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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to Jill Horrom on her promotion to the newly created position of District Manager of the South Libraries in Lee County. At the time of this writing no announcement has been made on her replacement. Jill will have her office at Lakes Regional. I know I speak for all our members when we wish Jill the best in her new position.

When you fill out the membership form when you join or renew your membership we ask for your email address. This is used to send the monthly blasts for our meetings and as a way to communicate with all our members at one time. If you have not received the meeting blast please send your email address (with your name) to "friendslakeslibray@gmail.com". We DO NOT share your email address with anyone. If you are a Nook volunteer I use the email addresses provided to send the weekly schedule. When we have the Volunteer Tea your email address is used to send you an invitation if you are a Friends volunteer. Thanks so very much.

Our next meeting is May 12, 2017 at 11:30. Our guest speaker will be Ron Newsom, who has written about growing up on the Babcock Ranch.

Jane Ann Kennedy, President

STAFF UPDATE AT LAKES REGIONAL LIBRARY

As I shared at the last general meeting, I have accepted a new position as District Manager for the libraries in the south region of Lee County. This includes Lakes Regional, which is where I will be based. I will also be working with the Captiva Library, the South County Library and the Bonita Springs Library. Terri Bradley and Kasey Faughn, the circulation supervisors have both accepted new positions. Terri will be moving to the Fort Myers Regional Library in the river district and Kasey has moved to the East Coast of Florida to work in the corrections system. We are combining those positions into one and will be advertising soon. Carrie MacDonald, currently Head of Reference at Lakes has been promoted to the Principal Librarian, Branch Manager position at Lakes. You may know Carrie, either from the reference desk or from the Friend's meetings. She is an exceptional librarian and awesome gal – I can't wait for you all to get to know her better! Thank you all for the kindness and support you have shown me and I am looking forward to continuing our relationship in a slightly different manner. See you at the library.

Jill Horrom, former Lakes Regional manager.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE BRANCH MANAGER

Hello, Friends! It's May and that means one thing to libraries: SUMMER READING! We will be offering summer reading programs for all ages this year, from babies to grown-ups. Our very own Chrissie Bishop is spearheading the program for kids and teens across the LCLS. June, July and August are the library's opportunity to support kids and parents in avoiding the dreaded summer slide or summer learning loss. We take that responsibility very seriously. The Friends of Lakes Library support us by providing the resources to purchase a book for every child that signs up for the program and for programs and programming materials. Stay tuned for more information! Thank you for your continued support.

Jill Horrom, Branch Manager

MOVING?
Don't pay to move all those heavy books.
DONATE
To the Friends Nook!

ENGLISH CAFÉ
Mondays, May 1, 8, 15, 22 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.

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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

Carol Bodnar
Barbara Ison

MAY GUEST AUTHOR

Ron Newsom

*LIVING AND FARMING ON THE BABCOCK RANCH,
FLORIDA'S LAST FRONTIER*

Friday May 12, 2017 at 1:00PM

Imagine a childhood filled with alligators, rattlesnakes and mosquitoes as thick as clouds. Now imagine cowboys, farmworkers, tractors and rows upon rows of watermelons, cucumbers and acorn squash. Nestled in the northern half of Southwest Florida in the early 1900's. EV Babcock purchased 156,000 acres that would become the Babcock Ranch. This ranch is front and center in the news in the fight to preserve Florida's natural wilderness.

Living and Farming on the Babcock Ranch is Ron Newsom's childhood story. Newsom's father and uncle, who brought along their families to help, worked beside EV Babcock's son on the ranch in the 1960's. Ron tells his story in pictures and words of a childhood spent working the fields, swimming in watering holes, and sitting on fence rails watching cattle being branded. This book gives us a glimpse of life few have experienced in Florida. It's a little "wild wild west" meets "Florida Cracker Cowboy." Book will be for sale and signed by the author after the program.

Newsom has also authored *Buell Lee Whitehead, A True Southern Treasure*, released in 2009 about the pioneering Fort Myers artist, and is currently working on 3 books about artists William Henry, Victoria Hutson Huntley and Kent Hagerman—all captured Florida in a unique way with works from the 1930's to the 1960's.

THE FRIENDS MEETING PROGRAMS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC—NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US FOR LUNCH – PLACE AN ORDER FROM THE MENU OR BROWN BAG.

FRIDAY, May 12, 2017

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.

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.

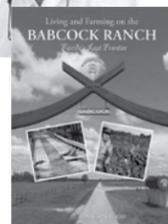
Chicken Caesar Salad Box: fresh romaine, asiago, croutons and creamy Caesar dressing. Topped with natural grilled chicken breast. Includes chocolate chip cookie.

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, May 10, 2017



DISPLAY CASE

(We are extending this beautiful display through the Month of May)

TEA AND THE QUEEN

Afternoon Tea has been enjoyed since the early 1840's. It is commonly served between 4pm – 6pm since the English Aristocracy does not dine until 8pm. It consists of Tea, small sandwiches without crusts, and pastries. Many local Tea Rooms serve High Tea and have a variety of English Teas and use Fine Bone China Tea Cups.

Enjoy the display of an English Tea Set made by Price of Kensington entitled Cottage Ware. Wave to the Queen and her beloved Corgi. There will be assorted Tea Pots as well as miniatures, a paperweight of London Tower and more.

Queen Elizabeth will celebrate her 91st Birthday on April 21 and celebrated her 65 years as Monarch in February of 2017. Commemorative coffee mugs of both landmarks will be on display.

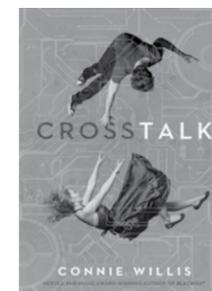


BOOK DISCUSSION

Crosstalk

By Connie Willis

Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 2:00 PM

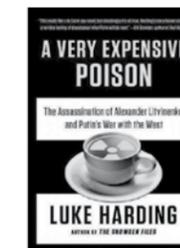


In the not-to-distant future, a simple outpatient procedure to increase empathy between romantic partners has become the rage. And Briddey Flannigan is delighted when her boyfriend, Trent, suggests undergoing the operation prior to a marriage proposal, but things don't quite work out as planned, and Briddey finds herself connected to someone else entirely--in a way far beyond what she signed up for. But that's only the beginning. As things go from bad to worse, she begins to see the dark side of too much information, and to realize love—and communication—are more complicated than she ever imagined.

Registration is required, 533-4000 option #3

BOOK REVIEW

A Very Expensive Poison: The Assassination of Alexander Litvinenko and Putin's War with the West
by Luke Harding



A Very Expensive Poison by Luke Harding is the true story of the 2006 murder of Alexander Litvinenko in London. Litvinenko was a onetime Russian FSB agent turned defector to the UK and harsh critic of his former boss, Vladimir Putin. The author provides the many pieces of evidence tying the poisoning to not just the suspected assassins, Andrey Lugovoy and Dmitry Kovtun, but to Putin as well. The author also tells the story his own personal history with the Russian government including most notably being the first foreign journalist to be expelled from Russia after the Cold War. The book works as both a thrilling piece of non-fiction about real life spies and the dangers of that world and as a convincing case against both Putin and what the author feels is the light treatment he's gotten from most Western leaders.

Submitted by Matthew Hardy, Reference Associate

PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

There's a Library App for That!

Wednesday May 3 & 17, 2017 at 2:00 PM

Learn about some of the free apps you can use to take library content on the go. Class participants should bring their app-enabled mobile device and know their library card information and all of their logins and passwords to get the most out of the class.
Registration required, 533-4000 option #3

Coloring for Adults.

Tuesdays, May 9 & 23, 2017 at 2:00 PM

Come and experience the latest trend in relaxation, adult coloring books! Studies show coloring can have a calming effect on the adult mind and helps promote overall wellness. Coloring pages designed especially for adults as well as colored pencils will be provided.
Registration required, 533-4000 option #3

Craft Corner; Knitting, Crocheting, and Embroidery
Wednesdays, May 10 & 24, 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

Hurricane Preparedness Seminar
Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 2:00 PM

Lee County Emergency Management offers hurricane preparation plans including family emergency plans, evacuation zones and routes, public shelters, emergency supply kits, disaster resources, shelter information for those with special needs, and more. All Hazards Guide and hurricane preparedness from Lee County Emergency Management.
Registration required, 533-4000 option #3