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2007 SARASOTA READING FESTIVAL

Celebrate The Joy of Reading on Saturday, November 3, 2007 - 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m

The 10th annual Sarasota Reading Festival will be held downtown in Five Points Park on November 3rd 2007. Admission is free. A line-up of well-known personalities and authors includes CNN anchor Lou Dobbs, actor, comedian and author Gene Wilder, and best-selling novelist Barbara Taylor Bradford. Author readings, seminars, children's events and performances are planned to interest everyone in the community.

Special events include two very diverse panels. The group panel discussion on "The media's role in our democratic society" is presented in partnership with the Florida Humanities Council and moderated by Dr. Gordon Michalson, Jr., President of New College. The Mystery Writers Panel will be moderated by Stuart Kaminsky, Nationally renowned author and Sarasota resident.

The First United Methodist Church on Pineapple and State

will be the primary site for author presentations. Pavilions throughout the Five Points Park area will also serve as author venues and Authors Alley. Books will be for sale throughout the Festival - a virtual book-lover's marketplace.

Featured cookbook authors Earl Bubba Hiers and Robert Irvine of The Food Network will demonstrate their recipes in the Geldbart Auditorium at Selby Library. The mystery writers panel discussion will be moderated by Stuart Kaminsky, a Sarasota resident, who was honored last year by the Mystery Writers of America as Grand Master. Free books for children will be distributed from the children's pavilion tent thanks to a grant from The Comcast Foundation.

For a complete schedule of events, parking and transportation read the Sarasota Herald-Tribune or visit this website for more information: www.sarasotareadingfestival.com. See page 6 for the roster of authors.



A Novel Affair – The Preface to the Sarasota Reading Festival

Friday, November 2, 2007 at Selby Library, 1331 First Street, Sarasota - 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

You won't want to miss A Novel Affair, the fund-raising cocktail gala to benefit Selby Public library and the New College Library Association. Celebrate and mingle with acclaimed authors while enjoying inspired food and drink. This affair launches the 2007 Reading Festival and there will be an opportunity to meet the authors and purchase their books.

For tickets call 906-1733 or visit the web site, www.sarasotareadingfestival.com

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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

As the seasons change (at least by the calendar), we want to wish a special "Welcome Back" to our returning members. Those of us who remained here were busy supporting -and enjoying- Selby's children's programs which were again outstanding! We also celebrated summer with a refreshing Ice Cream Social to recognize our volunteers.

We now turn towards our fall schedule and look forward to our "Books and Coffee" programs which Charlene Session continues to coordinate for us. These programs are always popular and well attended, and this year's selections appear to be especially interesting. Among others, I'm looking forward to the discussion on "Harry Potter for Adults" which is being led by our Past-President, Beth Bloechl.

The Sarasota Reading Festival is just around the corner in November and we encourage our members to lend their support, as it enables us to underwrite the many library programs that enrich our community.

If you haven't visited our Bookstore lately, please stop by. Our Administrative Assistant, Alice Baudner, has been doing a terrific job - the displays are colorful and timely, and the booksales have been beyond successful. Alice and Karen Geis, our Volunteer Coordinator, would love to meet you. Please think about volunteering a little of your time, Karen can find a spot for you!

Kathy Hultquist

Kathy Hultquist



Common Cents JUST A PENNY- FOR HEAVEN

Please vote yes for continuing the 1-cent sales tax for infrastructure

Dear Friends,

The Penny Sales Tax for Infrastructure supports the continuation of the 1-cent sales tax. On Tuesday, November 6, Sarasota County residents will have an opportunity to support the fifteen year extension of the current Surtax (penny sales tax). This tax will continue to fund libraries, public schools, parks, beaches, and community projects. The penny spreads the cost of capital projects such as libraries and parks among ALL who use them, including seasonal residents and tourists. The tax would otherwise be paid for

by property owners alone. Visitors pay 30% of this tax.

The surtax funds are vital to enable our libraries to continue to offer excellent services for all citizens. The eight Friends of the Library organizations have endorsed the tax extension and we encourage each member to express their advocacy for libraries by voting "yes" on November 6th.

Thank you!

For more information visit:

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From The Desk of Liz Nolan, Library Manager

Greetings, Friends!

A special **Sarasota Reading Festival** is coming to you on **Saturday, November 3, 2007**. It's our 10th year! We're putting together a wonderful group of authors for the big day, so I'd like to take this opportunity to invite you to the festivities.

- Thus far, the Sarasota Reading Festival has donated well over \$400,000 toward the enhancement of the collections of the Selby Public Library and the Jan Bancroft Cook Library at New College. It is such a worthwhile event. You won't want to miss our fabulous fundraiser, **A Novel Affair**, the night before the festival on **Friday, November 2nd**. Good food, great fun. Please join us! For more information, please contact the festival office at 906-1733.

- In other news, I will be joined this year by the Women Contemporary Artists in producing the Narrative Art show, our annual art exhibition that coincides with the Sarasota Reading Festival. Women Contemporary Artists is a strong regional organization of vibrant, professional, and award



Liz Nolan

winning women active in the visual fine arts. Based in Southwest Florida, their goal is to provide visibility, encouragement, and inspiration to women artists.

The Narrative Art show will open on Monday, October 22, 6:00 to 7:30 PM, with a panel discussion between curator Donn Roll and selected WCA artists. **The closing reception will take place on Thursday, December 6, from 5:30 to 7:00PM.** I hope to see you there.

No doubt you've been following the paper and know that the property tax reform issue will have an impact on most services in Sarasota County Government. As I write this, we are in the process of instituting some changes in hours and services. We'll always do our best to bring you a dynamic mix of programs and resources. Please stayed tuned. Your library needs you now more than ever.

This is such an exciting time. Thank you for your support of the library and the Sarasota Reading Festival.

“Bee Green!” Earns High Praise

From May 21st to August 8th, 2007 the Selby Public Library Staff held 144 free, unique and outstanding literacy programs for some 6,780 children. The programs promoted and encouraged reading. It also was designed to make reading a lifelong habit.



Thanks to Whole Foods, Publix and Wal-Mart the kick-off block party had plenty of hot dogs and ice cream. Clowns, face-painting, storytelling, magic and much more created a Grand Opening. Programs were geared to promote care of the environment, marine education, physical exercise, healthy eating and exposure to the arts through the use of recycled materials. Using recycled materials

provided not only a valuable lesson, but a reduction in the cost of supplies. Those who participated in “BEE GREEN!” were from all socio-economic backgrounds. It brought many people into the library and they returned numerous times. The community's response to “BEE GREEN!” has been one of overwhelming approval and has already generated many early inquiries about next year's program.

On September 11th the Board of County Commissioners presented a proclamation to the producers and directors of “BEE GREEN” for their creative work and support. See photo below.



(L-R) Liz Nolan, JoAnne Schulz, Charlotte Thompson, Ellen Bark, Nadia Ingram, Jessica Arreguin, Kathy Hultquist, and Marilyn Nykiforuk

Welcome Karen Geis



“I think Selby Public Library is vital to the community and could not exist without our many wonderful volunteers,” says Karen Geis, Volunteer Coordinator for Selby Public Library. With great pleasure, we welcome Karen to our library community. Originally from Chicago, Karen moved to Sarasota with her family in 1981.

In 2006 she received a History Degree from USF where she is currently attending Graduate school for Library and Information Science. Her passions are biking, kayaking, and of course – reading.

SOCIABLE VOLUNTEERS

The Friends hosted an Ice Cream Social for Selby Library volunteers on August 10. Over 40 volunteers enjoyed ice cream, summer treats and prizes in recognition for their year-round service to Selby Library. It was just a small way to thank these volunteers that share their expertise and energy with the community.

“When you are good to others, you are best to yourself”
- Ben Franklin



Bookstore Volunteers at Ice Cream Social: (L-R) Cecile Adams, Betty Johnson, Beverly Schmal, Patricia Tway



From left: Sue Brady, Ted and Harriet Oxman enjoying the social.



SWEET SUE!

Sue Brady is one of Selby Public Library’s Bookstore volunteers. One year of giving to Selby as of September is only part of a lifetime of giving. In addition to her regular volunteer shifts in the Bookstore where she shelves, prices and organizes books for sale as well as conducts book sales, Sue can be called on at anytime to fill in for absent volunteers or to help at the various events that take place at Selby Public Library.

Sue, a New Hampshire native, had a 20 year career in the demanding occupation of nursing. As a critical care nurse at New Hampshire’s Optima Health, Sue’s upbeat personality, unending energy and giving nature were needed for such a difficult job in the open heart unit. After years of cardiac experience, Sue moved into the administrative side of the hospital and became the Director of Optima Health’s Clinical and Financial Systems. She was a member of the School Board for the Westside Catholic School and served on the Rules and Regulations Committee for the New Hampshire State Board of Nursing and volunteered for the American Heart Association.

In 2002, Sue and her husband, Dan, left New Hampshire for sunny Sarasota where she continues to give; first as a past member of her Home Owners Association and now at Selby Library. Not only does Sue love reading, but also traveling, biking and photography. We love Sue!



**PROGRAMS & EVENTS
AT SELBY PUBLIC LIBRARY
OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER 2007**

Music Fundamentals series with **Dr. John Goodman**. Part of the Masters and Masterpieces of Music series, a 6 week series on **Wednesdays at 10:30 am, Oct. 10- Nov. 14**. Series sponsored by FOL.

October 12, 2 pm - Christopher Columbus film

October 20, 2 pm - Author and film critic **Jay Boyar, Professor of Film Analysis** at University of Central Florida talking about his book **Films To Go**. Sponsored by FOL.

October 24, 2 pm - David Jarzen, PhD from the Florida Museum of Natural History will speak on **The Sundance of Flowers**. Sponsored by FOL.

October 24, 2:30 pm - Cirque D' Book: Selby Library Book Discussion Group. **House of Mirth** by **Edith Wharton**. As space is limited, please register by calling 861-1120.

October 30, 5 pm - Cine Selby-Norwegian film

October 31, 2 pm- Halloween film with **Vincent Price**.

November 7, 8, 9, 2 pm - Cine Selby-Architecture Series of feature films and documentaries.

November 8, 6 pm - Charles Dickens film based on the novel **A Tale of Two Cities**.

November 14, 2 pm - Author **Helga Harris** will talk on her account of her family's **1938 exodus from Berlin to America**, focusing on the effect it had on her most intense childhood friendship.

November 16, 10:30 am - Author **Karen Tolchin** on her book **Part Blood, Part Ketchup**. Sponsored by FOL.

November 19, 10:30 am - Author **Monica Brandies** on **Landscaping with Tropical Plants**. Sponsored by FOL.

November 27, 5 pm- Cine Selby - Argentinean film.

November 28, 2 pm - Author **Marshall Frank** on his book **From Violins to Violence**. Sponsored by FOL.

November 28, 2:30 pm- Cirque D' Book: After Dark by **Haruki Murakami**. As space is limited, please register by calling 861-1120.

December 1, 2 pm - Books Alive! - a troupe of actors stages a variety of readings from novels, plays, short stories, poems and comedy routines. Sponsored by FOL.

December 3, 6, 7- Kingfest! Stephen King films based on his books shown at 2 pm.

December 10, 2 pm - James Brown documentary.

December 12, 10:30 am - Interpretive Naturalist **Harriet Gayle** on **The Story of Florida's Plants**.

December 14, 2 pm - Film based on **Charles Dickens'** novel **A Christmas Carol**.

December 17, 6 pm - Film: On Christmas Eve during World War I, the **Germans, French, and Scottish are trying to make peace**, so they bury their dead and play football. Nominated for Oscar - **Best Foreign Language Film 2005**.

December 18, 5 pm- Cine Selby- Chinese film.

Sarasota Music Archives' program every 2nd Sunday at 2:30 pm. Call 861-1168 for more information.

Genealogical Society of Sarasota - social hour and program **every 3rd Saturday at 9:30 am.**



How To Donate Books

We want your used books!

Are gently read books piling up in your home or office? Instead of tossing them away, please consider giving them to The Friends for resale in our bookstore. All proceeds benefit Selby Public Library and its programs. If you can't bring them in yourself, The Friends can arrange to have a courier pick up your cartons of books. For more information, please call The Friends at 365-5228.

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ENRICH YOUR LIFE BY VOLUNTEERING

Volunteer Opportunities at Selby Public Library

Volunteers have prolific interests and talents. At the Selby Public Library, you may choose the kind of activity and time that suits you best. Think about some of these fun-filled and challenging options:

- **Shelving library materials** and keeping them orderly. This is our most pressing need. Requires good mobility with the ability to bend.
- **Friends Bookstore.** Bibliophiles sought. If you like working with the public, we will train you to search, shelve and handle sales. You should be available for a four hour shift weekdays or weekends.
- **Working with Children/Youth Department.** Includes shelving, collection maintenance, helping with crafts and youth programs. Persons from all backgrounds welcome, especially if you speak a foreign language.

For more information call Volunteer Coordinator Karen Geis at 941-861-1141

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THE ROSTER OF AUTHORS coming to Town for the Reading Festival

Historical storyteller **Barbara Taylor Bradford**'s novels focus on vibrantly alive heroes and heroines who succeed against great odds such as in *The Heir*, her new work.

Betsy Carter follows her plucky New York journalist's memoir *Nothing to Fall Back On* and first novel *The Orange Blossom Special* with another sweet story of self-reinvention, *Swim To Me*.

In her latest of 10 novels, *When Day Breaks*, best-selling author **Mary Jane Clark** weaves a deft tale of suspense that is breathtaking and shocking to the end.

Join **Lou Dobbs** for his exciting national book launch here in Sarasota of *Independence Day!* Lou Dobbs is the anchor and managing editor of CNN's Lou Dobbs Tonight. He writes for Money and U.S. News & World Report and manages the Lou Dobbs Money Letter.

Pat Duggins has covered space-related news for over 20 years, including around 90 Space Shuttle launches and two dozen landings.

Martin Goldsmith tells the true story of the Jewish Kulturbund, an all-Jewish performing arts ensemble that included his parents and was maintained by the Nazis from 1933-1941.

Yael Goldstein, in his debut novel, offers a fascinating meditation on the nature of creative brilliance and on the love that binds a mother and daughter even when their personal desires clash.

Patricia A. Gozemba, Karen Kahn and Marilyn Humphries chronicle the history of America's latest civil rights struggle—Massachusetts's successful battle for gay marriage.

The Hellers are New York Times bestselling authors. This Sarasota husband-and-wife team revolutionized the world of dieting with their *Carbohydrate Addict's Diet* series.

In *A Good Day's Work*, Sarasota resident **Dwight Hoover** recalls growing up on an Iowa farm in the Great Depression era.

Sandy Horwitt examines the life and times of Sen. Russ Feingold, one of the most dynamic political figures in the country.

84-year-old **Mildred Armstrong Kalish** – a former Sarasotan, in a memoir, shares her still vivid memories of being raised on an Iowa farm by a family just one step removed in spirit from the virtues and values of their pioneer ancestors.

Sarasota's own Edgar-winning novelist **Stuart Kaminsky** brings his 10th Abe Lieberman mystery, *The Dead Don't Lie*, to the Sarasota Reading Festival and leads a Mystery Writers Panel.



Clockwise from top left: Gene Wilder, Lou Dobbs, Stuart Kaminsky and Barbara Kafka.

Hank Klibanoff and co-author **Gene Roberts** won the Pulitzer Prize last spring for a look at how America and the world found out about the civil rights movement of the '50s and '60s.

Jeff Lindsay is the author of *Darkly Dreaming Dexter* and *Dearly Devoted Dexter*. He lives in South Florida. His novels are the subject of the hit Showtime series, DEXTER.

New York Times bestselling science writer **Steven Pinker** possesses that rare combination of scientific aptitude and verbal eloquence that enables him to provide lucid explanations of deep and powerful ideas.

Academy Award-nominated actor and screenwriter **Gene Wilder** (*The Producers*, *Blazing Saddles*, *Young Frankenstein*) follows his bestselling memoir, *Kiss Me Like a Stranger*, with an appealing fiction debut – *My French Whore*.

Chef **Neil Connolly** presided over Rose Kennedy's kitchen - the heart and soul of the Kennedy family's Hyannis Port compound. Connolly shares his remembrances and recipes.

Earl "Bubba" Hiers is the chef and co-owner of Uncle Bubba's Oyster House in Savannah, Ga. In 1999, he helped his sister, Food Network star Paula Deen and her sons renovate a historic building for their popular restaurant.

Celebrity chef **Robert Irvine** has cooked for presidents, prime ministers, royalty and celebrities. Originally from England, Robert has quickly become an American favorite with his popular Food Network TV show, *Dinner: Impossible*. Robert shares his cooking philosophy in his new book *Mission: Cook!*

Back by popular demand, New York Times food columnist **Barbara Kafka** brings us the last word on vegetables in her newest cookbook, *Vegetable Love*.

James Peterson, author of 12 cooking books, began his food career in the '70s when he spent time in France learning the cuisine.

Roberto Santibañez, has been featured everywhere from *Martha Stewart Living*, *Gourmet* and *Bon Appétit*. He is the chef of the popular Rosa Mexicano Restaurants.

Food Network stars **Dan Smith** and **Steve McDonagh** (Party Line with The Hearty Boys) share their entertaining style in their first cookbook, which features 125 food and drink recipes for every stage of the perfect gathering.

Popular Food Network chef **George Stella** author of *Low-Carb and Loving It*, and *George Stella Style: Low-Carb Recipes for Healthy Living*, will hold cooking demonstrations for both kids and adults.

Daphne Nikolopoulos has worked as a journalist in the U.S. and Europe, and currently serves as managing editor of *Palm Beach Illustrated Magazine*.

Camp Creepy Time, is a fun and creepy book for young people by **Dann Gershon** and actress **Gina Gershon**.

Laura Duksta and **Karen Keesler** created a cleverly conceived flip story from a parents' and child's perspective.

In *Nailed*, the relationship between father and son is central to this newest book for young adults from **Patrick Jones**.

St. Augustine-based husband and wife author and illustrator **Frances and Hugh Keiser** have created a series of award-winning environmental books that teach young people an important environmental lesson.

Elise Leonard's *Al's World* revolves around school, his best friend, Keith, and... well, not much else. Leonard was a teacher of inner-city children before starting her writing career.

Yann Martel with illustrator **Tomislav Turjanar**, created a new version for young people of *Life of Pi*, the story of a 16-year-old Indian boy adrift at sea for 227 days with a dangerous Bengal tiger as his companion.

With great verve and plenty of outrageous illustrations, **Allan Wolf** and **Greg Clarke** tickle the funny bone in 34 poems while answering deep anatomical questions.

Welcome New and Renewing Members

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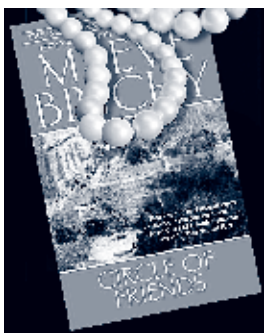
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Friends of Selby Public Library Bookstore will be celebrating the Sarasota Reading Festival with a very special sale on **Saturday, November 3, from 9 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.**

Be adventurous! Search and find your obsession. Become entranced by our wonderful selection of books. Whether it's history, mystery, suspense, romance, etc., you will discover it among thousands of tomes. Tell your friends and family to peruse our bargains in the Friends Bookstore. All proceeds benefit Selby Public Library.



SAVE THE DATE! The Very Special BOOKS, BAUBLES & BLING SALE will be a Glittering Event

The Friends will be presenting for the first time, a very special sale of collectible books and jewelry—**Books, Baubles & Bling**. On **Tuesday, March 4, 2008**, this sale will include a treasure of donated books and a variety of once-loved jewelry and trinkets at low prices. Great gift items. Join the fun

in Selby Library's Geldbart Auditorium. Coffee and snacks will be available. Door prizes. All proceeds, of course, will benefit the Library and its programs. Help support literacy. Donations of jewelry and books are now being accepted. Call 861-1140 for more information

THE ANNUAL BOOK & AUTHOR LUNCHEON

will be held on **Tuesday, March 18, 2007** at Michael's on East. Enjoy lunch and hear an inspiring author speak about his/her literary work. Details and author TBA.

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Books & Coffee 2007-2008 Season

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November 13

The Echo Maker (2006 Nat'l Book Award) by Richard Powers “a coma patient perceives his sister as an imposter.” Reviewed by Susan Rife, Book Editor, Sarasota Herald-Tribune.

December 11

Iran Awakening by Shirin Ebadi (Nobel Peace Prize 2003) “a memoir about defending human rights.” Reviewed by Dr. Katharine Penfield, specialist in history, cultures and religion.

January 8

The Way to Paradise by Mario Vargas Llosa “Paul Gauguin and a social activist pursue utopian dreams.” Reviewed by Dr. Jose Alberto Portugal, Associate Professor of Spanish, New College of Florida.

February 12

The Political Brain by Dr. Drew Weston. “Emotion can decide the fate of the nation.” Reviewed by Dr. Emanuel Tanay, Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, Medical School, Wayne State University.

March 11

Underworld by Don De Lilo. “Underside and overworld of modern behaviors.” Reviewed by Dr. Martin Tucker, editor, Professor Emeritus, Long Island University.

April 8

Discussion: Harry Potter for Adults. “Consider theme, language, symbolism, films of J.K. Rowling.” Led by Beth Bloechl, Pineview English teacher, former President, Friends of the Selby Public Library.

Charleen Sessions, Coordinator

Programs are free; no reservations required. For info: 365-5228

Friends of the Selby Public Library is sponsoring an organization that provides mental stimulation and enjoyment for many library patrons: **SOCRATES CAFE**.

Last year, The Friends Board approved sponsorship of a Socrates Cafe to meet in the Conference Room at 10:30 A.M. on the first and third Mondays each month. Publicity came mostly from a flyer provided by The Friends. Attendance, having ranged from 10 to 25, has included four physicians, two lawyers, two engineers and several professors. The Selby group has resulted in a second group at Gulf Gate Library and a prospective Socrates Cafe at Fruitville Library. One snowbird is planning an organization in her Philadelphia Library.

Information on Socrates Cafe can be found on the website www.philosopher.org or in one of several books by Chris Phillips. Call Jim Chastain at 953-9539 regarding the Selby Library group



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