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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL  
 FRIENDS OF LAKES REGIONAL LIBRARY**

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- 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  
 Or drop off at the Library's main desk

Please check membership category:  
 Student \$5     Family \$25  
 Individual \$10     Lifetime \$250

TOTAL amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I wish I could tell you how much we made at our Big Book Sale on Jan. 23, but since this goes to the publisher before the sale we will have to wait until next month. Here is a recap of our income and expenses for 2015. We made \$25,555 on books, \$1,000 in donations and \$3,065 in membership dues. Our major administrative expenses were \$3,096 for the Focus and \$1,686 for sales tax. The monies spent for the Lakes Regional Library were \$2,686 for periodicals for adults and youth, Story Garden maintenance \$1,620, Book Page \$1,440, youth programs \$1,335, new microphones \$1,333, Summer Reading program \$1,139 and \$900 for adult programs. We are very fortunate to have our Friends Nook and our annual book sale to be able to contribute this money to our library. Thank you to everyone who buys a book or a cup of coffee that allows us to spend this amount of money.

any or all of these volunteers please RSVP if you will be attending. The committee has been working very hard on this project.

Our February 12 speaker will be Lisa Black, one of our favorite speakers.

**Jane Ann Kennedy, President**

**MESSAGE FROM THE BRANCH MANAGER**

Hello, Friends!

The weather has finally turned winter-like down here in sunny Southwest Florida. It is great weather to stay inside and read a book. Or, take a book with you as you head out to enjoy all our area has to offer. If you are looking for a new author or checking on the latest from a favorite author, speak with the staff at the public service desks. Talking about books is one of our favorite things to do! While you are in the library, let us know what you think about our services. We are always looking for ways to improve our library. As always, thank you for your support.



**Jill Horrom, Branch Manager**

**WE ♥ VOLUNTEERS**

February 24 is our Volunteer Appreciation Tea. This is for all Lakes library volunteers, Nook volunteers and Book Sale volunteers. If you are

*The Book Sale's done  
 We had great fun  
 But now it's true  
 That we are blue  
 The Nook is bare  
 And if you care...  
**BRING IN YOUR BOOK DONATIONS!!***

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#### MEETINGS

September thru May  
2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month  
Lakes Regional Library

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

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Donna Burel  
Teri Cooper

## FEBRUARY GUEST AUTHOR

**LISA BLACK RETURNS TO LAKES REGIONAL!  
Friday, February 12, 2016 at 1:00 PM**

Forensic mystery author Lisa Black states she “spent the happiest 5 years of my life in a morgue.” She was a forensic scientist at the Cuyahoga County Coroner’s Office (Ohio) where she analyzed gunshot residue, hairs, fibers, paint, glass, DNA, blood, and many other forms of trace evidence, as well as crime scenes. Black now works as a latent print examiner for the City of Cape Coral police department. She has visited Lakes Regional Library several times in the past to share her work experiences plus her writing tips. The 7th title in the Theresa McLean series is *CLOSE TO THE BONE* (2014). As reviewed by Phil Jason in the 11/26-12/2/14 FLORIDA WEEKLY: “...none of her other novels has brought us into [forensics] with as much detail.... *CLOSE TO THE BONE* is a winner.”

Join us. Reservations NOT required.

Friday, February 12, 2016

Lunch Menu - \$10.00  
(from Jason’s Deli)

**Traditional Sandwich 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.

#### 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 FLO MORRIS @ 239-481-7680 or e-mail [floram1@yahoo.com](mailto:floram1@yahoo.com) by noon Wednesday, February 10, 2016.



## ENGLISH CAFÉ

Mondays, February. 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd  
and 29th 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

## PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

**Janina Birtolo Performs; Sarah Bernhardt, “La Vie Divine!”**

**Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 2:00 PM**  
“LA VIE DIVINE! is about the famous turn-of-the-century French actress Sarah Bernhardt. In this one-woman show Janina Birtolo as Bernhardt recounts how passion pushed her along and kept her acting long after others would have retired or died.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of Lakes Regional Library.  
Registration is required, 533-4000 option #3

**Master Gardner Program  
Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 2:00 PM**

Master Gardner Mark Trask will answer all your questions about seeds. He will also talk about why some seeds stay “ready” for years while some seeds don’t work after six months, and why seeds don’t require sunshine to grow.

Registration is required, 533-4000 option #3

## DISPLAY CASE

Pottery (more generally called ceramics) is perhaps the oldest manufactured product in the world, shards of hand-made pottery found in archeological digs provide deep insights into how ancient people lived and worked. Today, pottery-making as both art and craft continues to be pursued in homes and studios by millions of people around the world. In February, Don Long will display some of the pottery he has made, along with various books he has collected on the history of pottery, the methods of production, and the various types of decorations.

Lucy Breitung

## BOOK DISCUSSION

*H is for Hawk*  
by Helen Macdonald  
Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 2:00 PM

When Helen Macdonald’s father dies and she is knocked sideways by grief, she becomes obsessed with the idea of training her own goshawk. She buys Mabel for 800 pounds on a Scottish quayside and takes her home to Cambridge. Then she fills the freezer with hawk food and unplugs the phone, ready to embark on the long, strange business of trying to train this wildest of animals.

Registration required, 533-4000 option #3.



## BOOK REVIEW

*Spinster: Making a Life of One’s Own*  
By Kate Bolick

What better way to celebrate February, the month of love, than by reading a book about being single? Kate Bolick, contributing editor to The Atlantic, gives a moving account of her single status in her memoir *Spinster: Making a Life of One’s Own*. While discussing her own personal reasons for remaining single, Bolick also reveals her “five awakers,” the people who inspired her to pursue a life she wanted, rather than a life dictated to her by society. Starting with the death of her mother, Bolick takes her readers on a journey of self-discovery that is at times painful, insightful, and joyful. Along the way, readers are introduced to the five women writers who, through their nontraditional example, encourage Bolick to live authentically. Contrary to being against the institution of marriage, Bolick advocates for women to find the life they want to live and to pursue it, married or not.

Submitted by Karen Gravlin, Reference Librarian



## QUOTE

“A room without books is like a body without a soul”  
Cicero