Winter 2016

Thanks to the Friends . . .

1000 Books before Kindergarten . . .

Parents tell us so many heartwarming tales about the enthusiasm of their little ones participating in this innovative program. More than a few have surpassed the goal of 1000 books. We’re proud of all we do, but this is special!

Computer Lab Up and Running

Library patrons get personal instruction and hands-on experience with computers as Reference Librarian Ana Feliciano Chico teaches the first class using our new mobile computer lab. Watch for announcements of future classes presented by Microsoft teachers.

We Have a Winner!

Ethan Nealis shows off his new book bag filled with goodies. The Summer Reading Program rewarded readers with prizes, as well as the joy of minds and hearts opened through books.

Save the Date

Annual Meeting

The Friends of the Fruitville Library
January 18, 2017
The Mission of the Friends of the Fruitville Library is to advocate the value of the library to the community and elected officials, promote volunteering, and provide financial support.

A Message from Beth Cassell, President of FFL

“If you have a garden & a library, you have everything you need.”

We couldn’t agree more, but I’d like to suggest another source of fulfillment—the satisfaction of knowing you are helping to offer the joy of natural beauty and the knowledge of the world to all your neighbors.

This year we celebrate the 15th anniversary of Fruitville Library. In that time, millions of books, CDs, programs, and opportunities have enriched the lives of our patrons. Fruitville Library offers a safe haven for youngsters, a meeting place for civic life, and on-line access to the wide world of the internet. Our magnificent library staff is eager to help guide you in whatever you need to know or want to explore.

From its beginnings, Fruitville Library has also been served by the Friends of the Library. Hundreds of wonderful unselfish folks have supported the mission of the library through monetary contributions and volunteer efforts.

Best of all, you can join us and share in the pride of knowing you helped make our great library even better. We invite you to sign up today to be a Friend of the Fruitville Library. Beth Cassell

Look for us on facebook for weekly updates from the Friends of Fruitville Library
Greetings from the Library Manager

It is hard to believe that the library opened its doors for the first time fifteen years ago on December 8, 2001. So, in typical Fruitville fashion...we are going to CELEBRATE!

The library will be celebrating our Quinceañera in December with lots of programming including music, gardening, crafts and a movie! The calendar of events should be ready in November, so make sure that you check it out. The Friends of Fruitville Library will be generously supporting all of the programs. We look forward to seeing you there.

Looking back on fifteen years of support from the Friends and community, we have a lot to celebrate. In the 10 years that I have been here the Friends have helped fix the fountain, established a maintenance budget for the garden, and purchased furniture, display racks, and our new mobile computer lab. Each year the Friends provide funds for craft supplies, Legos, puzzles, and refreshments and sponsor guest speakers and performers. Also, 20 percent of the money that the Friends give the library is used to purchase new books, including eBooks. We are so thankful for the Friends of Fruitville Library.

We love our Fruitville Friends!!!! Ann Ivey

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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 Gardeners’ 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

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.

Early Voting

October 24-November 5
Meeting Room
8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Daily
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www.friendsofthefruitvillelibrary.org

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Up to 15% of your purchase on Amazon.com benefits Friends of the Fruitville Library.

Homeschoolers like Dara Grubbs, shown here with her children, make good use of the Fruitville Library – and she always sings the praises of Children’s Librarian Barbara Davis and the Friends of Fruitville Library.

BUY A BRICK PAVE THE PATH

The gift of an engraved brick is a perfect way to honor a loved one or celebrate a family event. Businesses can demonstrate their community spirit in a permanent display. Show your commitment to literacy and support Library programs with a tax-deductible purchase. Just stop by the Friends Bookstore and fill out an order form.

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!

We are partnering with Microsoft Community Foundation to host new computer classes here at Fruitville. Our first two classes, *Introduction to Windows 10*, were very well-attended and received. In large part, the success of these programs is due to the new mobile computer lab funded by the Friends. Our mobile lab allows students to have a hands-on experience during our classes. On October 10th Microsoft staff will be leading an “Hour of Coding with Minecraft” workshop for ages 8 and over.

In addition, our dedicated volunteer Jim Cerny will be resuming his basic computer classes in October using both the mobile lab and offering follow-along iPad classes. If you are new to using the iPad this is a wonderful opportunity to learn the basics.

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**Concert: History of Hand Bells**

**Ring Sarasota**

Directed by Rick Holdsworth

December 3, 2017, 2:30 p.m.

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**Holiday Bazaar**

November 17-22, 2016

Do all your shopping in the Library Lobby and Support the Friends of Fruitville Library!

Presented by the Knitting and Crochet Groups in the Fruitville Library Lobby

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**Favorite Presenters Returning**

As we progress into the winter season look for some returning favorites: the Asolo Play Readers, Janet Davies with another play reading, and Jenny Aldrich portraying an American artist. Returning music programs include Sonny and Perley, the Suncoast Blues Society and Easy Street. Please watch our online calendar at [www.scgov.net/library](http://www.scgov.net/library) for dates and times. Most of these programs do require registration which can be done online, by phone, or in person.

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Watch for another watercolor workshop class with Lori George, who conducted our successful *Capturing Light in Watercolor* class, in July. This is a wonderful introduction to watercolors and an opportunity to learn about color and shading.
As Fruitville Library turns 15-years young this year, the garden will turn 13 on October 31st.

The Reading Garden had a little work done in the last few months. A few trees were removed and mulch was added. This summer it has been a challenge to keep up with the weeding!

We are so fortunate to have the Master Gardeners, the Friends of the Fruitville Library, and the Sarasota County partners work together to keep our garden an inviting respite. The Master Gardeners continue to offer monthly information sessions. The Friends pay for fountain repair and new signage as well as furniture and decorations. The county helps provide mulch when possible and has been working with us this year on pest control; and all three partners have been working with vendors to help update the irrigation system.

Wilma Holley, a specialist from the Florida Friendly Landscaping Program, will be conducting a “Landscaping for Butterflies” program on December 1, 2016 from 11 a.m. to noon.

Check out our 15-year celebration calendar later this fall to find out what other garden events we will be hosting!

TOO MUCH CLUTTER?

SPRING CLEANING? CLOSETS FULL?
ENRICH A CHILD’S LIBRARY EXPERIENCE
By Donating your Gently-Used Items

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TABLE LINENS
SETS OF GLASSES & DISHES
PURSES WALL ART JEWELRY CD's & DVD's
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(No Clothing Please!)
We Consign at The Woman’s Exchange!

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE FRIENDS OF THE FRUITVILLE LIBRARY
A recent work by Anna Quindlen, *Still Life with Bread Crumbs* has been called a superb love story, but it’s more than that. It’s a tale of a woman finding out who she really is when her comfortable existence is upended and she realizes that she can be alone and enjoy it. Rebecca Winter, a New York photographer with a world-wide reputation, leaves the city, her husband, who has once again been unfaithful, and her son, and moves to a cottage in rural New York state. Financially, she has been successful but her popularity has passed its peak: everyone who wanted the iconic poster of her Kitchen Collection, has it by now, book sales have slowed, and she has taken on family financial responsibilities. She deals with everything from a trapped raccoon in her attic to surviving a snow storm and discovers that there is more to life than what she sees through her camera lens. Intending to continue to photograph things that interest her, she carries her camera with her on walks in the woods. In addition to the flora and fauna of the terrain, she comes across a small white cross in the woods, and then another and another, each with some memento near it, a small book, a photograph. She photographs all that she finds and feels the collection will have an impact.

Quindlen’s style keeps the pages turning. The reader gets a solid picture of Rebecca, her current life, her past and the questions she has about her future, wondering “if the great artists ever considered the terrible eternity of immortality.” A phrase, or variation on it, that is repeated several times – “But that comes later” – moves the reader on to find out what “that” is. The hope that the phrase holds out moves the characters and the action along. There is life, death, family, a dog who moves in (though Rebecca is not a ‘dog person”) and a fitting resolution at the end. I was sorry when the book ended but was reminded of how much I have enjoyed Quindlen’s writing in the past.

*Flat Water Tuesday*, by Ron Irwin, is about a boy and a boat, and the art and skill of rowing, as well as the pain and rigor of growing up. The main character, a documentary filmmaker for National Geographic, Rob Carrey, returns to the school where he spent a post-senior year, for the 15th reunion of his class. As a teenager Rob had received a rowing scholarship to attend Fenton School, across the border from his hometown in New York State. He was awarded the scholarship because of his rowing ability in a single-person scull, and when he gets to the school, he finds he is expected to row in a boat of four rowers, called the God Four. The story is told from Rob’s point of view at 16 and then later, as he breaks up with the woman who has been his love and his editor. The reunion provides a hook to look at the events of his learning to row with the others, their interaction as kids and then as adults looking back on that year, and the life-changing events that took place. Useful information about rowing techniques and competitive events is wrapped in a good tale of choices.

I’m not sure I’ve ever read any of Nora Roberts’ over 200 titles but I happened on the *Inn Boonsboro Trilogy* recently and, as it takes place in a place I have some familiarity with, I settled in. And was happily rewarded. The first volume, *The Next Always*, introduces the Montgomery Family Contractors who are refurbishing an old hotel in a small farming community in western Maryland. The reader meets the townspeople including Beckett, Owen and Ryder Montgomery, the local bookstore owner, Clare Brewster, and her best friend, Avery MacTavish, the owner and chief cook and bottle washer of the local pizzeria. The characters all grew up together and have maintained the friendships formed in grade school. There are a lot of specific details about the reconstruction of the inn, and some predictable outcomes; but there is humor, kindness, friendship, some sex, loyalty, honesty, a Bad Guy, and a ghost who expresses herself by opening and closing doors. *The Last Boyfriend* and *The Perfect Hope* continue the series, though each title could be read as a stand-alone.
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Our Membership Year Runs from October 2016– October 2017, but it’s never too late to join and support the Friends.

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