

News - Among Friends

The Friends of the DeLand Area Public Library Newsletter March 2016
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Book Sale for Members of the Friends

The month of March continues our monthly book sales with a period of time set apart for only members of the Friends of the DeLand Library to browse and purchase books.



Happy St. Patrick's Day !

On Thursday, March 10, from 1:00 until 3:00, before the sale opens to the public, members of the Friends will have first choice at selecting books. If your membership has lapsed, you may renew at this time, or you may join for the first time. This will give you an opportunity to browse before the sale is opened to the general public from 3:00 to 7:00.

The sale will be open to the public on Friday, March 11, from 9:30 to 4:30, and on Saturday, January 12, from 9:30 to 2:00.

Thursday and Friday, hardback and large softback books will be \$1.00 each. Small paperbacks will be eight for \$1.00. Children's books will be \$2.00 a bag. On Saturday, all non-children's books will be \$3.00 per bag and children's books will continue at \$2.00 per bag.

This sale will be held in the library auditorium and during the sale the Friends Book Store, which is adjacent to the auditorium will also be open from 9:30 to 4:30 on Thursday and Friday. On Saturday it will be open from 9:30 until 2:00. In the store you will find more current copyright dates in both fiction and non-fiction, than on the monthly sale books. You will also find a wide selection of magazines and a nice selection of children's books. Large print books and specially priced table top books are also available. All proceeds from the monthly book sale and the Friends Book Store support the library's programs and special needs. Both operations are staffed entirely by volunteers.

The Big Read Has Featured Many Interesting Programs

If you have been visiting our library during the month of February, you have been aware of the many programs throughout the Volusia County Library System centering around the book, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, which many of you will remember from high school and college reading lists. This book has been translated into forty languages and has sold over thirty million copies worldwide, winning the Pulitzer Prize in 1961. In the movie version, Gregory Peck left an indelible memory in his role as Atticus Finch and locally this month over 300 of us enjoyed the presentation at Stetson by actress Mary Badham, who portrayed Scout in the movie.

As we have re-visited the book this month and relived many memories, it was a sad ending to hear of the death on February 20, of author Harper Lee in Monroeville, Alabama, at age 89. We are fortunate to also have her book, *Go Set a Watchman*, published in 2015, which had been submitted to her publishers before *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Also of interest is the book, *The Mockingbird Next Door - Life with Harper Lee* by Marja Mills, who lived next door to Harper Lee for eighteen months. We are fortunate to have had the 2016 Big Read program featured in our Library System this month. It is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.

A New Setting

If you have had occasion to attend a small group meeting at the library lately, you may have already visited our Conference Room. But if you have not been there recently, you are in for a surprise. We now have four tables placed together for more spacious meetings and a change of chairs (very comfortable). A new flat screen television has been funded by the Friends of the Library for instructional purposes during meetings. Library promotional posters are on the walls, as is a new clock. The room is very functional and useful. New furniture arrangements have also been made on the second floor. Behind the planning is Mellissa Reynolds, Regional Librarian.

Happenings

Be sure to check your Happenings Calendar for activities at the library each month. The schedule is available on-line and in paper form at the library for both children and adults. Activities include a Sunday matinee, book discussions, arts and crafts, knitting, chess and other programs. A genealogy group, Roots & Branches, meets the third Sunday each month in the auditorium with a speaker at 2:00, preceded by a class at 1:00. All activities are free to you, many of them funded by the Friends of the Library. Enjoy what you are helping to provide!

Volunteers

We are not going to let you forget that we like volunteers. Please come by the Book Store for an application to volunteer on a regular basis or as a substitute. This is a volunteer job that offers a lot of variety and allows you to meet many interesting people. It provides first chance for many books at extremely reasonable prices. And on the Friends of the Library Board, we need someone who loves to work with computers. We have questions every now and then and would love to have answers readily available. Please contact us if you are interested.



One corner of our bookstore

When we recall the past, we usually find that it is the simplest things – not the great occasions – that in retrospect give off the greatest glow of happiness. – Bob Hope

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