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President's Report



Bobbi Shaw

Here is an update on what the Friends of our library have been doing. In the past few months in the Children's Section we have replaced the little rocking chair. The kids seem to love it. We have purchased yet another bookcase which was truly needed for the main part of the library. We also have had K&Y Carpets give us a quote for flooring in the behind-the-scenes area of the break room. It is much needed as the area gets a lot of traffic and deliveries. There are always things on Mary Scholtz's wish list that need to be accomplished, and we usually manage to do so.

It is that time of year for our Fall Book FAIR. We will now be using that word since I learned that many businesses will not put up a sign if money is involved. See the dates above and put them on your calendar! At this Fair we will sell raffle tickets for a lap-size quilt donated by the Seaside Piecemakers.

I am always in awe of the items that our library needs and does not get from the County. Have I told you that the Friends pay for all the window cleaning, and there are lots of windows?

Recently we have had contributions from our donors that are above and beyond our membership dues. Thank you! I would like to remind everyone that your membership has to be current to get in on the first day of our Fall Book Fair which is open to all up-to-date members on Wednesday, October 19.

Soon after October 5th we will be asking for volunteers for the Book Fair. You can answer the e-mail that you will receive, or call or e-mail the Friends. Also, anyone can attend our monthly Friends meetings every third Tuesday at 3pm.

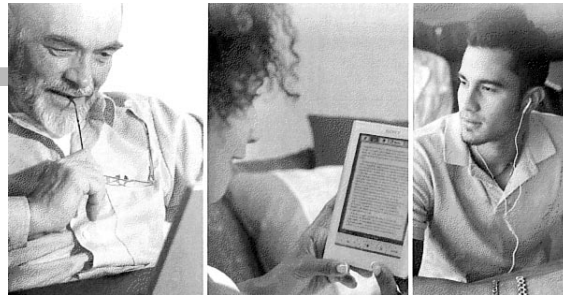
Our Fall Booksale is Coming Up!

Oct. 19 Wednesday —3-6 pm
(Members of the Friends Only)

Oct. 20 Thursday —10 am-5 pm

Oct. 21 Friday —9 am-4 pm

Oct. 22 Saturday —9 am-4 pm
(Bag Sale)



Download Library eBooks!

There have been a lot of exciting developments at Brevard County Libraries lately! E-books have finally arrived. We have over 3,000 titles available for downloading. You can download both books and audio books. There are many options for reading devices, from computers to e-readers to iPads and iPods. There's even an app in the app store. It is all available to you from home, so go to www.brevard.lib.overdrive.com to get started. Follow the instructions on the left side of the page. Be patient the first time you try it, because you will have to set up your device and download some applications.

In addition to our new e-book capabilities, we now have a new automated system to notify you when your Hold comes in. You can get an email notification or receive an automated phone call.

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Our Library



*Mary Scholtz,
Director*

We now have a brand new toll-free number you can call to check the status of your account and renew items from home. Just call 1-855-210-0357. Of course, if you'd like to talk to a real person, please call the Suntree/Viera Library at 255-4404. We like talking to a real, live person too!

Here are some fun statistics from our Summer Reading program. We had 979 children sign up, and between them they read a total of 570,389 minutes. That's 9,506 hours the kids spent reading this summer! We are so proud of them and offer a big Thank You to the Friends of our library for their support of this popular program!

Library Budget Maintained

On Sept. 13, 2011, at the Brevard County Budget meeting, the Board of Commissioners voted 3-2 to cut \$84 million from next year's budget. Some people wanted even more severe cuts, which might have crippled our libraries which in turn might invite a sale to a private company for their profit. These juicy government contract sales have become quite advantageous for attracting corporate campaign contributions for particular political candidates.

Nearly 100 yellow shirted library supporters were present. This included all that were in the County Building's first floor meeting room, the two upper floor rooms, and the spillover in the hallways where people viewed the proceedings during the hearing. This did not include the many who

contacted us to say that they were committed to wearing shirts of other colors to show support of other groups they are affiliated with. It seems that many library lovers, by their nature, are also active and supportive in many other community support organizations.

Since people are more important than ideologies and politicking, most people in Brevard welcomed the lower but sustainable budget as a valid attempt to maintain services during financially troubled times. This is a comparative success at fiscally responsible government in a politically charged environment.

Our own District 4 Commissioner Mary Bolin voted to accept this budget and maintain our library.

Thank you all—our friends and lovers of libraries.

Ken Previti



Donor Brick Program

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**Never read a book through
merely because
you have begun it.**

John Witherspoon
US clergyman, educator, & politician
(1723 - 1794)

Donor Brick is one of the best ways to recognize someone you really care about. Be it a special birthday or anniversary, or the birth of a grandchild, or to honor the memory of a special someone in your life, Donor Brick is an ideal way to show your feelings. Your message will be there for a long time to come. And at the same time, you are helping the library. Donors also receive a one year membership to *Friends of the Suntree/Viera Library* at no cost.

The Donor Brick program is run by the Friends. Each 4" x 8" brick costs \$50, and you can have your message of up to 60 characters engraved in three lines. Once donated, the bricks will be installed by the walkway on the left side of the library entrance. Please call Ken Patwari at 622-4734 for more information, or pick up a donation form from the library.



Library Art Exhibit

Betty Minton, 1st Vice President

September 12 – December 12, 2011

Our new exhibition consists of five very talented artists from the Central Brevard Art Association. Pat Bowlds describes her beautiful watercolor landscapes as somewhat traditional with strong notes of impressionism. Her paintings of coastal Chesapeake, Maryland, are peaceful and serene. We have two photographers who capture the world around us. Rich Eginton comes from a family of artists and, as a child, the Polaroid camera was his favorite toy. He loves the opportunity to capture unexpected moments as you see in his photographs of sunrise in Florida. Dwight Greenberg uses his camera to take striking portraits of Florida birds. The gray tones with just a touch of color along with pattern contrasts of feathers and ripples are brilliantly captured. The painterly portrait of Yul Brynner by Gail Bishop will bring back fond memories of the musical “The King and I.” Her watercolor and oil canvases on display show her love of landscapes and animals. The dramatic watercolor portraits by Connie Marshall will affirm your love of Florida. The beautiful close-ups of birds and flowers in nature’s outstanding colors are a joy to behold!

Welcome to the Fall Exhibit at your Suntree/Viera Library!

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The Friends of the Suntree/Viera Library will be selling raffle tickets for this lovely quilt donated by the Seaside Piecemakers Quilt Club of Satellite Beach. It is on display at the library, and the tickets will be \$1.00 apiece, or 6 for \$5.00. This is the 100th quilt donated by the Piecemakers, and we hope that it will be the most successful as far as ticket sales go. If you haven’t already viewed it at the library, please go and see it!

Bobbi Shaw–Friends President, Rosaline Croll–Seaside Piecemakers, and Mary Scholtz–Library Director, hold up the beautiful Lap Quilt



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!

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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

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 (EXCEPT DECEMBER)

Sept 22: “*Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter*”
by Tom Franklin

Oct. 27: “*Sing You Home*” by Jodi Picoult

Dec. 7: “*The Dressmaker of Khair Khana*”
by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon

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

LEARN TO DRAW

with Robert Lebron

Thursday, **Sept 22:** 9:30 AM–2 PM

Ages 7-10 only. Please bring paper and pencil.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

NOS BOOK CLUB EVERYONE INVITED!

2nd Thursday: 2–4 PM

Oct. 13: “*Kapitoil*” by Teddy Wayne
Reviewer: Joyce Noe

Nov. 10: “*Warmth of Other Suns*”
by Isabel Wilkerson
Reviewer: Patty Showen

Dec. 8: “*The Hunger Games*”
by Suzanne Collins
Reviewer: Sue Kaplan