



## President's Report



*Bobbi Shaw*



*Mary Scholtz, Director*



## Our Library

Welcome to the New Year, 2011! Many things were accomplished at your library in 2010 because of the many new members we brought in during the year. The Friends supplied the library with much needed new book carts. We were also able to fund the supply of "Stellar Sellers" and new books that were cut from the budget since last October. Large print books came next on our agenda. This all totaled to \$15,000.

As the year was about to end with the Christmas season, we wanted to show our support to the staff and volunteers, so we gave them the usual Christmas luncheon and catered goodies. A great way to end the year. Some volunteers also brought in homemade treats. It is your support, with your membership donations that enable us to do these things.

Our semi-annual Book Sales, of your donated books, brought in over \$10,000. The daily book sales inside the Library have generated almost as much as the two yearly sales combined. Our outside recycle bin has brought in several hundred dollars. Way to go, Suntree/Viera community! Many of our members contribute much more than the regular membership dues. Our community is growing, so please tell your friends about the Friends. Make donations through us that directly benefit our very own library.

And, what will we do in 2011? A big project is planned. The Community

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Happy New Year! I'd like to take a moment to thank the Friends for all they do for the library throughout the year. The Friends paid for every Stellar Seller book (those best sellers with the pink strip on them) last year, and this year at \$10,000 per year. This year they are also picking up the purchasing of the large print books at a cost of \$5,000. The Friends pay for the entire Summer Reading Program featuring programs and Book Buck prizes at about \$3,000 annually. The Friends have purchased book carts which you see us using as we shelve books. They've purchased computers in the Children's Room, and you should see those little children. They are completely computer literate while they are learning how to be literate!

Membership and donations to the Friends directly benefit the Suntree/Viera Library. So if your neighbors ask you why they should join the Friends, be sure to tell them all the important things the Friends have done to keep the Suntree/Viera Library open for business.

February is Library Lover's Month. Watch for new displays throughout the library!

The Children's Department is already planning for the Summer Reading Program. We are scheduling programs and ordering prizes. Each individual library finances its own Summer Reading Program with funds donated through their own Friends groups. We start planning very early because we have over 900 Suntree/Viera children who participate each year.

"A knowledge of different literatures is the best way to free one's self from the tyranny of any of them." Jose Marti *On Oscar Wilde*, 1882



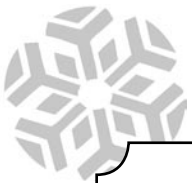


## Presidents' Circle Gets New Brick

Please notice the Presidents' Circle of donated bricks that ring the flag on the traffic island outside the library's main entrance. The Circle honors those who were elected and served as president of the Friends of the Library during each year of the Suntree/Viera Library's existence.

A new brick has been added to honor Bobbi Shaw for her 2010 tenure.

(If you would like to honor a special person, group or event with a decorative library brick, please contact us for details at [greatlibraryfriends@yahoo.com](mailto:greatlibraryfriends@yahoo.com).)



**Robert Lipsyte**  
*Center Field, 2010*

*"My dad and I went to the library every week the way other kids and dads went to the ball-park. We played catch with ideas the rest of our lives."*

## The Friends' Annual Election is Coming Up!

The Friends of the Suntree/Viera Library will hold their annual meeting to elect the Board of Directors for 2011 on February 18, 2011, at 3 pm in the Community Room of the library. Nominations from the floor are welcome from the entire membership. All new nominees need to be present and agree to their nomination.

Nominated for office for 2011:

**Bobbi Shaw:** President

**Betty Minton:** First Vice President

**Clyde Shaw:** Second Vice President

**Wayne Casebolt:** Treasurer

**April Marino:** Corresponding Secretary

**Ken Patwari:** Recording Secretary



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Room is in dire need of new flooring. (This is the room where the book sales and activities/conferences/seminars are held.) And we are going to do it with your donations. New carpet tiles/flooring will be installed within the next few months. If our members support us, we will be able to meet our library's "wish list" in many ways.

The Friends of the Library invite you to join us every third Tuesday of the month at 3:00 pm to participate in our discussions and give us your input and support.

I leave you with this thought: Please generously renew your 2011 membership! We wish you a happy New Year.

**Randy Susan Meyers, *The Murderer's Daughters*, 2010**

*"Troubled and neglected kids can be saved by books — and I don't use those words as hyperbole. I was raised by books, walking the 20 or so Brooklyn blocks it took to get to my neighborhood library branch. Like the steady family I'd wished I had, it was always there. The beauty of books isn't just that they transport, they heal, they teach, and they soothe. On the loneliest of days, they ask no more than being picked up. In the worst of times, they stand by. Without libraries, I'd never have learned that."*



Betty Minton, First VP

## Library Art Exhibit



**December 14 – March 13, 2011**

The unexpected cold winter weather in Brevard has been displayed realistically by artist **Ric Daly**, a former science teacher, with his hauntingly gray acrylic paintings. **Richard Krutenat** began his art study in 1994 and continued as he moved around the Northeast and Chicago. He describes his oil paintings as expressive of his own beliefs and his exploratory nature. A self-taught wood worker and painter, **Bruce Reigle** displays acrylic paintings of local parks, restaurants and beaches. You may recognize the familiar Cocoa Village. A poet and painter, **M. Joyce Athey**, who was a missionary in Ethiopia, shows divine energy and emotion in her cubist style watercolor prints on canvas. **Beth Greenberg**, a native of Connecticut, uses sketches and photographs of Florida scenes to create her beautiful watercolor paintings. As you enter the main library, you will be greeted by the work of **Carol Cowan Wilen**. Her watercolor paintings of vibrant pink flamingos will help you remember you are still in warm, sunny Florida.

When it is cold outside, the library is a great place to come and spend comfortable quality time!

## THE FRIENDS

### 2010 Board Members:

President–Bobbi Shaw  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President–Betty Minton  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President –Clyde Shaw  
Treasurer–Wayne Casebolt  
Corresponding Secretary–  
April Marino  
Recording Secretary–  
Bobbie Hoover  
Library Director–Mary Scholtz

### 2011 Committees:

Book Sales–Bobbi Shaw  
Membership–April Marino  
Liaison–Sigrid Foerch  
Community Relations–  
Rita D’Amico  
Art Exhibits–Betty Minton  
Advocacy–Ken Previt  
Bricks–Ken Patwari

### Email:

GreatLibraryFriends@yahoo.com

### Barbara Kingsolver, *The Lacuna*, 2009

*“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.”*



**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

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### Library Hours:

**Sunday**—Closed  
**Mon & Tues**—9 AM–8 PM  
**Wed & Thu**—10 AM–6 PM  
**Fri**—9 AM–5 PM  
**Saturday**—9 AM–5 PM

## Calendar of Upcoming Library Events

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

### **Brevard Antiques & Collectibles**

1<sup>st</sup> Friday: 10–NOON

### **Edu-Quilters**

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday: 9:30 AM–2 PM

### **Seaside Piecemakers**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays: 9 AM–1 PM

### **Suntree Garden Club**

1<sup>st</sup> Monday: 9:30 AM–NOON

### **Knitting — Sit & Stitch**

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday: 1–3 PM

### **Space Coast Stamping**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday: NOON–2 PM

### **The Friends' Book Sale:**

April 21– April 23, 2011  
Friends Members only: April 20

### **LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday: 10–11 AM

#### **Jan. 27:** *“Island Beneath the Sea”*

by Isabel Allende

#### **Feb. 24:** *“Let the Great World Spin”*

by Colum McCann

#### **March 24:** *“Cutting for Stone”*

by Abraham Verghese

### **PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

**Toddler time:** Tuesdays 11 AM

Age: 24–36 months old with an Adult

**Storytime:** Thursdays 11 AM

Age: 3–5 years old

REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED

### **NOS BOOK CLUB** EVERYONE IS INVITED

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday: 2–4 PM

#### **Jan. 20:** *“19<sup>th</sup> Wife”* (Mormons)

by David Ebershoff

Reviewer: “J” Gargan

#### **Feb. 17:** *“Fortune’s Rock”* (Infidelity)

by Anita Schriver

Reviewer: Joyce Noe

#### **March 17:** *“Year of Wonders”*

by Geraldine Brooks and *“The Plague”*

by Albert Camus (Perspectives)

### **SUNTREE/VIERA PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every 2<sup>nd</sup> Month