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# FRIENDS FOCUS



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving. Now we start the Holiday season with our annual luncheon at Kelly Greens on Dec. 8. Kelly Greens Golf and Country Club is located at 12300 Kelly Greens Blvd. This is off Summerlin Road (look for the big American Flag on your right if headed west). The gate will be open from 11am to 12:15pm. Turn right at the gate, the first drive on the left is the clubhouse and parking. This year we are having a buffet. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the lunch.

The combined Friends of Lee County Libraries is having a Book Fair on December 9th. This is to support the Summer Reading program at all county libraries. For details see the flyer on page 3. Thanks so much for your help.

Our next big project is the Book Sale on the afternoon of Jan. 19, 2018 for members only. January 20, 2018 for the general public. We are signing up on line this year to work the sale. If you are a member and we have your correct email address you should have received a notice on how to sign up.

I would also like to welcome back our "Snowbirds". It is always so wonderful to see you again.

Remember if you use Amazon for any of your shopping PLEASE sign up and use our Smile. amazon.com account. If you have not established your account just go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com). There you will be asked to get an account. Remember to choose Lakes Regional Library in Fort Myers for your designated charity.

Happy Holidays, Jane Ann Kennedy, President

## MESSAGE FROM THE BRANCH MANAGER

Hello Friends! As we enter the busy holiday season, please remember that the library has many resources to assist with your festive plans. There are a lot of cookbooks for feasts and sweets. We have holiday movies and music. If you are traveling, don't forget that you can download books and audiobooks using Overdrive, Libby, and Hoopla. The reference librarians will be happy to help you get books on your devices. Please enjoy a happy and safe holiday season! We look back on 2017 with gratitude and ahead to 2018 with excitement. Thank you for all you do for the Lakes Regional Library!

Carrie MacDonald, Branch Manager

## BOOK REVIEW

### The Night Ocean by Paul La Farge

The Night Ocean by Paul La Farge is a memorable literary mystery woven with science fiction and horror that I could not put down. This novel tells the story of Dr. Marina Willett as she searches for her missing husband, Charlie. Charlie is a one-time literary sensation, who after a public breakdown and shaming, has disappeared. Dr. Willett narrates



the majority of the story as she recounts the search for her husband, but pages from lost manuscripts, interview transcripts, and journal entries that often contradict each other, keep the mystery going. With notable literary figures such as William S. Burroughs and HP Lovecraft making their entrance as important characters, the novel also travels to multiple cities and time periods like present-day New York and 1950's Mexico City. The writing is easy to follow and entertaining in its variety of styles, despite its complex structure. If you are at all interested in a tale tinged with secrets, scandal, and a bit of insanity, I recommend this novel to you.

Submitted by Matthew Hardy, Reference Library Associate

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FRIENDS OF LAKES REGIONAL LIBRARY

Check One  New  Renewal

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 contact me. \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to help the Friends group. Please contact me if you need help with \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail application/renewal and check to: Please check membership category:

Friends of Lakes Regional Library  Student \$5  Family \$25

15290 Bass Road  Individual \$10  Lifetime \$250

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

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#### MEETINGS

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

11:45 AM Meeting  
12:15 PM Lunch  
1:00 PM Guest Author

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jeanne Blanchard  
Diane King  
Connie Norstrom

# Friends Of Lakes Regional Library Holiday Buffet at Kelly Greens

Friday, December 8, 2017 at 12:00 Noon

Gates open at 11:00 AM  
Gather at 11:30



### Menu

Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter

Tossed Greens  
(Ranch and Balsamic)

### Buffet

Chicken Piccata and Broiled Flounder with Lobster Butter

### Dessert

One plate per table  
Assorted mini holiday desserts and Cookies & Fudge brownies

Coffee or Tea

*Vegetarian available*

\$20.00

**All are Welcome. Feel free to bring a spouse or a friend.**

If you plan to come let

MARGE FORD @ 330-414-3843 or e-mail [librarylunch33@yahoo.com](mailto:librarylunch33@yahoo.com)  
know by December 5, 2017

## BOOK SALE NEWS

Friends members should have received an email invitation to sign up to volunteer to work the Book Sale. If you have not, then please be sure Membership Chair Jeanette Chelius has your correct email address. Her email is [jkelchius@gmail.com](mailto:jkelchius@gmail.com). If you don't have use of a computer, a friend may sign you up using their email. They will receive reminders for you from Volunteer Sign Up. You may also use this link to sign up: [www.volunteersignup.org/XKLYB](http://www.volunteersignup.org/XKLYB).

The Book Sale will follow the same format as last year with setup from 9am to 1pm on Friday January 19, Friends Member Preview Sale from 1pm to 4pm Friday afternoon. Saturday the sale runs from 9am to 4pm. We'll need people to cashier, to man the Membership Table and to walk the floor, helping people and straightening the tables. Shifts are for 2.5 hours. Monday morning we'll be packing up unsold books starting at 9am and will need some volunteers willing to lift boxes.

We've all been looking forward to a wonderful sale.

Anita Jenkins, Book Sale Chair

## DISPLAY CASE

Don't forget to check out the Friends Display Case across from the Nook. We plan to have a new interesting display every month.

## FRIENDS OF LAKES REGIONAL LIBRARY MEMBERSHIPS

### A Reminder –

Many Friends Memberships expire at the end of December, 2017. Please check your Friends Focus newsletter mailing label. The date following your name is the date your membership expires.

You must be a Friends member in order to volunteer for the Book Sale on Saturday, January 20 and there will be a Friends Only sale on Friday, January 19 from 1pm to 4pm. Thank you.

Jeanette K. Chelius, Membership Chair

## PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

### Discover Zentangle with Certified Zentangle Teacher Meg Scott

Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 2:00 PM

Experience this easy, fun method of drawing beautiful images by learning structured patterns. Zentangle is ideal for artists as well as beginners. Zentangle is: relaxing and meditative, a creative outlet, portable art, and a boost of artistic confidence! See the world through Zentangle. No artistic ability or experience needed. Materials are provided.

Registration required, 533-4000 option #3

### Library Apps 101

Wednesdays, December 6 and 20, 2017 at 2:00 PM

Did you know you can download books, magazines, music and other library content from our online library? Bring your app-enabled e-reader or tablet, and we will show you how to use OverDrive, Hoopla and other library apps. Don't forget your library card!

Registration required, 533-4000 option #3

### Coloring for Adults.

Tuesday, December 12, 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, December 13 and 27, 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

SAVE THE DATE

Friends of Lee County Libraries

# Barnes & Noble Bookfair



Saturday, December 9th, 10am – 10pm

Fort Myers: 13751 S. Tamiami Trail at Market Square  
Estero: 23130 Fashion Dr. at Coconut Point

Mention Friends of the Library at cash register and a percentage of your purchase\* will benefit Lee County's

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Fort Myers:

- 10:00am-12:00pm SANTA Visit
- 11:00am BN Storytime/Coloring
- 12:00-3:00pm Face Painting
- 2:00-4:00pm STEM Activity
- 3:00-4:00pm Way Too Tall Torrie Balloon Animals
- 1:00-4:00pm Multi-Author Book Signing

Coconut Point:

- 10:00am-12:00pm Face Painting
- 11:00am BN Storytime/Coloring
- 11:00am-1:00pm STEM Activity
- 1:00-2:00pm Way Too Tall Torrie Balloon Animals
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Can't attend our bookfair at Barnes & Noble?

Visit [bn.com/bookfairs](http://bn.com/bookfairs) to support us online from Dec. 9th – Dec. 14th by entering Bookfair ID 12244950 at checkout.

*Holiday Shopping Made Easy!*

\*Excludes BN gift cards, textbooks and magazine subscriptions



## BOOK DISCUSSION

*The Summer Before the War*  
by Helen Simonson

Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 3:00 PM

It's 1914 and in the sleepy village of Rye, England, Agatha Kent is expecting an unusual candidate to be the school's Latin teacher. Beatrice Nash is a young woman of good breeding in search of a position after the death of her father. Agatha's nephews, meanwhile, have come to spend the summer months. When Hugh is sent to pick up Beatrice from the train station – life, of course, changes.

Registration required, 533-4000 option #3



## ENGLISH CAFÉ

Mondays, December 4th & 11th 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. English Café is offered several times each week at locations throughout Lee County.

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