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BOARD MEMBER'S CORNER

My association with the Friends began in 2002 when signing up to become a member at Rutenberg Library. At the second meeting a Recording Secretary was needed and I volunteered. At that time our meetings and luncheons were held at Myerlee Manor. Since the opening of our beautiful Lakes Library in 2005 the meetings and luncheons are now held at the library.

I have continued as the Recording Secretary taking minutes at Board and General Meetings and for a time sent out thank you notes to new members. When the Book Nook was shelved and staffed shortly after the opening, I started volunteering on Monday mornings.

The friendships I've formed over the years through the Friends has been a gift to me. I urge existing members to encourage their friends to join the Friends and become a part of this great organization.

Flo Morris, Secretary

LIBRARY MANAGER CORNER

Since our wonderful Friends group will be taking a well-deserved vacation for the months of June, July and August, I was invited to give you a preview of what the Lee County Library System will be highlighting in those months.

In June, our "Did You Know the library has" segment is about audio books for checkout and downloading! We have three formats to listen to a book. First, you may check out a CD book from our shelves to listen to in your car or wherever you have a CD player. Another option is to check out a Playaway. This is a format that is quite unique. The

Did You Know?

whole book is contained on a cassette-type device. You only need ear buds, a couple batteries and you are set! The third choice is to use your MP3 player to listen to a downloaded book via Overdrive, our downloading software which is available for free to all patrons with a library card. Downloadable books are available at our Download Depot station or you can do it from your home computer.

Our "Did you know..." for the month of July is about our DVD and Blu-ray collections. Lee County Library System has a rich, varied, and diverse collection of entertainment, non-fiction and world language films for your viewing pleasure. Some are available in both the DVD format and in the Blu-ray format. (Just a reminder....you can watch a DVD on a Blu-ray player but you cannot watch a Blu-ray on a DVD player). Know that we will have the newest and best as soon as they are available.

For the month of August, the focus is on "Did you know that the library has exclusive electronic subscription services on the library's website - leelibrary.net!" When you go to our website, please take a moment to click and browse the "E-SOURCES" tab at the top of the homepage. As you know, Internet resources may (or may not) be trustworthy but when you click on these databases, you can be assured of their authenticity and reliability because of the reputation of the publishers that produce them. From legal, medical, government, car repair, to research information and much more, we stand behind these resources.

This brings us to September already but you will have to wait to find out what we have to tell you! In the meantime, if you have questions about any of these library resources or anything else that the library offers, please feel free to ask a staff member and they will be happy to help you.

I hope to see you soon at Lakes Regional Library!

Joanne Fischer, Principal Librarian

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FRIENDS OF LAKES REGIONAL LIBRARY

Name Address City State Zip Phone Email Use my alternative address from to Address City State Zip

- I would like to volunteer in the Nook. Please call me. I would like to help the Friends group. Please contact me if you need help with

Please mail application and check to: Friends of Lakes Regional Library 15290 Bass Road Fort Myers, FL 33919 Please check membership category: Student \$5 Individual \$10 Family \$25 Lifetime \$250

Or drop off at the Library's main desk TOTAL amount enclosed \$

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MEETINGS

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

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

YOUTH SUMMER READING

The temperature is heating up and school is out; it's time for Summer Reading once again! The Youth Services department is delighted to host this annual reading extravaganza for children of all ages. This year's theme is "Fizz, Boom, Read!" Our school-age kids can attend a variety of science-based special events, including "The Science of Star Wars," "Bubbles, Balloons, and More Hair-Raising Experiments," "The Magical Science of Harry Potter," and many more. In addition, kids of all ages can earn a free prize book by completing a special BINGO card with literacy activities. To extend the fun, the Youth Services staff will transform our ordinary Study Room into a Mad Scientist Lab. The lab will feature hands-on science experiments for the children to try each week. Last summer over 1,200 kids participated in Summer Reading and we expect to surpass that number this year. We are very grateful for the generous support from our Friends. Your assistance helps provide prize books, crafts, and special events for our youngest patrons. We couldn't do it without you!



Submitted by **Chrissie Bishop**
Youth Services Senior Librarian

TEEN SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2014

School is out – that means Summer Reading at Lakes Regional has started! Teens can "Spark a Reaction" at the library this summer by picking up a game board at the Information Desk. The Scrabble-style board has squares with reading-related activities for teens to complete. Weekly programs from crafts to board games to book discussions are scheduled throughout the summer. Teen bucks are earned for each square on the board completed and every program attended. The bucks can be spent on books and prizes at the end of summer party. The Friends of the Lakes Regional Library generously provide the funds for the Teen Summer Reading program prizes, books and program supplies. Thanks to your support, the participating teens are guaranteed to have a great summer!



Submitted by **Jill Horrom**,
Head of Reference

NOOK NOTES

HELP!! HELP!!

We need used books! Bring them in so we can sell them in the Nook. The money we make is used to support the Summer Reading Programs and other indispensable projects.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Barry & Cheryl Fulmer
Linda Johnson
Nora Mihelick
Carol Silverman
Shirley Stewart

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Coolidge by Amity Shales

2:00 PM, Tuesday June 17, 2014, Meeting Room B.

Amity Shales provides a reexamination of America's thirtieth president, Calvin Coolidge, and the decade of unparalleled growth that the nation enjoyed under his leadership.

Registration required. 533-4000 option #3



The Second Machine Age by Erick Brynjolfsson and Andrew McAfee

2:00 PM, Tuesday August 19, 2014, Meeting Room B.

The second Machine Age: Work, Progress, and Prosperity in a time of Brilliant Technologies. The authors reveal the forces driving the reinvention of our lives and our economy. Drawing on years of research and up-to-the-minute trends the authors identify the best strategies for survival and offer a new path to prosperity.

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BOOK REVIEW

Train: Riding the Rails that Created the Modern World – From the Trans-Siberian to the Southwest Chief by Tom Zoellner

Zoellner's book is not so much a history of trains throughout the world but more of a story of how trains have impacted society around the globe. Although there is a little bit about the history of some historic routes, the bulk of the book describes past and present economic and political issues dealing with railroad policy and the author's encounters with the diverse people he meets while travelling on four continents. In his stories of the people involved in making innovative improvements to train travel, Zoellner provides numerous examples of how, for better and for worse, railroads changed the world in very dramatic ways. The author also reveals a pessimistic view of the future of passenger service in the U.S. where many have never been on a real train.

Submitted by **Kevin Wells**, Reference Librarian



ENGLISH CAFÉ

Mondays, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 6:00 PM
July 14, 21, 28 at 6:00 PM
August 4, 11, 18, 25 at 6:00 PM

Meeting 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

Display Case

Be sure to stop and look at the Display Case across from the nook.

June – Jenny Bevins will display her Beanie Baby Bears collection.

Beanie Babies were introduced by Ty Warner Inc. in 1993 and became collectible items in 1995. Jenny has been collecting the Bears since then and now has a total of 90. There are bears for each 'season' of the year and these will be displayed in order from New Year's Day through Christmas, along with several 'miscellaneous' bears including the most 'famous' Princess the Bear which was introduced after Princess Diana's death in 1997 as a limited edition.

Each Beanie Baby is stuffed with plastic pellets (beans) to give them a flexible feel; each has a heart-shaped tag with date of birth, name and a short four-line poem.

July – Flo Kornman will be sharing some of her seashell collection with us,

August - "Special memories of childhood books" by Candace Patton

For many of us, coming across a much loved book from childhood brings forth many wonderful memories. Candace will display a number of these well-loved "friends" with a memory attached. Perhaps you remember a summer day or a cozy room where you delved into the deliciousness of the words and time stayed suspended in the world that was created. . . . If you have such a special book and would like to share your thoughts as well please contact Candace Patton at cpatton712@aol.com.