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## Friends of The Selby Public Library— Active, Artistic, and Ambitious

During the past months the Friends of the Selby Public Library has been involved in creating programs designed to help Selby Library provide services to the community in these difficult economic times. The Selby Summer Youth Reading Program was a success due to the work and support of the Friends, the Selby Library Youth Staff, and the assistance and contributions of several other sponsors.

“Think Global!” the theme of this summer’s reading program, not only encouraged children to read, but instilled a lifelong habit of learning, and love for the library. It also promoted world cultural awareness and understanding of foreign countries; environmentalism; marine education; physical exercise; and the use of recycled materials to create art. It also entertained all participants with old-fashioned fun.

The 2008 “Think Global!” program was the most successful year yet in terms of attendance and participation. The Selby Public Library Youth Staff presented 197 FREE literacy programs for 8,576 children from 0-18 years. Attendance

increased by 26.5% or 1,796 children over the previous year.

In order to ensure that programs like “Think Global!” and others can continue, the Friends have begun a series of fund raising events. They sponsored a book and author tea which was held at Michael’s On East in July. Those who attended enjoyed tea and opulent goodies as they heard popular author Mary Alice Monroe discuss her inspiring novel, *Time is a River*.

The Friends presented a luncheon in October which featured prolific best-selling author Stuart Woods. This event, with 124 in attendance, was also held at Michael’s On East. Mr. Woods gave insights into his writing experiences, answered questions, and signed his books after the program.

Future programs and fund-raising activities are being developed with the central aim of ensuring that the Selby Library can continue to offer quality programs to the community. The Friends of Selby Public Library will keep its members and the community apprised of these upcoming events.



## Friends to Co-host Children’s Reading Day

Children’s Reading Day, a free, family-fun event co-hosted by the Friends of the Selby Public Library and the Sarasota Children’s Garden, will be held on one of Sarasota’s charming brick-paved streets, 10th Way, one block north of 10th Street and Orange Avenue. Special author events will occur at the Garden on 10th Way, and each child who attends Children’s Reading Day will receive a free, donated book. There will be reading programs and book sales as well as various hands-on activities for children of all ages. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit Youth Programming at the Selby Public Library. The happenings are scheduled from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., rain or shine, on Sunday, November 23.

“Enjoying reading opens many doors in a child’s life, and we hope to inspire children of all socio-economic and educational levels through this free event,” declares committee member Bob Stone. Among the many children’s

authors, poets and illustrators who will be featured at Children’s Reading Day are: Frank Remkiewicz, *12 Days of Christmas in Florida*; Joan Hiatt Harlow, *Star in the Storm*; Julie Woik, *Lilly the Lash*; Joan Marie Condon, *Snuffy the Beautiful Dragon*; and Matthew Boerner, *The Great Dolphin Door*. Special performances will include Adrian Pezella, performing songs from her latest children’s CD *Fun to be Fit*; Every Voice Children’s Choir; Therapy Dogs from the Humane Society of Sarasota County, “Reading Fur Fun”; Drama Kids; Florida Studio Theater; Southside Elementary’s FBI (Fathers Being Involved).

The program is sponsored in part by: Sarasota Magazine; Minuteman Press; Books-A-Million; Comcast; Mommy Magazine; The Peppertree Press; Boys & Girls Club of Sarasota County. For more information, you may visit the website: [childrensreadingday.org](http://childrensreadingday.org) or call 941.342.6505.

# From Our President

Dear Friends:

As the days grow short and seasons change, we want to wish a special "Welcome Back" to our returning members. You missed an exciting summer, but we have many projects and programs in store for you, and volunteer opportunities abound!

Every fall we look forward to our "Books and Coffee" programs which Charlene Sessions continues to coordinate for us. The upcoming schedule is included in this newsletter.

On November 23rd, we have an amazing opportunity. The Friends will be co-hosting Children's Reading Day at the Children's Garden in Sarasota. It's a one-day free event packed with authors and activities. Please join us as we re-ignite "Festival Fever"!

Kudos go out to Charlotte Ryan (with long-distance assistance from Lydia McIntire) for two very successful author events. Our July Tea with Mary Alice Monroe was attended by 73 and our September Stuart Woods Luncheon by 124 persons. Special thanks are also extended to Debby Stowell of Circle Books for graciously donating 50% of book sale profits.

We need to acknowledge those who made these events so successful: Boardmember Marcella Levin not only sponsored a table for the Tea, but tripled the value of the table with her sales and a matching grant. Other Tea Table sponsors included Jeanne Brown, Babs Fromme, Charlotte Ryan, Dorothy Cole and Charleen Sessions. Marcella again rose to the occasion at the Stuart Woods Luncheon with her masterful selling of raffle tickets for the gorgeous orchid centerpieces. Thanks so much, Marcella! I'd also like to thank SunTrust Bank for purchasing a table, as did Board Members Babs Fromme and Phyllis Werber. In addition, donations and grants to the events were also generously given by Nat McCulloch, Sue Brady, Lydia McIntire, Charlotte Ryan, Jean Maguire, Sylvia Payne, Monique Sterling and Elizabeth Wall.

See you in the Library,



Kathy Hultquist

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### OUR MISSION

The mission of Friends of the Selby Public Library is to support and coordinate with the library - and the community - in the development of services by raising funds, providing a volunteer base to assist library staff and advocating the use and growth of library resources.

## From The Desk of Liz Nolan, Library Manager

What a fabulous summer! Between our children's Summer Reading Program, "Think Global!" and the library's 10th Anniversary Party, we were hopping! I hope you attended the anniversary party, the highlight of which had to be the visit from "Marie Selby" (actress Jenny Aldrich, who truly charmed the crowd). Selby Librarians, Vera and Ellen, have a whole year of anniversary programming planned for you. We hope to see you here at Selby Library.

Alas, there will be no Sarasota Reading Festival this year, but fear not. Friends President Kathy Hultquist has been busy friend-raising for Children's Reading Day at the Children's Garden. I can't wait to hear more about our role in this exciting event set for Sunday, November 23, 2008. It's a match made in heaven!

On Sunday, December 7, 2008, the Sarasota County Public Libraries will host the first annual

**Born to Read - Born to Ride** Poker Run to benefit the Born to Read program, which was developed by Sarasota County's Library System to help parents nurture their baby's love of reading and learning.

In a poker run, each participant follows a mapped route from a starting point through three checkpoints to an end point, collecting a playing card at each stop. The person with the best hand wins! Everyone has a good time and monies are raised for a worthy cause through entry fees, t-shirts sales, and an old-fashioned 50/50 raffle.

**The Born to Read - Born to Ride** Poker Run will be sponsored by the Florida Sunbeemers, the local BMW motorcycle riders club. You don't have to be on a motorcycle to participate in the **Born to Read - Born to Ride** Poker Run. Drive your car. Bring your family. Come rain or shine; we'll be there. For more information, please check the library website or give me a call at 861.1170.



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**NOV.1** at 2 pm - Books Alive! A troupe of volunteer professional actors stage a variety of readings. "Celebrations" is the theme \*

Writers in Films Movie Series at 2 pm: **NOV. 3:** Moliere; **NOV. 5:** Jane Austen; **NOV.13:** Ian Fleming; **NOV. 14:** Gertrude Stein & Alice B. Toklas; **NOV. 17:** Oscar Wilde; **NOV. 21:** Zora Neale Hurston

**NOV. 6** at 6 pm - Machu Picchu Lecture and Slideshow by Professor Richard Nisbet  
Cine Selby - **LAST TUESDAY of the month** at 5 pm.

**NOV. 15, DEC. 13, JAN. 17** at 9:30 am - Genealogical Society of Sarasota Program and Meeting

**DEC. 4, 11, 19** at 2 pm - Selby's Jazz Movie Series

**DEC. 10** at 6 pm - Program on China's Panda Sanctuary by photographer Tom Isgar

**DEC. 13** at 2 pm - Wham-O Superbook; Author Tim Walsh speaks about toys

**DEC. 18** at 2 pm - Holiday Concert

**JAN. 7, 14, 21, 28; FEB. 4, 11, 18, 25** at 10:30 am - Close-Up on Opera Lectures \*

**JAN. 9, 16, 23** at 10 am Healthy Living Life Skills Classes for Adults over 55

**JAN. 5, 12, 26; FEB. 2, 9, 23; MAR. 2, 16** at 2:00 pm - Painters and Movies Film Series

**JAN. 28** at 6 pm - Caribbean Author program

\* sponsored by the Friends of the Selby Public Library

## Among the generous...

Many thanks to Mr. Sterling Emerson who donated to the Friends Bookstore his vast collection of books on antiques and collectibles. Much appreciation to the folks at Pelican Cove who continuously donate hundreds of fine books, which are delighting many patrons.

Gratitude to Monique Sterling for her consistent support of the Bookstore and her many donations. Thanks to the following for their matching gift grants: Lance & Pat Disley; Muriel O'Neil; Richard Myerson; Benjamin Harrison.

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# BOOKS & COFFEE 2008-2009 Season

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**November 18**, Tues. 10:30 a.m. \*NOTE DATE

**Legacy of Ashes** by Tim Weiner  
“the history of the CIA” Reviewed by Lionel Olmer, former  
Undersecretary of Commerce for International Trade

**December 9**, Tues. 10:30 a.m.

**Deep Rivers** by Jose Maria Arquedas  
“a boy comes of age in the mixed cultures during the 1920’s Andes”  
Reviewed by Dr. Jose Alberto Portugal, Associate Professor of  
Spanish, New College of Florida

**January 13**, Tues. 10:30 a.m.

**Chronicle of a Death Foretold** by Gabriel Garcia Marquez  
“concept of honor and communal guilt”  
Reviewed by Dr. Florence Hesler, Adjunct Professor of English,  
USF, Sarasota

**February 10**, Tues. 10:30 a.m.

**Blink** by Malcolm Gladwell  
“intuitive feelings can make rapid decisions”  
Reviewed by Dr. Emanuel Tanay, Professor of  
Clinical Psychiatry, Medical School, Wayne State University

**March 10**, Tues. 10:30 a.m.

**Anna Karenina** by Leo Tolstoy  
“a woman unjustly scorned or a tragic heroine—which is Anna?”  
Reviewed by Dr. Martin Tucker, editor, Professor Emeritus, Long  
Island University

**April 14**, Tues. 10:30 a.m.

**Hot, Flat, and Crowded** by Thomas Friedman  
“these conditions will force the U.S. to focus on Code Green”  
Reviewed by Robert Sessions, former manufacturing executive, GE

Charleen Sessions, Coordinator

The programs are free; no reservations required. Program support comes from The Friends. For more information: 365-5228

## WANTED: YOUR UNWANTED, ONCE-LOVED, BOOKS, BAUBLES & BLING!

There will be a sequel to last year’s glittering event, another very special sale of once-loved collectible/rare books, trinkets, what-nots and jewelry. This year’s first-ever sale was a huge success, so on Friday & Saturday, March 27 (10 am - 4 pm) & March 28, 2009 (10 am-3 pm), another sale will include a treasure of donated books and a variety of once-loved, orphaned jewelry, trinkets, knick-knacks, fine clothing, accessories, etc. at **LOW PRICES**. Join the fun in Selby Library’s Geldbart Auditorium. Coffee and snacks will be available for purchase. Door prizes! All proceeds will benefit the Library and its programs. Donations, which are tax-deductible, are welcome, anytime. Call 861-1140 for more information or donation pickups. You may also drop off your items at the Friends Bookstore.

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On Nov. 9th, '08 Shop Sarasota  
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