



Friends to Friends Supporting and Promoting South County Regional Library

November, 2011

Newsletter Serving Estero & SW Florida

December Book Sale

Thursday, Dec. 1

Preview Sale for **members** only.

2:00 p.m. To 4:00 p.m.

Open to the Public

Friday & Saturday, the 2nd & 3rd

9:00 a.m. To 3:00 p.m.



Mark your calendars !



These events will be held at the library

Saturday, December 10 2:00 pm

Florida Handbell Ensemble

Ring in the season and hear your
holiday favorites at this concert.



Saturday, January 21, 2012 2:00pm

Estero High School Jazz Ensemble

LEE COUNTY LIBRARIAN WINS NEXTGEN AWARD

The Lyrasis NextGen Librarian Award winner is Maria Palacio, senior librarian and manager of Outreach Services, Lee County Library System. The award honors one librarian (from the more than 2,000 member libraries in 39 states) who is a rising leader in the library field and demonstrates an innovative and fresh approach to the profession. Palacio was chosen for the NextGen Librarian Award based on her leadership skills and work on outreach projects of all types, including multicultural and literacy services, bookmobile, books-by-mail and senior outreach services. Palacio has been recognized internationally as an invited speaker at the fourth annual Conference on Public Libraries and Multicultural Societies in Spain.



2011 - 2012 Concert Series Calendar

If you consider variety the spice of life have we got a zesty season for you! The Friends of South County Regional library have invited performers from a wide range of musical genres for your enjoyment. We kick thing off on Saturday, December 10, with the Southwest Florida Handbell Ensemble led by Michael Helman, presenting holiday music. Saturday, the 21st of January brings us the Jazz Cats from Estero High School, under the direction of Zach Deeter, with some big band sounds. We warm things up in February, with the Caribbean steel drum melodies of Harold Antoine on the 18 of the month. And closing the season, on March 10, we honor St. Pat with Tir Na Nog Academy of Irish Dance, an award winning group founded by Patricia, Sheila and Michaela Oxx. With a little of this and a little of that, the Friends hope they have cooked up a tasty en-tertainment dish. Enjoy, Karen

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Estero Jazz Ensemble
Saturday, January 21, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Plan to hear the Estero High School
Jazz Ensemble jam it up at the library!

Steel Drum Concert
Saturday, February 18, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Harold Antoine, a second-generation steel drum
player, will bring the excitement of the
Caribbean to this outdoor concert.



Irish Dance Troop
Saturday, March 10, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.
Members of the Tir Na Nog Academy of Irish Dance
will take the stage and perform with grace and beauty.

All concerts are held outside (weather permitting) the front entrance of the Library.
Registration is NOT required for these programs.

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As I near the end of my first year as President of the Friends, I have to marvel at how much I have learned and how much I have enjoyed this job. Following the footsteps of Claire Hauenstein was quite a challenge, but she left the group in such good shape that the transition was smooth. Getting to know the board members and library staff was another plus. Now that I have gotten my feet wet, it is time to plunge in! Our schedule this year includes two author luncheons, four concerts and two major book sales. Details will be found in this newsletter and online. We are also sponsoring a number of programs scheduled by the library. Our 1st Dibs sales held up very well through the summer and we hope to expand our offerings. Patrons seem to like the themed books offered in the wall pockets and the paperback "beach books" We have also done well with our "pop-up" book sales; smaller events centered around a particular genre or theme. We have sold romance books, children's books and holiday books (and have a few more surprises to come). Funds from such activities have allowed us to purchase new tables, chairs and sound system for the meeting room. The Friends exist to make the library the best it can be and we welcome input from our membership. If there is something that you would like to see or have available, please let us know. I also encourage you to renew your Friends' membership using the form in the newsletter and consider becoming part of our board. We are only limited by our energy and creativity... Join us for the ride!

Karen Katz



Important Dates for 2011 & 2012:

Saturday, Dec. 10, 2:00 p.m. Florida Handbell Ensemble

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2:00 p.m. Library community room, free lecture about "The Nature of South West Florida," by Charles Sobczak

Saturday, Jan. 21, 2:00 p.m. Estero High School Jazz Ensemble

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 11:00 Author Luncheon at Rosie

Spoonbills at The Brooks Patricia & Robert Gussin

Thursday, March 29, 11:00 Author Luncheon at Pelican Sound James Grippando

More information in the next newsletter and via "Broadcast" messages.



The "Summer for Teens" at the library was a buzz of activities. I am so grateful to the Friends of South County Regional Library for supplying the teens with refreshments at each program. Please visit our web site, friendsofscrl.org, for more information and pictures.
Thank you, Jodie Raddatz

It's that time again. Time to renew your membership in the Friends of South County Regional Library. Time to make it known that you appreciate the facilities and activities that make South County Regional Library great. The Friends' group membership fees and book sales have purchased tables, chairs, and a sound system for the meeting room, as well as supported many programs for adults and teens. Please consider joining or rejoining. We need your support.

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Come Join Us Now

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 Seasonal _____ Full Time _____

(additional donations greatly appreciated)

Mail checks to address above.

Total amount of Check enclosed \$ _____

To use a major credit card go to www.friendsofl.org

Membership Categories

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_____ Family	\$25.00
_____ Sponsoring Patron	\$50.00
_____ Civic/Nonprofit Org.	\$50.00
_____ Corporate/Business	\$100.00
_____ Lifetime Membership	\$250.00

Please indicate any interests you may have to help us out.

Programs: _____	Publicity: _____
Membership: _____	Hospitality: _____
Book Sales: _____	Fundraising: _____

Dear Friends,

South County's summer reading programs for teens and youth were very well attended this year. Children loved the contests, incentives to read, and entertaining programs. Teens enjoyed weekly teen café programs, a scavenger hunt created by our teen librarian Jodie Raddatz, and an awesome end of summer party with games, food, and prizes. Our local *Banner* newspaper featured an article with photos of this great party. Four of the five paid programs, and all of the prizes, food, and decorations for this summer's programs were provided by the Friends of South County Regional Library. Thank you for your support.

Always looking for ways to improve the layout of our collection to make it as accessible and attractive as possible, South County staff completed two big projects this summer involving shifting materials to provide more room for our growing DVD and teen collections. In August, the magazine and DVD areas were switched out to give more room for our large DVD collection, and the 800's, 900's and Biography areas were condensed and shifted to provide 24 extra shelves for our growing teen collection.

First Dibs books have been selling very well this summer due to the efforts of our Friends' President Karen Katz and Friends First Dibs volunteers. Using items donated by patrons this summer, Karen has created very clever displays of books on crafts, travel, cooking, and many other subjects, and increased sales substantially. Kudos to Karen and all of the Friends' First Dibs volunteers!

We look forward to the return of our winter residents and Friends' members. Our volunteer computer coach Peter Block will be teaching classes starting in November, monthly book discussions will be held September through May, and a great line-up of programs are planned for adults, teens, and youth sponsored by the Friends. We are grateful to the Friends for purchasing 100 new chairs and 20 new tables on wheels for easy set-up and take-down and will put them to good use this year. Thank you again for your support. It is greatly appreciated.

With warmest regards,
Beth Nitch, Manager of South County Regional Library

Love the library? Want to see it succeed?



Then please consider joining the Friends of South County Regional Library Board. We meet at 2:30 on the third Tuesday of the month from November through May. Snowbirds are welcome! Board members help with activities such as our book sales and author luncheons. We are a fun group who welcome new people and new ideas. If you are looking for a fulfilling volunteer activity, here it is. If you are interested and have questions or if you want an application please call Karen Katz at 948-8880 or email us at: FOSCRL@AOL.com We welcome your interest,

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Be in the know! Take full advantage of what our library has to offer. Check out the library web site at <http://library.lee-county.com/>. Go to Library Calendar on the left hand side of opening page and select South County Regional Library. You can see monthly calendars of book discussions, youth activities, book sales, story times, as well as other special events. You can get descriptions of events and even register on line. So you don't miss out ... Check it out ...

And, don't forget the Friend's Web site:

friendsofscrl.org