Congratulations

Reference Librarian Lisa Backer and Beth Cassell, representing the Friends of the Fruitville Library, celebrate the success of the Summer Reading Program for adults. More than 50 participants submitted reviews of books they read during the program. The winning entry in the drawing was submitted by Brenda Ley. Brenda received a Kindle Paper White, purchased by the Friends for the program.

October Celebrates Friends

Libraries across the nation celebrate October as Friends of Libraries Month in recognition of the many ways we sustain public libraries. We salute all our Friends members and your many contributions to the on-going support of the library!

Don’t forget to renew your membership and your commitment to the community!

Look for Board Members in the lobby or stop by the Friends’ Bookstore to learn how you can help make our great library even better!

Holiday Bazaar to Benefit Friends

Members of the Knitting and Crochet groups have been working all year, creating hand-crafted items for sale at their annual Holiday Bazaar, scheduled this year from November 17 to 22.

Watch for their table in the lobby and make your Christmas gifts special—unique items crafted with love!
It’s always “all about the people”!

Everything we do for the Fruitville Library comes down to people—individuals who volunteer.

Whether they shelve books, work in the bookstore, mail out library books to shut-ins, pull reserved books from the shelves and mark them for patrons, or serve on the Board of the Friends of Fruitville Library, each one helps make this great library even better.

There are always openings for more volunteers. Put your talents to work and I promise you’ll reap many rewards: new friends, fulfilling responsibilities, and the satisfaction of making a difference.

Contact Sandy Reese at the Fruitville Library to learn how you can be a part of this great group.

Beth Cassell

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.

www.friendsofthefruitvillelibrary.org

The Board of the Friends: (from left) Beth Cassell, Fran Delapenha, Janice Shanahan, Ardith Stansell, Pat Ward, and Suellen Williams
Greetings from the Library Manager

Ann Ivey

We are most fortunate that we have always maintained a steady loyal group within our Friends of Fruitville Library. The dedicated Friends, some of whom also volunteer, have made it possible every year to provide high quality adult and children’s programming, new books, and new updated furniture.

In addition to their financial support, the Friends of Fruitville Library provide a very important service. They are the best advocates of the library. Their contribution of both time and money is not limited to the time spent in the library. They talk about their love of libraries when they are out in the community and they are always looking for new ideas and new ways to promote our services and raise money for our library.

The only quality needed to join the Friends of the Fruitville Library is to love libraries. Thank you to all of the Friends for their continued support!

Ann Ivey

The Fruitville Library Readers
Join us the first Thursday of each month from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. to discuss a book. 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 to 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.

Monday, December 1, 2014 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
2015 Schedule TBA
Ways to Support the Friends and Help Sustain Our Library

Donate gently used books and recent magazines to the FFL Bookstore.

 Donate items to be sold at the Women’s Exchange. They will accept purses, scarves, shoes, jewelry, linens, kitchen items and dishes, wall art, and decorative treasures—all in good condition and clean. Please drop off items at the Fruitville Library Bookstore or, if you prefer, take them directly to the Woman’s Exchange (539 S. Orange Ave.) and mention they are to be consigned in the name of the Friends of the Fruitville Library - #5124.

Patronize your Friends Bookstore. Audio books for long car trips, a cache of novels for the beach, current magazines, and many books of enduring value are yours for a bargain price.

Pool our buying power by using the FFL website to purchase items from Amazon.com. You can still use PayPal for your purchases and FFL will receive a percentage of each purchase.

Tell everyone you are a member of the FFL and how important the Friends are to our library.

Become an advocate for increased governmental support for Sarasota County Libraries. Contact your representatives to tell them how important our library is in educating and serving their constituents. For more information on becoming an effective advocate, see the information from the Florida Library Association at http://www.flalib.org/advocacy.php

SHOP on AMAZON.COM and support the Friends of the Fruitville Library!

★ Visit our website at www.friendsofthefruitvillelibrary.org and scroll down to click on the Amazon.com link. ★ SHOP, SHOP, SHOP! Pay for your purchases.

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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!

2014-2015 FRIENDS Members

We want to acknowledge the following members of the Friends of Fruitville Library who promptly returned their renewal forms during the October Membership Renewal Drive. If you don’t find your name here, please let us know that you want to continue to support the Fruitville Library through membership in the Friends. If you have acquaintances who are not members of the Friends, please let them know that you value your library and support it in this way.

Pat and Shelley Black, Joan and Richard Boyce, Lee Byron, Frank and Beth Cassell, Karen Crawford, Marinell Davis, Douglas Ferry, Hope and Gary Flemming, Linda Gorden, Marilyn Gormley, Lee and Mary Hasselbring, James and Mary Hill, Denise Hodgson, Dee Homer, Georgia and Mike Huff, Alvin Hyman, Janet Jelinek, Mary Kehoe, John and Barb Kerwin, Melvin and Karen Klein, Sarah Lane, James Long, Marg Markman, Dominic and Roberta Martia, Natalie McCulloch, Audrey Morell, Mary O’Hara, Sandra Olson, Helen Petryshyn, Elsie Pitts, Sharon and Bob Reitsch, Mary Rosner, Mary Lou Schulz, Neil Scott, Harris Scholman, Rube and Eileen Seltzer, Phillip and Tamayo Shope, Ardith Stansell, Shannon Staub, Lynn and Kathy Stokes, Patrica Ward, Elaine and Bill Warren, Joseph and Jo Wiecynski, Suellen Williams

Every Member is invited to the Annual Meeting of the Friends of Fruitville Library to elect officers and receive a report of the year’s activities. Join us on **January 21, 2015 10am, in the Library Meeting Room**

Programs for Adults

**Computer Classes**
Classes are held in the Meeting Room of the Fruitville Public Library beginning in the fall. 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. Those groups ranged from homeowners’ and community groups to day-long work sessions of KiDZQuilts. For reservations for your meeting, contact Ann Ivey, Library Manager.

The Friends of Fruitville Library gratefully acknowledge the charitable gift of The Scheidel Foundation, a donation from the Library Foundation of Sarasota County, and many individual donations in memory of long-time volunteer Robert Earl Scarbrough.

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**Save the Date**

Annual Volunteer Thank-You Luncheon, February 11, 2015
Support Your Library – Consign With the Friends!

Items accepted at Woman’s Exchange:  Purses  Jewelry
Linens  Kitchen Items
Wall Art  Decorative Treasures
Dishes & Glasses (sets of 4 or more)

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. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO CONTINUE SPONSORING LIBRARY PROGRAMS!  THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
The Board of the Friends of the Fruitville Library

Pommelos — Fruit from the Reading Garden

By Lorraine Wolfinger, Master Gardener

Most people who are new to Florida have fond memories of the first time they picked and ate a ripe orange right from the tree. Living in Florida means we can grow an amazing variety of fruit right in our own back yard. A fruit tree can provide delicious, nutritious and (nearly) free food for you and maybe even some native wildlife.

In the Reading Garden, there are several exotic fruit trees planted on the north side of the garden. They include pummelo, lychee, fig, Barbados cherry, bananas, and a macadamia nut tree. Pummelos, pictured above, resemble giant grapefruit, but with a milder flavor. Lychee is an attractive tree that can reach 40 feet tall. The unusual looking one-inch fruit is yellow, pink or red and grows in clusters that ripen in early summer. Barbados cherry is a small tree that bears fruit that resemble the cherries we all know. The fruit is tasty and very high in vitamin C.

For more information about less common Florida fruits and vegetables that you can grow, take a look at the Web site Growables.org.
The author Stefan Zweig was unknown to me; but, as frequently happens, after his work *The Post-Office Girl* was recommended by a friend, his name showed up in a number of articles and reviews, especially of the film “The Grand Budapest Hotel.”

Zweig was a Viennese writer, 1881-1942, whose work included biographies, historical works, plays, long fiction and novellas. There is a movement to make even his unpublished works available, including *The Post-Office Girl*, published in 1982 by New York Review of Books Classics. The original title, “The Intoxication of Metamorphosis,” aptly describes the book.

Told from the point of view of Christina, the book is set in Austria not long after The Great War. Christina lives with her mother, scraping together an existence, when she receives an invitation from her mother’s sister, who had moved to America and married well, to join her at a resort in Switzerland. Christina discovers a life she never dreamed of and a person within herself she didn’t know existed. Her return home to her civil service position in the town post office highlights the wretchedness of her life. She meets a war-weary veteran, Ferdinand, who proposes a solution to their cheerless lives, which will be their salvation or their doom.

One reviewer felt Zweig was “particularly astute in the way he handles women their yearning and frustrations.” The book has been called over-written but “also hypnotic in its downward spiral into tragedy.” I found it written (or translated) in a style that kept me engaged and surprised by the possible final conclusion.

Karen Joy Fowler, author of *The Jane Austen Book Club*, has written a somewhat disturbing book in *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves*, but one that stays with you.

The narrator, Rosemary Cooke, recounts her growing up in the mid-west in the late 1970s, with her mother and father, brother Lowell and sister Fern. Her father was a psychology professor at Indiana University and encourages her, as she is a talkative, precocious child, when recounting anything, to “start in the middle” and so she does with her narration. We don’t learn what the event was that drove her to silence about her family until well into the book, when her sister Fern is sent “to a farm.” It becomes apparent that Fern, in addition to being Rosemary’s best friend and companion, is a chimpanzee, and her departure from the household results in unforeseen consequences. Essentially, the family falls apart.

Barbara Kingsolver, in her review in the *New York Times* (June 6, 2013) says, “To experience this novel exactly as the author intended, a reader should avoid the flap copy and everything else written about it” -- including her excellent review. She goes on to praise it, calling it “readably juicy and surreptitiously smart,” which it is, but it is also sad, with a dash of weird. Rosemary’s life follows the path of many in the ‘70s; upheaval, risky friends, involvement in social causes, in her case, and her brother’s, animal rights, as she learns where Fern is and bends her efforts to go to her. Rosemary’s account of her efforts, and her life, create an emotionally gripping picture of the boundary between human and animal beings.
FRIENDS OF THE FRUITVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Telephone Number _____________________________________________  ____ Diamond $100.00

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Sarasota, FL  34240

Our Membership Year Runs from October 2014– October 2015, but it’s never too late to join and support the Friends.

* * * Membership Fees Are Tax Deductible  * * *THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!