



President's Report



Bobbi Shaw

The Friends of the Library would like to thank all of our volunteers, patrons, the Space Coast Marine Institute (they assist us in our set-up), Dr. Hardoon (on whose property the lighted balloon was erected) for the great job they did in making our October Book Sale a success. With the help of the quilt that was raffled off (donated by the Seaside Piecemakers) and the Bake Sale run by the Viera Women's Club and the Sunshine Juniors, we were able to raise as much money as last April. We were a little concerned about the sale's success due to the failing economy and the lack of publicity from the local news media. Our flyers and the balloon were the only advertisements we had, and our "Friends Night Only" was a monetary disappointment. These book sales are our main way to make purchases for the library: such as the new floor coverings we plan to put in the children's and back work areas. These are badly needed items. We are also working with one of our local Boy Scouts, Jeremy, who is doing a beautifying project outside around some unsightly equipment. These are just some things the Friends do for your library. In the past we have supplied the library with new books, window washing, and most recently, new carpeting in the Conference Room. With the Christmas Season upon us, the Friends always treat the staff with some Christmas cheer such as a catered lunch or dinner, which has always been fun and appreciated by all.

We would like to remind you that membership renewal is due soon, and we hope you suggest a Friends membership to all your friends. We need to get as much support for our library as we can, and the Library always needs volunteers.

See you at the Suntree/Viera Library!

American Library Association: 2012 and beyond

Ken Previti

The American Library Association offers all public library patrons an array of services that deserve your personal time and attention. Local library activities and services broaden in scope as evidenced at their site, <http://www.ala.org>.

One frequently asked question is, "I've just written/published a book. How do I get it into libraries?" See: <http://www.ala.org/tools/libfactsheets/authorfaq>

One valuable example of service is engagement in improved job searches with *webinars* and facilitated chat learning. See: <http://connect.ala.org/node/158307>

"Come join the ALA JobLIST Placement Center for a facilitated online chat to learn and share resources for moving your job search forward. As a professional community, librarians are amazing when it comes to knowing valuable resources and sharing those resources with others. We'll note and share resources and ideas for finding openings, applying for openings, taking the next step in your search, dealing with challenges you're facing while unemployed — and we'll sum up by looking at best practices you can use to get unstuck in your job search and move closer to your next opportunity."

Facebook has the "American Library Association" and "I Love Libraries" pages for you to *like* while keeping you posted and informed on what is happening in libraries across America. The world of public libraries can be as vast as our nation or as personal as the page you choose to read. Please try the site and the Facebook pages, and please let The Friends know what you think.

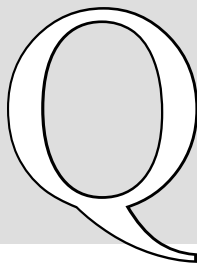
Suntree Garden Club Decorates



The Suntree Garden Club has provided a Christmas Tree for the library every December since 2003, along with the decorations and the job of putting it up and taking it down.

Everyone interested is invited to the Garden Club meetings in the Conference Room at 9:30 AM on the first Monday of the month. This January only, the meeting will be held on Wednesday the 11th, with a presentation about Growing and Working with Gourds.

Barbara Kingsolver – *The Lacuna*, 2009



quote: *“I’m of a fearsome mind to throw my arms around every living librarian who crosses my path, on behalf of the souls they never knew they saved.” I wrote these words more than 10 years ago in an essay called “How Mr. Dewey Decimal Saved My Life.” Now, in a world where kids are often strapped for both resources and valid information, I believe in libraries as havens of salvation—more than ever.*



Our Library

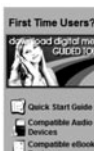


Mary Scholtz, Director

eBooks are here! Remember to go to www.mylibraryworld.com and click on this box:



This will get you started with our eLibrary catalog where you can check out a book or audiobook to your e-reader. Whether it is a Kindle, Nook, iPad, smartphone, computer, or any other electronic device, it is a wonderful way to make use of that new e-present you got for Christmas!



New users might want to check out this blue box which has instructions about how to log on the first time. If you get confused, just call us at 255-4404 and speak to our Reference Librarians.

They can get you back on track, and you will be enjoying the convenience of our eLibrary. Will it have that wonderful visceral feel of a book? Nah. Will it make you want to snuggle up in front of the fire on a cold January night? Hmmm, maybe it generates heat and will keep your hands warm. Come on, give the future a try!

The library has almost 4,000 titles in the eLibrary with more being added every month. There have been over 13,000 checkouts by 3,000 people. The publishers are not releasing all their titles in electronic format, so our library staff is relieved that we will continue to see you in the library, browsing our shelves, reading our newspapers, and chatting with our librarians.



Betty Minton, 1st VP

Library Art Exhibit

December 12 – March 12

THE FRIENDS

2011 Board Members:

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As you enter the library gallery, the colorful “Snowbirds Incoming” by **CLYDE MANN** greets you. The brilliantly textured acrylic red, blue, and purple forms in motion are a harbinger of the coming winter weather. Dora Reinhart specializes in watercolor painting and loves the Florida scenes. “Back from the Hunt” is a wonderful example of her ability to create stories in her paintings with the mischievous cat on the prowl in a flower garden. After a busy career in nursing, **RUTH BARNHART** has now become hooked on oil painting. She is a realist who loves bright colors and paints for her own personal enjoyment. The vibrant “Red Hydrangeas” is a perfect example of the way this artist loves to paint. **SHARON BOYER**, following a career in visual merchandising and display, has done lots of seasonal décor of local homes and churches. Her impressive four piece display of mixed-media collage including recycled materials shows her special talents. **MICHELLE PIVAR** retired after 40 years as an attorney and, having never held an artist’s paintbrush, was encouraged to try watercolors. She immediately found she loved playing with the colors and wanted to create paintings that were bright, lively, and offbeat. She has certainly accomplished that in her paintings of beautiful Florida birds.

The Friends of the Suntree/Viera Library welcome you to view the exhibition!



The winner of the 1,000th quilt made and donated by the Seaside Piecemakers Quilt Club is **Lois Salyer** of Viera. The drawing was held at the end of the Friends of the Library Book Sale in October and was picked up by Randy Cuti, as seen in this photo.



Please fill out this form and leave cash or check (made out to Friends of the Library) at the front desk. Thank you! Please be Generous.

Platinum—\$1,000, Gold—\$500, Silver—\$250
Bronze—\$100, Sustaining—\$25, Family—\$10,
Individual—\$5

YES, I Want to Help Our Library!

Name: _____

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Library Hours

Sunday—Closed

Mon & Tues—9 AM–8 PM

Wed & Thu—10 AM–6 PM

Fri & Sat—9 AM–5 PM

Calendar of Upcoming Library Events

Friends of the Suntree/Viera Library meet every 3rd Tuesday at 3 PM in the Main Meeting Room

Brevard Antiques & Collectibles

1st Friday: 10–11:30 AM

Edu-Quilters

3rd Saturday: 9:30 AM–4 PM

Seaside Piecemakers

2nd & 4th Fridays: 10 AM–NOON

Suntree Garden Club

January 11, then 1st Monday:
9:30 AM–NOON

Knitting — Sit & Stitch

1st Tues. & 3rd Wed: 1–3 PM

Space Coast Stamping

2nd Tuesday: NOON–2 PM

LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

4th Thursday: 10–11 AM

Jan. 26: *“Sister”* by Rosamund Lupton

Feb. 23: *“Please Look After Mom”*
by Kyung-Sook Shin

March 22: *“Turn of Mind”*
by Alice LaPlante

PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Storytime: Tuesdays 10 & 11 AM
Age: 2 years and older with an Adult

Storytime: Thursdays 10 & 11 AM
Age: 2 years and older with an Adult

REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED

NOS BOOK CLUB EVERYONE IS INVITED!

2nd Thursday: 2–4 PM

Jan. 12: *“Room”* by Emma Donoghue
Reviewer: Donna Golden OR Vicki Simms

Feb. 9: *“A Fine Balance”* by Rohinton Mistry
Reviewer: Linda Yastko

March 8: *“Unbroken”* by Laura Hillenbrand
Reviewer: Sue Kaplan OR Vicki Simms

April 12: *“State of Wonder”* by Ann Patchett
Reviewer: Vicki McGuire Travis

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Jan. 2: New Year Holiday

Jan. 16: Dr. Martin Luther King Day