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FRIENDS FOCUS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was so nice to have so many members attend our annual Holiday Luncheon last month. We had our election of officers at the lunch. Please check the Focus officer listing (no changes, no new officers). Sheldon Kaye thanked us for the support we provide our library and the entire county system. Jill Horrom presented a thank you card created by the youth in the STEM program.

Our by-laws state we have to audit the treasurer's records. If anyone with accounting or bookkeeping background would like to volunteer for this project, please send an email to our email address found in the Focus. This should only take an hour or so to complete.

Our next business meeting, lunch and author talk is Jan. 9, 2015.

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 is in the Nook for anyone to volunteer, if you are not able to attend our monthly meetings this will allow you to sign up. Anita Jenkins is the chair for the sale.

Your board has selected Feb. 27, 2015 for the Volunteer Tea. At this time we thank all the volunteers that work so hard in the library and in the Nook. If you are a volunteer please mark this date on your calendar.

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.

Jane Ann Kennedy, President

MESSAGE FROM THE BRANCH MANAGER

Happy New Year and welcome back to our many snowbird friends! Did you get a tablet or ebook reader as a gift this holiday season? The Library offers electronic books, music downloads, streaming movies and electronic magazines accessible on your device through the Internet. The reference staff are experts at using the library resources and are happy to show you how to get connected to library content. Just stop by the Information Desk for written instructions or a personal tutorial.

The staff of Lakes Regional is planning for a great 2015. We have many fun and informative programs scheduled for adults and children, check with staff at the service desks or online at leelibrary.net for specifics. As always, thank you – we couldn't do it without our Friends!

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 \$ _____

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

It is the start of the new year and time for many of us to renew our membership in the Friends of Lakes Library. If you will look on your address on your Friends Focus you will see something like Exp 12/2014 written after your name. That means that as of Dec. 2014 your membership has expired. Checks or cash can be dropped off at the Library at the main desk or in the book nook along with your membership application/renewal slip. There will also be a membership table at the Book Sale on Saturday, January 24 and your renewal will be accepted then. On your application please include your email address. Thank you.

Pat Davidson, Membership

SAVE THE DATE
BIG BOOK SALE SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2015

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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

JANUARY GUEST AUTHOR

Our speaker for the January 9, 2015 program is again W.C. "Chuck" Highfield (last time he visited was in April 2011). He is a native of Delaware, he moved to Fort Myers in 2006. His first novel, *In Sun Down Far*, was based on Fort Myers Beach experiences and his second novel, *Streets*, completed in 2010, was set in Key West and addressed homelessness in America. In November 2014, Highfield's third novel, *Sanibel's Secret Bank*, was published about a bank that is a powerful dealer in international finances. Because all three of his novels are set in Florida, the stories give insight into the lifestyles and nuances of living in a tropical paradise.



We hope you'll join us on January 9 for a brief business meeting at 11:30 am, box lunch at noon (menu & ordering information below), and hear our guest speaker at 1:00 pm. Mr. Highfield will also be selling and signing his books at the program.

JANUARY 9, 2015

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 baked chips and fruit.

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

Added Special Salad - \$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 FLO MORRIS @ 239-481-7680 or e-mail floram1@yahoo.com by noon Wednesday, January 7, 2015.

PROGRAMS AT LAKES LIBRARY

Holocaust Survivor Michael Stolowitzky Discusses *Gertruda's Oath*.

Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 6:15 PM

The Friends of the Lakes Regional Library in collaboration with Jewish Federation of Lee & Charlotte Counties will be hosting Michael Stolowitzky, a Polish Holocaust survivor. Michael's amazing journey is recreated in the One Book SWFL title, *Gertruda's Oath*. Copies of the book will be for sale at the program.

Registration required, 533-4000 option #3.

Identity Theft Prevention

Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 2:00 PM

David B. Watts, a fraud investigator, teaches how to prevent and recover from identity theft.

Registration required, 533-4000 option #3.

The Black Queen: Catherine de Medici

Wednesday, January 21, at 2:00 PM

An original one-woman show by Janina Birtolo about Catherine de Medici, the Italian Queen of France during the Protestant Revolution.

Sponsored by the Friends of Lakes Regional Library. Registration required, 533-4000 option #3.

ENGLISH CAFÉ

Mondays, January 5, 12, 26 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

QUOTE

"Secondhand books are wild books, homeless books; they have come together in vast flocks of variegated feather, and have a charm which the domesticated volumes of the library lack."

Virginia Woolf

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

NEVERHOME

By Laird Hunt

Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 2:00 PM

Neverhome follows the experiences of Ash Thompson who becomes a folk hero after she abandons her farmer husband and disguises herself as a man to go fight for the South during the Civil War.

Registration required, 533-4000 option #3.



BOOK REVIEW

The Book of Unknown Americans

By Cristina Henríquez

When their daughter Maribel suffers a traumatic brain injury, Arturo and Alma Rivera leave their comfortable lives in Pátzcuaro, Mexico for the United States so that she'll have access to the best schools and medical care. Arturo takes a grueling job at a mushroom farm and they settle into a dilapidated apartment building in Delaware. One by one, Henríquez introduces us to the other residents of the building too, using their voices to tell their stories of why they came to America. While from many different countries, they are all Latin American and united by a common language and dreams of a new life. This poignant depiction of the immigrant experience provides the backdrop for a star-crossed love story between Maribel and Mayor Toro, the Panamanian boy next door. It's a powerful novel that is at once both heartwarming and heartbreaking.

Submitted by Nicole Scoppettuolo, Reference Librarian



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Marcia Howard
Bonnie Kasdan
David Reil

DISPLAY CASE

This is the 75th anniversary of the novel "Gone with the Wind". Margaret Mitchell, the author, received the Pulitzer Prize for her novel about the Civil war. Paula Ridley has been collecting memorabilia of this book since 1980. She will be displaying her collection during the month of January.