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Summer 2014

It’s Magic!

Gerard Tricarico's magic show on June 17 clearly enthralled the audience of children and moms. This highly visual show also featured laser juggling and special laser effects. The show was entertaining, but also educational.

This program has proven so popular in years past that we scheduled two sessions this year so all those who wanted to attend could do so. On July 17, Tweens and Teens are invited to learn the secrets behind the magic tricks. Registration is required for this program as attendance is limited to 25, ages 11-18. Like all the summer programs, this activity is made possible by the financial support of the Friends of Fruitville Library.

Watch For Friends in the Lobby

Want to learn more about the Friends? Opportunities to volunteer? Advanced Notice of Book Sales?

Watch for members of the Board of the Friends of Fruitville Library in the Lobby on special days all summer and fall, check out our website, or contact us at info@friendsofthefruitvillelibrary.org.
Summer time—and the library is hopping! The seasonal visitors may have left for cooler climates, but at Fruitville Library life is busy and happy.

Every year children fill the wonderful inventive summer programs that keep them learning and growing. Of the many public service programs offered by Fruitville Library, none is more important than continuing to enrich the lives of these young people. What a great pleasure it is to know that through the efforts of the Friends of Fruitville Library we can provide this sort of on-going fun and education. Art through the ages, the World of Reptiles, Laser Juggling & Magic, Fun to be Fit Preschool Program, and the Lego Club are just a few of the programs available for younger children. Teens can enjoy Paper Crafts, Yoga, Vikings and Scandinavians, and Anime Club.

So many people take public libraries for granted. They assume that "public" means all the services and programs are paid for by taxes and that government is as wholly committed to full support of libraries as they have traditionally been. Most of your representatives understand the value of libraries, but the reality of competing values and vested interests means that in Sarasota County, tax revenue simply doesn't cover the costs of providing first-class service. You can help by letting your governmental representatives know how much you value this great community asset and by supporting the efforts of the Friends of Fruitville Library to make this great library even better.

The Board of the Friends of Fruitville Library thanks you for your support. We're planning a series of “Meet the Friends” sessions in the following months. Watch for us in the lobby and ask how you can help ensure that the Fruitville Library continues its great work.

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
Greetings from the Library Manager, Ann Ivey

Summer is definitely here!

We have been busy this summer holding two to three programs a week since the middle of June. The summer programming for youth is always well attended and fun for all. The Friends of Fruitville Library provide all the funding for our summer programming including craft materials, guest performers and snacks.

The Friends have also been instrumental in expanding our Young Adult programming. We just had a launch party to kick off our new Teen Advisory Board, who will help us continue to provide current materials and programming.

This year, the Friends helped us launch an Adult Summer Reading program encouraging interested parties to write reviews of books they read. Each review entitles the reader to an entry into a drawing for a Kindle.

There are lots of activities at the library this summer—some favorites from past years and these new offerings. Come in and check it out!

As always, thank you to the Friends and Volunteers for all of your support.

Ann Ivey

Samantha Jackson and Taylor Josef crafting book garlands at the Tweens and Teens Craft Program.

Programs for Adults At Fruitville Library

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.

August 7 – The World Until Yesterday by Jared Diamond
September 4 – My Beloved World by Sonya Sotomayor
October 2 – Behind the Beautiful Forevers by Katherine Boo

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, July 7, 2014 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Monday, August 4, 2014 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Not scheduled for September
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

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For more information go to our website at: www.friendsofthefruitvillelibrary.org.

YOUR FAMILY NAME ENGRAVED HERE
See You at the Library~~
There are so many Reasons to Visit Fruitville Public Library!

New Teen Advisory Board
To Help Guide Programming

The Friends of Fruitville Library provided the pizza and a group of 11 teens provided the excitement for the kick-off meeting of a new Teen Advisory Board. The group met for the first time on June 16 to offer suggestions and new ideas for library services and programs especially geared for teens.

Most libraries in the Sarasota Library System have Teen Advisory Boards and find their input can help build the young adult collection, guide programming, and encourage teens to use the many resources of the libraries. Fruitville Library has long wanted to establish this important means of feedback.

Welcome and congratulations to these young adults as they discover the great satisfaction of volunteering at your library!

Adult Summer Reading Program

The Literary Elements Adult Summer Reading Program invites adults to submit a short review of every book they read during June and July. Each book submitted entitles you to one entry for the grand prize drawing. The winner will receive a Kindle Paperwhite, provided by the Friends of Fruitville Library!

The theme of Literary Elements especially invites comments on any scientific information in the books. Of course, readers are encouraged to write about any aspect of the book that interested or inspired them. Need some suggestions for great summer reading? Check out the reviews on page 6 of this newsletter.

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 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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, February 11, 2015

Fruitville Library Volunteers: Mark your Calendar!

The date for the next Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon has been set. You will receive an invitation if you have volunteered any time within 2014. Be certain to enter your volunteer hours on the computer so the system can generate a correct list of invitations. The luncheon will be held at the Founders Club, a venue we have enjoyed in the past.
Versatile Firebush Thrives in the Summer Heat

Firebush or *Hamelia patens* is a large Florida native shrub that blooms throughout the summer and attracts wildlife to the garden. It sports tubular orange-red flowers most of the year with nectar that brings butterflies and even hummingbirds for a taste. Birds sometimes feed on the berries.

This fast-growing shrub can reach twelve feet tall or more, even after hard pruning each year. It is tough and drought tolerant once established. Firebush will grow in a fair amount of shade but flowers best in part to full sun. It makes a great background hedge in a large landscape, which can also help give privacy from the neighbors. In the Fruitville Reading Garden it is used as a colorful accent in a corner of the garden.

A dwarf variety of Firebush known as “compacta” or *Hamelia patens var glabra* is sometimes available in nurseries. It can be kept at a height of five to six feet and has lighter colored flowers. There is a nice grouping of this plant near the entrance to the library.

Master Gardeners will be in the library and the garden on Saturday, July 26, for the monthly Plant Clinic. Stop by with any gardening questions of just to say hello. Happy summer!

Lorraine Wolfinger
Master Gardener

Support Your Library – Consign With the Friends!

Items accepted at Woman’s Exchange:  
Purses          Jewelry
Linens          Kitchen Items
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CD’s            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
Favorite Authors and Fictional Characters

Book Reviews by Valerie Oakley

As a mystery writer John Dunning comes from a varied and somewhat mottled background. He left high school in the tenth grade because of his inability to concentrate. This was in the 1950s, before the name “Attention Deficit Disorder” was commonplace and long before Dunning was so diagnosed. After bouncing around from his childhood in Charleston, SC, to Denver, he worked in a glass shop and then as a clerk at The Denver Post. From copyboy to reporter to the investigative team, he learned that “that the hardest thing about any job is getting it.” He spent some time in California where he worked with horse trainers and ended up at Santa Anita Park, in Arcadia, CA. Back in Denver, he hosted a radio show for 25 years and began to write. His first book, The Holland Suggestions, a mystery, was published by Bobbs Merrill in 1975.

In 1984 John and his wife Helen opened The Old Algonquin Bookstore in Denver. “The store dealt in books ranging from the cheap and recently out-of-print to unusual and scarce items. It joined another bookstore that had been in the block for several years, and soon a third, then a fourth, opened for business. For a time that block between 5900 and 6000 East Colfax Avenue was a lively book community.” Booked to Die, published in 1992, is about a Denver cop, Cliff Janeway, who gives up police work to open a bookstore on Denver’s Book Row. Four more Janeway mysteries have followed Booked to Die: The Bookman’s Wake (1995), The Bookman’s Promise (2004), The Sign of the Book, (2005) and The Bookman’s Last Fling (2006). Janeway gets involved in murders, horse racing and, always, acquiring and appraising rare books. The series is a delightful mix of the activities of an interesting and likable character.

Another enforcer of the law is Donna Leon’s character, Commissario Guide Brunetti. All 23 of the Brunetti books are based in Venice, Italy, where Leon has lived for the past thirty years. She taught English literature from 1981 to 1999, when she stopped teaching to concentrate on writing and became involved in the classical music world of Venice. In response to a question asked in the Boston Globe in 2008, Leon said Commissario Guido Brunetti was created when she was at “La Fenice opera house back in 1991 with friends, and we started talking about a conductor whom none of us liked. Somehow there was an escalation, and we started talking about how to kill him, where to kill him. This struck me as a good idea for a book.” The series has been called a sly commentary on environmental issues, politics, and the Catholic Church. Although each book stands alone, if you read more than 2 or 3 of the series you’ll get to know his family and the other police officers who assist and sometime thwart the Commissario in his efforts to solve crimes. His wife Paola, who teaches at university, creates and serves meals as only Italians can. Leon has said, “To Italians, good food and eating well ... is no different from wearing nice clothes. It’s just one of the givens of your life -- that you will live with pleasure.” The meals are such a part of the Brunetti’s life that a cookbook was published in 2009, with recipes by Roberta Pianaro and culinary stories drawn from the books by Donna Leon.

For a change of venue though not genre, don’t miss Louise Penny’s series set in fictional Three Pines, Quebec. Inspector Armand Gamache has many of the same characteristics as Commissario Brunetti -- slow thoughtful deductive reasoning, superiors who are not necessarily supportive, staff who are. The setting of the series in a small town offers the opportunity for gossip, eccentric characters, and real crime. Louise Penny, much like Donna Leon and Dunning, came to writing after several careers: 15 years as a journalist and radio host with the Canadian Broadcasting system, specializing in “hard news and current affairs.” From Thunder Bay to Winnipeg to Quebec City and finally Montreal, Penny and her husband currently live “in an old United Empire Loyalist brick home in the country, surrounded by maple woods and mountains and smelly dogs.” Her website has photos of, I assume, the surrounding country, lovely flowers and trees, and snow. Not hard to imagine the fictional village of Three Pines. She also says “In my life as a journalist I covered deaths and accidents and horrible events, as well as the quieter disasters of despair and poverty. Now, every morning I go to my office, put the coffee on, fire up the computer and visit my imaginary friends, Gamache and Beauvoir and Clara and Peter. What a privilege it is to write.” She has been asked if the books need to be read in order. Her response is that “there is a strong, and growing, character development arc throughout the books. I think of the books as having two streams--one is the plot--the crime. The other is the personal life of the characters. The first will, for the most part, be contained in a single book. The character development, though, gets deeper and deeper across the series.” The first book of the series is Still Life; The Long Way Home, the tenth and latest, will be published in August of 2014.
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