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

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Thank you to everyone who helped with the book sale. I don't know how much we made, but with all the books we had for sale I am sure Anita Jenkins was happy. Sorry to say I was on a cruise and could not help at the sale. This is the first time since I joined the Friends that I have not been a part of the sale in one way or another.

Did you see our display case showing some of the items purchased by the Friends?

Feb. 24, 2017 is 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.

Can you believe the Southwest Reading Festival is just around the corner on March 18th? Many well-known authors are scheduled to talk. Also think about attending the Evening with the Authors on March 17th. Details are available at the Information desk or on the Lee County Library web site.

Our next meeting is Feb. 10, 2017 at 11:30.

**Jane Ann Kennedy, President**

**MESSAGE FROM THE BRANCH MANAGER**

**2016 in Review**  
 Lakes Regional Library staff continued to serve the patrons of Lee County with courtesy, respect and interest in each patron as an individual. We celebrated our victories and worked through the challenges that come with being the busiest library in the Lee County Library System as a team.

We held our first Staff Day in December, received a large bequest, provided an amazing Summer Reading experience for our children and teens (Kona Ice!), successfully started floating collections in Youth Services, switched Meeting Room B to Library/County use only, received a 50 disk cleaner, developed a collection of Adult Graphic Novels and were supported by a well-funded and vibrant group of Friends

We managed the challenges that come with a busy building that has outgrown the original shelving in many areas (AV anyone?) and an Automatic Materials Handling System that works great, most of the time. We've had staffing shortages in 2016 but start 2017 close to fully staffed (see the profiles of our new hires in this issue). We are proud to be the starting place for many staff members and look forward to continued promotions and degrees earned!

Thank you for your continued support and here's to an amazing 2017!

**Jill Horrom, Branch Manager**

**PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY**

**There's a (Library) App for That!**  
**Wednesday February 1, 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 Android devices and iPads or iPhones. Class participants should bring their app-enabled mobile device and know their library card information and Apple login and  
**Registration required, 533-4000 option #3**

**Planning for Retirement: Things You Need to Know**  
**Thursday, February 3, 2017 at 2:00 PM**

Michelle Kennedy of the Social Security Administration will explain the basics of retirement and survivor benefits as well as the Bi-Partisan Budget Act Agreement that went into effect November 2015. There are some major changes in regards to options that people will have depending on their age and marital status, and the programs aims to prepare people to deal with these as they plan for the future.  
**Registration required, 533-4000 option #3**

**Craft Corner; Knitting, Crocheting, and Embroidery**

**Wednesdays, February 8 & 22, 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**

**David Kilbride, Musician**  
**Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 2:00 PM**

David Kilbride will be performing live music from the 1940's 50's and 60's. He delves into classic country and some older tunes as well, and will be taking audience requests.

**This event is sponsored by the Friends of Lakes Regional Library.**

**Registration required, 533-4000 option #3**

**The History of Spring Training in Fort Myers**  
**Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 2:00 PM**

Glenn Miller of the Southwest Florida Historical Society will speak on the long and interesting history of spring training in Fort Myers.

**Registration required, 533-4000 option #3**

**Master Gardner Program**  
**Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 2:00 PM**

Many things in our environment aren't exactly as they may seem. Some insects and other phenomenon such as spores, etc. can easily be misidentified with unfortunate outcomes.  
**Registration required, 533-4000 option #3**

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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

## ENGLISH CAFÉ

Mondays, February 6, 13, & 20  
at 6:00 PM

Conference Room B

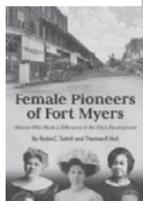
The 90-minute sessions provide adult learners an opportunity to practice speaking English with Native speakers. Topics include everyday situations, current events, and cultural areas.

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

## FEBRUARY GUEST AUTHOR

Friday, February 10, 2017 at 1:00 PM  
**Female Pioneers of Fort Myers:  
Women Who Made a Difference in the  
City's Development**

By Robin C. Tuthill & Thomas P Hall



**Robin C. Tuthill** has been a writer and editor since 1980, working primarily in newspaper and magazine feature writing, medical writing/editing, and academic writing/editing. Robin facilitated "Freeing the Writer Within" classes and ongoing writing groups from 1995-2015. She holds a bachelor's degree in English from Purdue University, and masters' degrees in education and religious studies from the University of South Florida. She was born and raised in St. Petersburg, Florida and now lives in North Fort Myers, where she continues to write and enjoy Florida's natural beauty.

**Thomas P. Hall** is an art journalist, arts advocate and local historian. Since January of 2011, Tom has published more than 5,000 art-related articles. As founder and editor of Art Southwest Florida, a free one-stop art destination website, Tom has profiled the more than sixty outdoor art fairs and festivals that take place from Marco to Matlacha Island. In recognition of his numerous contributions to the arts and culture of the region, Tom was nominated for a Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau and Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce 2013 Celebration of Business and Tourism Chrysalis Award for Cultural Achievement. Born and raised in northern New Jersey, Tom has made Florida his home for more than 45 years. He holds bachelors, masters and juris doctorate degrees from the University of Florida.

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

Friday, February 10, 2017

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, multi grain wheat 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 MARGE FORD @ 330-414-3843 or e-mail [librarylunch33@yahoo.com](mailto:librarylunch33@yahoo.com) by noon Wednesday, February 8, 2017

## DISPLAY CASE

The mystery of MERFOLK (mermen and mermaids), has never been solved.



Are they really sea creatures that are half human and half fish?

Mermaids appear in literature and movies for adults and children.

Are these stories fact or folk tales? You decide.

## NEW STAFF MEMBER



**Heather Castano** recently joined the staff at Lakes Regional Library as a Part-Time Page. Heather is originally from Cape Coral, FL, but was living in Sarasota and working as a criminologist prior to joining Lakes. Heather enjoys reading and tap dancing in her spare time. She does not have a favorite book, but

her favorite author is Roald Dahl. Heather just began her master's degree in Library and Information Science at the University of South Florida.



**Sydney Angelloff** also joined the staff at Lakes Regional Library as a Part-Time Page. Sydney is also originally from Cape Coral, FL. Prior to paging, she was a substitute teacher for the Lee County School System. When not at work, Sydney spends her time reading and writing. She does not have a favorite

book, but is currently reading *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn. Sydney has two younger brothers who are twins, and is planning to be married next month.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

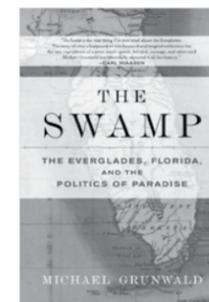
Ray Amati	Karen Krupp
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Kathryn Boone	Neita & Richard Nostrand
Rose Breen	Barbara O'Leary
Marti Brueggeman	Gary Overmann
Kathy Chartier	Liz Paul
Admenne Diaz	Geri Peterson
Elaine Eberhard	Walter Purvis
Rose Marie Florello	Robert & Lynn Salem
Cherry Geathers	Cheryl Schaaf
Nancy Guannone	Susan Shamey
Mardy Greenstein	Terry Stevens
Elizabeth Hanley	Michael Stoltz
Susan Holt	Beth Anna Swiger
Judy Hubbard	Terri Taggart
Sarah Huyvaer	Cheryl Weaver
Susan Hyland	Richard Wiltgen
Sharon Kimmell	

## BOOK DISCUSSION

**The Swamp: The Everglades, Florida, and the Politics of Paradise**

By Michael Grunwald

Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 2:00 PM



The Everglades was America's last frontier, a wild country long after the West was won. In this book, Michael Grunwald chronicles how a series of visionaries tried to drain and "reclaim" it and how Mother Nature refused to bend to their will. But the Army Corps of Engineers finally tamed the beast with levees and canals, converting half the Everglades into sprawling suburbs and sugar plantations. And through the southern Everglades was preserved as a national park, it soon deteriorated into an ecological mess. Grunwald shows how a new breed of visionaries transformed Everglades politics, producing the \$8 billion rescue plan. That plan is already the blueprint for a new worldwide era of ecosystem restoration. And *The Swamp* is a cautionary tale for that era. Through gripping narrative and dogged reporting, Grunwald shows how the Everglades is still threatened by the sane hubris, greed, and well-intentioned folly that led to its decline

Registration is required, 533-4000 option #3

## BOOK REVIEW

**The Martian**

*The Martian* by Andy Weir, is the story of Mark Watney, an astronaut who after a freak accident that sees his companions leave him for dead, becomes stranded on Mars. With a lot of luck and using his skills as a botanist and all-around handyman, Watney attempts to survive on Mars and contact NASA for a rescue mission. Much of the book is written in a logbook style format and you get great insight into Watney's humor, determination, and brilliance. The book moves quickly and it's a science fiction book for people that don't usually read science fiction. If you're a fan of the movie *Castaway* or the book *Robinson Crusoe*, you should enjoy *The Martian*.



*The Martian* was made into a feature film in 2015. The library has it in both DVD and Blu-Ray.

Submitted by Patrick Carlin, Reference Librarian