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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was so nice to have so many members attend our annual Holiday Luncheon last month. We had our election of officers at the lunch. Please check the Focus officer listing (no changes, no new officers). Sheldon Kaye thanked us for the support we provide our library and the entire county system.

At the luncheon Flo Morris and Len Ahlfeld were given certificates acknowledging their years of service to the organization. Please read the article in this Focus for more details. Sheldon Kaye was given a Friends of Lakes Regional Library mug as a small remembrance of his time with us. Sheldon has retired and is moving back to Maine to be with his wife.

Our next business meeting, lunch and author talk is Jan. 13, 2017.

Our next big project is the Book Sale on Jan. 21, 2017. A sign up sheet is in the Nook for any member to volunteer, if you are not able to attend our monthly meetings this will allow you to sign up. Anita Jenkins is the chair for the sale.

Your board has selected Feb. 24, 2017 for the Volunteer Tea. At this time we thank all the volunteers that work so hard in the library, the Nook and the Book Sale. If you are a volunteer please mark this date on your calendar.

Jane Ann Kennedy, President

BIG BOOK SALE
SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2017
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY PRE-SALE
(MEMBERS ONLY)
Friday, January 20 1:00 PM-4:00 PM
HUNDREDS OF BOOKS -- GREAT PRICES
From 50 cents to \$5.00 -- Special Deals

MESSAGE FROM THE BRANCH MANAGER

Hello, Friends and Happy New Year! Your Lakes Library staff has great programs planned for the winter season. If you enjoying knitting, crocheting or embroidery, please join Marie at the Craft Corner. Bring your project and share the space with other like-minded folks! Check the calendar for dates and times.

Early in December, the Lakes staff was able to get together for an afternoon of fun, team building and visioning activities. The Friends generously sponsored the meeting, providing the funds for lunches, snacks and activities. Staff from other libraries generously worked the public service desks so we could all be together. Don't be surprised if a staff member thanks you – it was a great day! Thank you for supporting and advocating for Lakes Regional Library!

Jill Horrom, Branch Manager

Three Honored with Lifetime Memberships

The Board of Friends of Lakes Regional Library voted to recognize Flo Morris, Dee Ahlfeld and Len Ahlfeld by granting them Lifetime Memberships. This is to award Flo, Dee and Len for their long-time service to this organization and thanking them for their uncountable hours of work as board members over many years.

Flo joined the Friends board in 2005 serving until 2014 as Secretary. Her last responsibility to Friends was Lunch Chair where she was responsible for collecting and taking of lunch orders for those attending the General Meetings. Dee served as president for over seven years and coordinated the Big Book Sale for several years.

Len has been the Friends treasurer for ten years, keeping track of the financial health of the organization. He has also been editor of the Focus for 9 years.

Honoring them with Lifetime Memberships is a small but definitive recognition of their broad and deep commitment to this organization and our primary goal -- support of Lakes Regional Library, its thousands of patrons and the joy of reading.



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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:

Please check membership category:

Friends of Lakes Regional Library
 15290 Bass Road
 Fort Myers, FL 33919

Student \$5 Family \$25
 Individual \$10 Lifetime \$250

Or drop off at the Library's main desk

TOTAL amount enclosed \$ _____

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MEETINGS

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

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Virginia Dougherty
Mary Eberwine
Frank Matone
Chuck Noble
Jean Way

JANUARY GUEST AUTHOR

Friday, January 13, 2017 at 1:00PM
J. C. FERGUSON



Ms. Ferguson's biography is interesting and intriguing.during her life, she has been a high-tech manager, lifeguard, IT director, Camp counselor, computer geek, baby sitter, author, computer systems implementer, painter, builder, editor, private pilot, traveler, programmer, teacher, web designer, and entrepreneur. She grew up on a farm and then in a small town in Colorado. In addition to Colorado, she has lived in Massachusetts, Eritrea (Africa), Utah, Rhode Island, Germany, Abaco (Bahamas), Florida, and has traveled to many other places along the way. Her first novel was *The Janus Code* (what if the ultimate computer Firewall protection turned out to be the ultimate computer snooper?) followed by *Mangrove Madness* (an Ernestine "Ernie" Pratt Mystery set in the Florida Gulf Coast). Visit her website at www.jcferguson.net. [Note: Cindy is almost half through *Mangrove Madness* and finds it difficult to put down!]

THE FRIENDS MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAMS ARE FREE
AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC—NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Friday, January 13, 2017

Lunch Menu - \$10.00 (from Jason's)



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.

Spinach Veggie Wrap Box: organic wheat wrap stuffed with organic spinach, fresh-made guacamole and pico, mushrooms and asiago. Served with a side of fresh-made salsa. Includes cookie and fruit.

Chicken Caesar Salad Box: fresh romaine, asiago, croutons and creamy Caesar dressing. Topped with natural grilled chicken breast. Includes chocolate chip cookie.

Chicken Club Salad Box - \$12

Chicken Club Salad: Natural, grilled chicken breast tops mixed salad greens, grape tomatoes, sliced avocado, cheddar, asiago and bacon with fresh-made ranch dressing. Includes a chocolate chip cookie.

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

For LUNCH ORDERS call MARGE FORD @ 330-414-3843 or e-mail librarylunch33@yahoo.com by noon Wednesday, January 11, 2017

DISPLAY CASE

Children's programs, a music stand, DVD shelving, Kona Ice. Books for summer reading prizes, Spheroes, magazine subscriptions and sensory toys. What do all these things have in common? They are all items and services you, as a Friend of Lakes Library, have purchased for the benefit of the library patron over the years. Please stop by the display case and have a look at how your generosity and hard work has impacted us all!



PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

There's a (Library) App for That!

Wednesday January 4, 2017 at 2:00 PM

Learn about some of the free apps you can use to take library content on the go. This class focuses on apps for Kindle devices. Class participants should bring their app-enabled mobile device and know their library card information and Amazon login and password to get the most out of the class. Class size is limited. Registration required, 533-4000 option #3

Craft Corner; Knitting, Crocheting, and Embroidery

Wednesdays, January 11 & 25, 2017 at 2:00 PM

A casual self-guided group of knitters, crocheters, and embroiderers share ideas, techniques and patterns. Attendees should bring their own projects. Registration required, 533-4000 option #3

Master Gardner Program

Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 2:00 PM

Did you know that you can grow almost 90% of the herbs and spices that you use right in your own backyard in our subtropical climate? This includes peppercorns, paprika, capers, cinnamon sticks, and most of the ingredients to make your own condiments such as vanilla extract vinegar, mustard, nut butters, jellies, salsa and hummus. Adrienne Diaz is our January presenter for this informative Master Gardner program. Registration required, 533-4000 option #3

Rossiya-Matushka: Mother Russia

Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 2:00 PM

Writer and actress Janina Birtolo will perform a one-woman show on the events in the life of the Russian ruler Catherine the Great.

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

Remembering Nora Ephron with Rusty Brown

Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 2:00 PM

Local performer Rusty Brown returns to Lakes Regional Library with a review and reading from Nora Ephron's collected writings found in *The Most of Nora Ephron*.

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

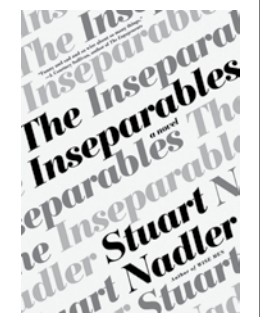
BOOK DISCUSSION

The Inseparables

By Stuart Nadler

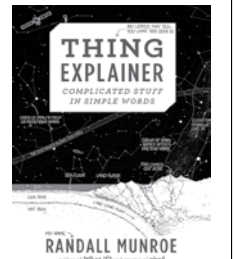
Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 2:00 PM

After the sudden death of her husband, 70-year-old Henrietta Olyphant is broke and unmoored. Her daughter Oona is mid-divorce. Meanwhile, Oona's teenager Lydia, away at boarding school, faces accusations involving a viral nude photo. In the wake of the upheaval, these tough, independent women find themselves under one roof. Together the three generations sift through the mess, and emerge renewed. Registration is required, 533-4000 option #3



BOOK REVIEW

Thing Explainer: Complicated Stuff in Simple Words



Randall Munroe's book, *Thing Explainer: Complicated Stuff in Simple Words*, is a coffee table book with a creative concept; it explains the workings of everyday and not-so-everyday objects using only the most common one thousand words in the English language. With entries on "tall roads" (bridges) and "the shared space house" (the International Space Station), Munroe demonstrates that one doesn't have to resort to incomprehensible jargon to explain the workings of the world. Not surprisingly, in some cases this leads to rather elaborate circumlocutions for terms that didn't quite make the cut. For example, the button on a retractable pen is listed as "the end thing you press." There is one caveat: the print is small in some entries, which might be a concern for people who require clearer and larger print. Overall, the book is a fun discussion piece for people of all ages.

Submitted by Marie Sullivan, Reference Librarian

ENGLISH CAFÉ

Mondays, January 9, 23 & 30 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.