop off items at the Fruitville Library Bookstore and we’ll take them to the Woman’s Exchange. Donations are tax-deductible.

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The Board of the Friends of the Fruitville Library
If you are familiar with Louise Erdrich’s writings about Native Americans you might enjoy another book of hers not featuring the Ojibwe tribe characters who are present in many of her books. Beginning with Love Medicine, published in 1984, Erdrich created a cast of characters that has been compared to Faulkner’s Yoknapatawpha novels. However, she also has written books of poetry and children’s books and other novels not featuring her recurring tribe. **The Master Butcher’s Singing Club** (2003) is one that stands out. The book follows the life of Fidelis Waldvogel and his family and friends, beginning with his return to his German home town following the end of World War I, his migration to the far west of North America, to Argus, North Dakota, and his life until the beginning of the Second World War. His destination had been Seattle, but the German sausages he had brought to sell to fund his trip ran out, along with what other funds he had, in Argus. There Fidelis sets up a butcher shop and becomes part of the community. In Germany, only master butchers are allowed in the singing club, but as there are only two butchers in Argus it is necessary to extend the tradition of singing butchers to the rest of the town’s men. There is an element of mystery as Fidelis and his family, his wife Eva, and their children get to know the people of Argus. Eva is befriended by a young woman, who is part of a traveling performance where she serves as the table on which her partner balances. Balance is a pervasive theme throughout the book which, I felt, lent intrigue and interest to the plot. It has been criticized for being too ambitious because of the varying points of view but has also been praised for Erdrich’s ability to make “developments feel not like contrivances of a novelist playing God but like the inevitable workings of a random but oddly symmetrical fate.” (Michiko Kakutani, *New York Times*. Feb. 4, 2003) I found that the characters stayed with me, which I consider the mark of a good read.

More than half a world away, Amy Tan tells the tale of **The Bonesetter’s Daughter** (2001). It is actually two stories intertwined, that of Ruth, a ghost writer of self-help books, and Ruth’s mother, LuLing, who is succumbing to Alzheimer’s. LuLing attempts to hold on to the past by writing, in Chinese, all that she can remember of her early life in China. Ruth, who is becoming less able to speak up for herself to her husband, discovers her mother’s writings and learns much about her mother’s life. “Like layers of sediment being removed, each page reveals secrets of a larger mystery: What became of Peking Man? What was the name of the Bonesetter’s Daughter? And who was Precious Auntie, whose suicide changed the path of LuLing’s life?” Tan frequently writes from unusual points of view, as in her most recent book, *Saving Fish from Drowning*, (2015) where the narrator has died and but is recounting the events of a trip she organized for a group of friends before her death, which she is now observing and commenting on. The author keeps the reader absorbed, in details, cultural history and geographic descriptions, so that the convoluted plots do resolve themselves, and the reader is rewarded for the effort.

In another geographic leap, **A Man Called Ove** (2014), by Fredrik Backman, translated from the Swedish, has been called “a comical and heartwarming tale of unkempt cats, unexpected friendship, and the ancient art of backing up a U-Haul.” A grumpy old man, Ove, living in a housing development, finds his world changed when a young family moves in next door. His grumpy exterior cracks, as he teaches the young wife how to drive, interacts with the kids and reveals, (spoiler alert!) at bottom, his kindness and generosity that have been masked by a great sadness. Called “a feel-good story in the spirit of The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry and Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand,” it is that as well as a cautionary tale of how one life can have a profound effect on others.
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