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# Friends of the Selby Public Library

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## **GOT BIBLIOPHILIA?**

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Inside Selby Public Library

## **SELBY FRIENDS will offer a GLITTERING EVENT**

A BOOKS, BAUBLES & BLING SALE will be held on November 5 & 6 from 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. The Library's auditorium will sparkle with jewelry, accessories, curios, art, clothing, household items, and whatnots... Rare/collectible books will be featured. In tandem, a store-wide book sale will be held in the Friends Bookstore. This is a great opportunity to find treasures at low prices and do early holiday shopping. All proceeds benefit the Library. Three of these popular events have netted over \$8,000 for the Library. You can help by contributing items, or buying during the event. For donation information call 861.1140. Free courier service is available or you may drop donations off at the Selby Friends Bookstore.

### **What a SPLASH!**

This summer's youth reading program, "Make a Splash, Read!" offered 167 FREE educational events, delighting and helping to educate 5,277 children from birth to 18 years of age, and the figures even surpassed last year's programs. Literacy was an integral part of the fun.

Friends of Selby Library was the main sponsor. A variety of in-kind donations from local donors and businesses, crucial volunteer hours and other donations were contributed.

The Selby Youth Staff's time, assistance and expertise were invaluable, and they also provided support to North Sarasota Library and delivered a variety of children's programs.

*Bibliophilia* affects millions globally and is prevalent among adults and even very young children, as it can be developed at an early age. Many admit they've had the condition for years, even decades. It's actually a fun, educational, harmless condition for those infected by it--the love and appreciation of BOOKS.

Dr. Mime-Kennedy DeCamp-an international body linguist-and Selby Friends 1st VP recommends a visit to the Selby Friends Bookstore for an immediate remedy: A STAT order of at least two books a week to feed the brain, nourish the soul and to keep the mind active for healthy aging. Bibliophilia is becoming even more contagious as the word spreads about the low-priced donated books offered at the Selby Friends Bookstore.

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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 Our President

It didn't happen here, but...I was shocked to read that the Camden, NJ libraries were being closed for lack of state funds. A cartoon depicted a "Free Public Library" open on the third Tuesday of each month—but only in leap years. Imagine a community without a library; I don't want to think about it!

Libraries and its patrons are lucky in Florida—this year. The Legislature restored the library budget of 21.2 million for another year. This could not have been achieved without the help of Friends Groups. We advocated long and strong, and the legislators listened.

Library staff and the libraries themselves are "user friendly." All the patrons need is a free library card which provides the "open sesame" to all library services. Research, free computers, websites, periodicals, books for check-out, and entertainment media are always available.

The Friends and Library staff plan special programs for library patrons throughout the year. Paint the Town Re(a)d drew over 2,000 people for book swaps, author discussions and free gifts. The Friends free Books & Coffee program is ready to start in November. Check out the roster of coming author events in this newsletter. Also read about upcoming Community events including Prime Time and One Community, One Book.

A Books, Baubles & Bling sale is scheduled for November. All Friends groups in Sarasota County are planning a special sale in October during National Friends week to benefit the County library collection, called Friends Fill Shelves. As always, the Selby Friends Bookstore welcomes you as a buyer or donor.

You can support the Library by becoming a member of Selby Friends, renewing, or "upping" your membership. Don't let Camden happen here. Libraries hold the key towards a more civilized and educated society, and you can help.

See you in the library.

*Jeanne Brown*

Jeanne Brown

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# From The Desk of Liz Nolan, Library Manager

Hello, Friends!

What an exciting summer! While we are quite familiar with the happy hum of activity that comes with the Summer Reading Program in our Children's Library, the rest of the Library was bustling as well! Looking forward, the new year will bring not only our "Busy Season" but hopefully, the beginning of our remodel project! Plans are moving through the various channels of approval and I hope to have a start date for you soon. Please stay tuned!



Next time you're in the Library, please swing by the Information Desk in the middle of the first floor to gather a few promotional flyers on upcoming programs. Highlights include Cirque d' Book, our in-house book discussion group; Ciné Selby, a sophisticated foreign film series; Writers in Film, a series of feature films loosely based on the lives of great writers; and Masters & Masterpieces of Music, led by Dr. John Goodman of the Sarasota Music Archive.

Our volunteer program has continued to evolve and we are once again holding orientation sessions for new and potential volunteers. On the second Tuesday of each month, staff gathers together with volunteers for an introduction to the Library, including a tour. If you'd like to learn more, please contact Karen Geis in the Reference Section and she'll fill you in on the specifics.

One of the most popular services offered at the Selby Library is our slate of cultural and educational programs.

## One Book, One Community

expands the world of the reader by providing a broader and deeper understanding of literature.

"Reading provokes people to think about their environment, their relationships, and themselves. Talking about a book with friends, family and neighbors or co-workers adds richness and depth to the experience of reading. This information-sharing strengthens our community – we develop a sense of community around the shared experience of reading and talking about one great book." To learn more visit <http://onebooksarasota.com>

Friends of the Selby Public Library recently was pleased to donate to **Every Child, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization**, rulers for the backpacks of children in Sarasota's five housing projects.

## PRIME for PRIME TIME

PRIME TIME is a six-week bi-lingual program that will run Tuesday nights from October 5 through November 9 at Selby Library. Hispanic families in the immediate area of the Library will be served dinner and a professional storyteller will lead discussions about books which have been read by the entire family. This program is funded by grants, and Friends will assist managing the funds, serving dinners and providing volunteers.

In addition, we'll be hosting a number of wonderful authors over the next couple of months. Please see the article below for the authors we'll meet and greet in October. During December, we'll welcome Carol Prunhuber (*The Passion and Death of Rahman the Kurd*), Jillian Hoffman (*Pretty Little Things*), and William Heffernan (*The Dead Detective*).

Please stop by the Library for more information and for program dates. You can also check the calendar online at [www.sclibs.net](http://www.sclibs.net). There's a lot happening at your local library. Thank you again for your support!

## Give a Meaningful, Lasting Gift ...

Honor someone. Memorialize a loved one with a tribute—a gift in honor or in memory of a family member, friend, or loved-one with a donation to Selby Public Library. It is especially befitting to one who lives or has lived a life filled with the joys of reading, books, and the library. You can also honor someone by donating a book in his/her name. Contributions are tax deductible. Call 861.1140 or email: [selbyfriends@comcast.net](mailto:selbyfriends@comcast.net). for more information.

## The month of October at Selby Public Library will be filled with suspense, mystery, and thrills...

During October, Selby Library will be featuring three authors who will speak about their latest releases.

Friday, October 1 at 2 p.m., **Stuart Woods**, New York Times bestselling author, will speak about his new novel *Santa Fe Edge*.

Friday, October 22 at 2 p.m., local author **Patricia Gussin** will give a presentation about her new mystery, *And Then There Was One*.

Sunday, October 24 at 3:30 p.m., #1 New York Times bestselling author **Vince Flynn** will discuss his new thriller *American Assassin*.

Circle Books will sell copies of the books at the presentations and will donate a portion of the proceeds to the Friends. Patrons may bring one book from home for signing, as well. The programs are free, inside Selby Library's Geldbart Auditorium.

**BOOKS & COFFEE  
2010-2011 Season**

*Selby Public Library - Jack J. Geldbart Auditorium*

**November 9**

Tues. 10:30 a.m.

***Imperial Cruise*** by James Bradley

“Teddy Roosevelt lays the foundation for Japan’s initiation of WWII” - Reviewed by Lionel Olmer, former Undersecretary of Commerce for International Trade

**December 14**

Tues. 10:30 a.m.

***The Land of the Green Plums*** by Herta Muller

“Nobel Laureate’s novel of the flight of four young people from a totalitarian police state” - Reviewed by Axel Lohrisch, Lifelong Learning Center Staff Member and Member, Board of Directors

**January 11**

Tues. 10:30 a.m.

***Age of Iron*** by J. M. Coetzee

“South African Nobel Prize Winner’s powerful, chilling novel of apartheid life” - Reviewed by Dr. Martin Tucker, Professor Emeritus, Long Island University

**February 8**

Tues. 10:30 a.m.

***The Publisher*** by Alan Brinkley

“Henry Luce; his Life, Time and Fortune—the magazines he created” - Reviewed by Justus Doenecke, Emeritus Professor of History, New College of Florida

**March 8**

Tues. 10:30 a.m.

***This Time is Different*** by Reinhart and Rogoff

“Extraordinary book sheds light on America’s current financial dilemma” - Reviewed by Charles Albers, Retired Portfolio Manager, Guardian Park Avenue Fund and Oppenheimer Mainstreet Fund

**April 12**

Tues. 10:30 a.m.

***The Three Weissmanns of Westport*** by Cathleen Schine

“Similarities and contrasts with Jane Austen’s *Sense and Sensibility*” - Reviewed by Dr. John P. Mellon, Retired President, Western State College of Colorado

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Programs are free; no reservations required.

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