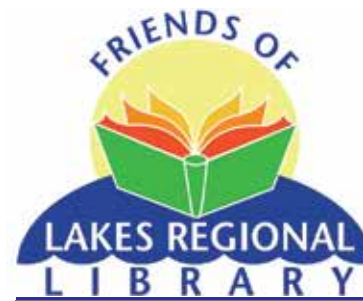




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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FRIENDS OF LAKES REGIONAL LIBRARY

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was so nice to have so many members attend our annual Holiday Luncheon last month. This year we had a buffet for the lunch. Many of the attendees said how nice it was. Mark your calendars for next year's Holiday Luncheon on Dec. 14, 2018. Our next business meeting, lunch and author talk by George Bernstein is Jan. 12, 2018. Please join us and order lunch or brown bag. Remember we are starting our meetings at 11:45 am. Our next big project is the Book Sale on Jan. 20, 2018 with member only sale the afternoon of Jan. 19. If you want to volunteer to work please us the web site www.volunteersignup.org/XKLYB. This is always a fun time for all volunteers and our patrons. Your board has selected Feb. 28, 2018 for the Volunteer Tea. At this time we thank all the volunteers that work so hard in the library, the Nook the Book Sale and English Cafe. If you are a volunteer please mark this date on your calendar.

Jane Ann Kennedy, President

MESSAGE FROM THE BRANCH MANAGER

Hello Friends! I am happy to start a new year with an exciting slate of programs that are both informative and fun for adults and children. Our librarians work year round to plan, prepare, and present a variety of programs on topics that will entertain and educate, from crafts to technology to books (discussions and story times). Check the calendar for dates and times, or stop by one of the service desks for more specifics. If your New Year's Resolution is to read more books, we are happy to discuss new books and sleepers from yesteryear that you might have missed. Finding the right book for the right person at the right time is one of our favorite things to do at the library. Thank you for helping to make the library so special to so many!

Carrie MacDonald, Branch Manager

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 jkchelius@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.

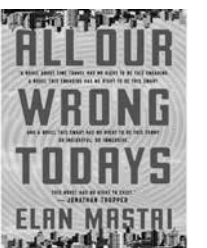
The Book Sale will follow the same format as last year with setup from 9am to 1pm on Friday January 19, Friends Member Preview Sale from 1pm to 4pm Friday afternoon. Saturday the sale runs from 9am to 4pm. We'll need people to cashier, to man the Membership Table and to walk the floor, helping people 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

BOOK REVIEW

All Our Wrong Todays by Elan Mastai

All Our Wrong Todays is the debut novel by screenwriter Elan Mastai. It's the story of Tom Barren who lives in a futuristic, wonderland version of 2016. To use a television analogy, it's Happy Days meets the Jetsons. Feeling unhappy and out of place in this idyllic world Tom uses a time travel machine invented by his brilliant, scientist father to go back in time. This of course sets off a disastrous chain of events. The twist (one of many) is that Tom ends up in the 2016 that we know which to Tom is a bleak, dystopian nightmare. From there he goes about trying to set things right. *All our Wrong Todays* is a literary science fiction novel for people who don't typically like sci-fi. It's also a romance, an adventure, and a story about family relationships.



Submitted by Patrick Carlin, Reference Librarian

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MEETINGS

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

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jane & Dick Guelich
Joseph Imler
Jeanette Simone
Annabelle Smith
Constance VanEvery

JANUARY GUEST AUTHOR

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2018 AT 1:00 PM

GEORGE BERNSTEIN

George Bernstein is the retired president of a Chicago appliance manufacturing company, now living in south Florida. Not one to do things half-hearted, Bernstein attended numerous writers' conferences and seminars. His first novel, *Trapped*, was voted "The Next Great American Novel," and was an Amazon top 100 novel (a parapsychological suspense novel). His second novel, *A 3rd Time to Die*, is a romantic suspense novel. Bernstein has written 3 Detective Al Warner suspense novels – *Death's Angel*, *Born to Die*, and *The Prom Dress Killer* (released July 2017) – introducing the reader to this Detective's unusual blend of compassion and a no-nonsense cop, with a complicated personal life, somewhat in the vein of Patterson's Alex Cross. Mr. Bernstein has a passion for his writing and his characters – and promises to entertain. For more information, visit his web at www.suspenseguy.com.

Meet The Author



George A. Bernstein
Award-winning Top 100 Author



FRIDAY, January 12, 2018

Lunch Menu - \$10.00

(From Jason's Deli)

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, 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 Box - \$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 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 10, 2018

PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

Library Apps 101

Wednesdays, January 3 & 17, 2018 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.

Tuesdays, January 9 & 23, 2018 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, January 10 & 24, 2018 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 Gardener Program

Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 2:00 PM
Master Gardeners Vanessa Hazelton and Marie Houser present a program called "plant this, not this".
Registration required, 533-4000 option #3

Mary Todd Lincoln: In the Shadow of Glory

Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 2:00 PM
As the wife of one of the best known and loved Presidents in American history, Mary was thrust into the spotlight – a position that suited her view of herself. Yet her view was not shared by many of her contemporaries and an even harsher opinion developed in her years as Lincoln's widow. Three of her four sons, as well as her husband, preceded her in death, tragedies that haunted her throughout her life. Her outspokenness and refusal to conform to society's stringent rules, her need for attention and devotion, and even her misunderstood physical ailments all conspired to create a person so out of the mainstream that those in the 19th century judged her insane. Actress and playwright Janina Birtolo brings Mary Todd Lincoln to life on stage, and shows us a woman who survived great personal loss and was tragically misunderstood in her own time.
This program is sponsored by the Friends of Lakes Regional Library.
Registration required, 533-4000 option #3

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.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi
Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 3:00 PM



Two half-sisters, unknown to each other, are born into two different tribal villages in 18th century Ghana. One is taken to live in a veritable castle, the other taken into slavery. Stretching from the tribal wars of Ghana to slavery and Civil War in America, from the coal mines in the north to the Great Migration to the streets of 20th century Harlem, Yaa Gyasi's novel moves through histories and geographies and captures the troubled spirit of our nation.

Registration required, 533-4000 option #3

ENGLISH CAFÉ

Mondays, January 8, 22 & 29 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.

NEW STAFF MEMBER



We are happy to welcome our new Library Assistant – Kevin French. Kevin is from Denver, CO. He comes to us with library experience from working in the circulation department of the Denver Public Library. Kevin loves playing disc golf, reading, and travelling around the world. Kevin served in the U.S. Marines for 8 years. Please stop and say hello next time you visit the library!