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FRIENDS FOCUS

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. 12. 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 right gate will be open from 11am to 12:15pm. The clubhouse and parking are on the left. The menu this year sounds delicious. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the lunch.

Our next big project is the Book Sale on Jan. 24, 2015. We have started a signup sheet for the many positions needed to have a successful sale. The signup sheet will be in the Nook for anyone to volunteer, if you are not able to attend our monthly meetings this will allow you to sign up. We are looking for help in bringing the books from the storage units, both brawn and large hauling vehicles. If you can help or know someone please sign up for a Thursday time slot. Anita Jenkins will coordinate this process.

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

I hope everyone has looked at our web page. Comments are welcome both good and corrective. Some changes have been made based on comments sent to us. Thank you for helping to make the web page better.

Happy Holidays,
Jane Ann Kennedy, President

MESSAGE FROM THE BRANCH MANAGER

As 2014 comes to a close, the staff of Lakes Regional would like to thank the Friends of the Library for your continued support. The generosity of the Friends group this year allowed us to expand the shelving in the audiovisual room for both the music CDs and DVDs, paid for supplies and performers for the Youth Services department throughout the year and supported the Summer Reading programs for Children and Teens. The Friends planned and hosted a Volunteer Tea for all library volunteers and donated the funds for the brand new bike rack. These are just a few of the many things you have done for the staff and patrons of Lakes Regional. Thank you! The Lakes Regional staff wishes you and yours a safe and happy holiday season. We are looking forward to making 2015 the best year yet.

Jill Horrom, Branch Manager

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:

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

Or drop off at the Library's main desk

TOTAL amount enclosed \$ _____

QUOTE

"A library is the only single place you can go to learn something new, be comfortable, terrified, thrilled, saddened, overjoyed, or excited all in one day. And for free."

Amy Neftzger

Visit our new website:
www.friendsoflakeslibrary.org

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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 Speaker

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Debra Hanna
Deborah Sumner
Maria Weinaug

FRIENDS OF LAKES REGIONAL LIBRARY HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

**AT KELLY GREENS GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2014**

**Gather at 11:30 - Lunch Will Be Served at Noon
\$20.00 (Cash or Check made out to Friends of Lakes Regional Library)**

Hot bread and butter.

Holiday Salad

Choice of

Almond Crusted Snapper with Amaretto Creamor

Spinach & Brie Stuffed Chicken with Roasted Red Pepper Cream Sauce

Both entrees served with:

Roasted Potatoes and Chef Vegetable

Chocolate Cake

Coffee or Tea

Vegetarian available

All are welcome.

Feel free to bring a spouse or a friend.

For reservations, call Flo Morris @ 239-481-7680 or e-mail Floram1@yahoo.com
by noon **Sunday, December 7.**

If you need to cancel, please let Flo know as soon as possible.

HELP WANTED

Able-bodied and generous souls are needed to help with the biggest fundraiser the Friends conduct each year.

January 24 will see the return of the Friends' Big Book Sale. Thousands of books will be offered at our usual bargain prices.

Volunteers are needed:

- Thursday, Jan 22 to help move books from our storage locker on Kelly Road (we could also use some vehicles capable of carrying boxes of books, such as SUVs, vans or trucks).
- Friday, Jan 23 to help unpack boxes of books and set up the conference room.
- Saturday, Jan 24 to cashier and help customers.
- Monday, January 26 to help pack up and transport that which is unsold.

A sign-up sheet will be available in the Nook.

In addition to this, we need all the customers we can find, so please tell your friends about it.

Thanks! ~ Anita Jenkins

PROGRAMS AT LAKES LIBRARY

Preschool S.T.E.M.: MATH

Thursday, December 11, 2014, at 10:30 AM
Calling on all curious kiddos! This new program series will explore the fun side of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (S.T.E.M.)! This month's session will focus on hands-on math for children ages 3-5 years with their caregivers. Bring the curiosity, the library will supply the rest. This program is sponsored by the Friends of Lakes Library.

Registration required, 533-4000 option #3.

Page to Stage: Vignette of the Santaland Diaries

Thursday, December 11, 2014 at 2:00 PM
The Santaland Diaries expose the underside of Santa's workshop when David, a down and out-of-work cynical writer, desperately takes a job as Macy's elf during the holiday crunch.

Registration required, 533-4000 option #3.

One Book SWFL Book Discussion

Gertruda's Oath by Ram Oren
Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 2:00 PM
Trapped in the horrors of World War II, Michael Stolorowitzky and his Catholic nanny embark on a journey of survival in this page-turning true story. Offered in collaboration with Jewish Federation of Lee and Charlotte Counties.

Registration required, 533-4000 option #3.

ENGLISH CAFÉ

**Mondays, December 1, 8, 15 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**

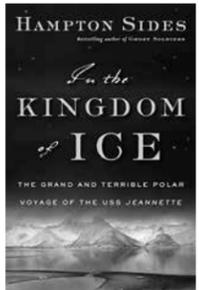
BOOK DISCUSSIONS

In the Kingdom of Ice

By Hampton Sides

Tuesday, December 16 at 2:00 PM
Read and discuss Hampton Sides account of the grand and terrible polar voyage of the USS Jeannette, one of the greatest 19th century adventures into the Arctic.

Registration required, 533-4000 option #3

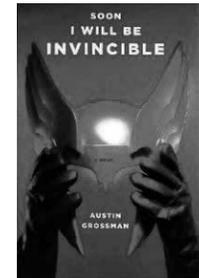


BOOK REVIEW

Soon I Will Be Invincible

by Austin Grossman

Soon I Will Be Invincible carries the torch of the groundbreaking novel *Watchmen* with a world of superhumans acting in normal human ways. It's a superhero story for adults and it's one filled with humor, suspense, and drama. The two protagonists, Doctor Impossible and Fatale, are beings gifted with extraordinary intellect and powers and yet they struggle with the same issues we all face. The story centers on Doctor Impossible's latest scheme for world domination and Fatale's attempts to stop him. Along the way we get to know these two characters personally and by the end it's hard not to root for the bad guy. Yes, this is a novel about superheroes, but it's presented in such an adult and realistic way that at times you will think you're reading something by Tom Perrota or Douglas Coupland. It's engrossing entertainment that will leave you wanting more.



Submitted by Patrick Carlin, Reference Librarian

SAVE THE DATE

**BIG BOOK SALE
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2015**

DISPLAY CASE

Ho, Ho, Ho. Enjoy Patti Smith's collection of Santa Clauses in the December display case. She purchased these figures while traveling about the United States. The Santas are made from a variety of substances that include wood, paper mache, and ceramics.