

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our season of meetings and programs got off to a very good start last month. Noha Ismail, whose book 'East of the Sun – A Memoir', spoke on her journey of leaving Egypt and moving to the United States. She related how she and her family transitioned and was absorbed into the American culture. Her book is available on Amazon.

We are still looking for volunteers to fill some of our committee chairs. If you take on one of these positions, you attend 1 board meeting and 1 regular meeting from Sept. thru May. Lunch Chair is responsible for taking our lunch orders either via email or phone. The order is then given to Jason's by noon the day before our meeting. Then you collect the money for our orders and distribute the lunches. Historian is responsible to take pictures at our meetings and any program sponsored by the Friends. You then post some of them on the picture board in the Nook. We would also like someone to volunteer to assist the Publicity Chair, she cannot make all the meeting, so you would be responsible to let her know what programs are coming up. I am happy to say we now have a new Display Case Chair, Julie Laffargue.

Ladies start talking to your husbands or significant others about helping in January to transport books from the storage area to the library. We need a few helpers that can lift boxes of books. More details later in the year.

In October we will host the Lee County Library Advisory Board. Our own Len Ahlfeld is president.

October 19 -25 is National Friends of the Library week. Thanks to all who have given of their time and

money in support of the Friends.

Looking forward to seeing you at our October meeting.

Jane Ann Kennedy,



1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Although 1000 Books Before Kindergarten started only 7 months ago, we have seen some very impressive results! The program is a system-wide initiative to encourage parents to read 1000 books to their children before they start school. Both parents and children have really taken to the program and we have over 243 children enrolled with a combined number of 24,600 books read! We recently held a graduation program for all the children to attend and have seven children who have read 1000 books. They each received a picture book, thanks to the generous support of our Friends! We look forward to what the new school year will bring and how many more books our littlest patrons will read!

Submitted by Kelsey Bates, Youth Services Librarian

MESSAGE FROM THE BRANCH MANAGER

Have you noticed new DVD titles on the shelves in the Audiovisual area at your library? The Lee County Library System has started floating most of the adult and teen audiovisual materials. Floating is a collection management tool that allows an item to stay at the library where it is returned. The benefit is that material collections are refreshed all over the System as DVDs, Music CDs and Books on CD do not travel back to the original branch. Another plus is fewer items in transit and possibly shorter wait time for requests to be filled. It is an exciting time as the staff works to ensure that we either have what you want on the shelf or are able to get items for you as quickly as possible. Thank you for your patience and support!

Jill Horrom, Branch Manager

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**LEE COUNTY LIBRARY
ADVISORY BOARD**

Len Ahlfeld

MEETINGS

September thru May
2nd Friday of the Month
Lakes Regional Library

11:30 AM Meeting
12:00 noon Lunch
1:00 PM Guest Speaker

**WELCOME NEW
MEMBERS**

**Rosemarie
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OCTOBER GUEST AUTHORS

Beverle Graves Myers will be our Author-Speaker on October 10th at 1:00 PM.

Beverle is the author of a historical mystery series featuring a most unusual sleuth. **Tito Amato** is a castrato singer, a *divo* of the 18th-century opera stage, who lives and works in Venice during the last few decades of the Republic's tumultuous decline. The castration forced upon him as a young boy could easily have made Tito a better man, but in his case, the physical violation resulted in empathy for anyone wronged by a repressive, uncaring society. A friendless stranger, a Jew of the Venetian ghetto, a Carnival dwarf, a wise woman of the Old Religion, a murdered servant whose master would like to simply forget her- Tito seeks justice for all. For the Friends of the Library program, Bev will share her inspiration for the Tito Amato mystery series and stories from her own onsite research in Venice. She'll bring a copy of her latest novel, *Whispers of Vivaldi* to raffle and also have previous books from the series on hand to sell.



LEE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM CELEBRATES A MILESTONE 50 YEARS

50 years ago the Lee County Board of County Commissioners voted to establish, operate and maintain a countywide, tax-supported free library system. This vote came about because of a grass roots effort of Friends groups and volunteers of the libraries. The Library System will hold celebratory events at all 13 libraries throughout the fiscal year from October 2014 through September 2015. For more info go to leelibrary.net.

October 10, 2014

Lunch Menu - \$10.00
(From Jason's Deli)



Traditional Box: with lettuce & tomato. *Meat choices:* oven-roasted turkey breast, chicken salad with almonds & pineapple, tuna salad with eggs, roast beef, or premium ham. *Bread choices:* white, whole grain wheat, or rye. Includes baked chips and chocolate chip cookie.

Zucchini Grillini Box: grilled zucchini, muenster, organic spinach, red onions, roma tomatoes, kalamata olives, roasted red pepper hummus, toasted on 9-grain artisan bread. Includes baked chips and fruit.

Big Chef Salad Box: premium ham, oven-roasted turkey breast, Swiss, cheddar, tomatoes, kalamata olives and hard-boiled egg slices on mixed salad greens. Includes chocolate chip cookie and fresh-made ranch dressing. *Request any special dressing needs when ordering.*

Added Special Salad - \$12

Nutty Mixed-Up Salad Box: organic field greens, grapes, natural grilled chicken breast, feta, nuts, dried cranberries, pumpkin seeds, organic apples & raisins with balsamic vinaigrette. Includes chocolate chip cookie.

Arizona iced tea, coffee, hot tea are provided. Sharing and brown bagging are OK.

For LUNCH ORDERS call **CINDY AHRENS** at 239-454-0957 or 612-790-1913 (cell) or e-mail cindyahrens@netzero.net by **noon Wednesday, October 8, 2014.**

PROGRAMS AT LAKES LIBRARY

Bullying Prevention

Wednesday October 8, 2014, at 6:00 PM
Because of the content, this program is for Adults and High School students only. A screening of *Bully*, Lee Hirsch's powerful documentary film on peer-to-peer bullying in schools across America will be followed by a discussion led by the National Alliance on Mental Health.
Registration Required, 533-4000 option #3

Parent Workshop – Finding the Perfect Book for Your Child

Tuesday, October 14, 2014, at 6:30 PM
Need help in finding the perfect book for your child? Come and learn about how to encourage children to love what they read! This workshop is designed for parents but children may attend.
Registration Required, 533-4000 option #3.

Preschool S.T.E.M.: Technology

Thursday, October 16, 2014, at 10:30 AM
Calling on all curious kiddos! This new program series will explore the fun side of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (S.T.E.M.)! This month's session will focus on hands-on technology for children ages 3-5 years with their caregivers. Bring the curiosity, the library will supply the rest.
This program is sponsored by the Friends of Lakes Library.
Registration required, 533-4000 option #3.

ENGLISH CAFÉ

**Mondays, October 13, 20, 27 at 6:00 PM
Conference Room B**

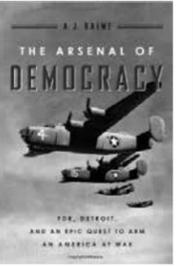
The 90-minute sessions provide adult learners an opportunity to practice speaking English with Native speakers. Topics include everyday situations, current events, and cultural areas.

**Participants may start at any time.
Advance registration is not necessary**

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

***The Arsenal of Democracy* by A. J. Baime**

Tuesday October 21 at 2:00 PM
Read and discuss this book by A. J. Baime. *The Arsenal of Democracy: FDR, Detroit, and an Epic Quest to Arm an America at War.* Baime recounts the tremendous challenge of converting from automobile to aircraft production in World War II and the personality clashes between FDR and Henry Ford.

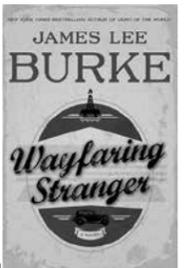


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BOOK REVIEW

***Wayfaring Stranger* by James Lee Burke**

In this new historical thriller by James Lee Burke, we follow Weldon Holland, a World War II veteran, who finds the biggest fight of his life is yet to come. Set primarily in the heart of the post World War oil boom in the Gulf Coast region, Weldon's traditional small town ideals are tested by the tycoons who want to either claim what he has or destroy it. The principal characters struggle with their morality as they are constantly harassed and threatened in a world where friend and foe is sometimes the same person. I found this book difficult to put down, always wondering which adversary will challenge Weldon's honor next. If you're familiar with Burke's work you will find his writing more daring than ever.



Display Case

The Decorative Artists of Southwest Florida (DASF) are observing International Painting Month this October. Visit our Display Case and see articles painted by DASF members and learn what decorative painting is about. They extend an invitation to try out decorative painting by attending one or two programs as a guest of DASF. For more information visit their website DASFartists.com. Non painters need not worry, everyone can learn to paint the decorative painting way!