The youth and young adult departments started the Winter and Spring semester of regular programs with the usual storytimes, gaming, and LEGO Club. January and February featured also some special programs which could not have happened without the support of The Friends of Selby Library!

We threw a party for the after-school students who have been participating in our incentive program. The incentive program known as the “Library Chill Club” allows tweens and teens to get points for doing activities such as attending programs, reading and playing board games. This has allowed them to get healthy snacks provided by the Friends, and also placed them in a drawing for a Samsung tablet as a prize. We had a pizza party and also gave all the participants earbuds, which were greatly appreciated!

We offered the light-up Valentine Card program twice, and all ages had fun being creative while also learning about simple circuits. This program was designed to push the nationwide S.T.E.A.M. initiative, which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. We are trying to offer as many of these programs as possible since they give people a chance to learn about things in a relaxed environment. The gap was bridged between creative arts and science.

The biggest success was the career fair. Thanks to young adult Librarian, Nadia Ingram, and her dedicated Teen Advisory Board, over 70 high school students came to the library to meet 45 professionals from a variety of different careers. The students were happy to have the pizza provided by the Friends of the Library as an extra perk. They also enjoyed a special talk from a career advisor and gained skills on how to stay focused and make good choices. The professionals enjoyed lunch from Jimmy Johns and participated in a community conversation which is part of the “Harwood” initiative. This program known as “Aspirations to Actions” is part of a nationwide movement in library services, which is supported by the American Library Association. Many Libraries have received grants through the Bill and Linda Gates Foundation, while Sarasota and Manatee Counties are being sponsored by the Patterson Foundation. The grants allow library staff and other community partners to receive training to hold community conversations which are meant to fuel positive change by allowing people to make connections and realize common goals. The professionals at our event appreciated the sandwiches and cookies provided by the Friends while they engaged in an interesting conversation.

The youth department is also a little brighter these days, thanks to the Friends. Come by and see our beautiful new ABC rug in the picture book area and new purple bean bag chairs, which have made it more inviting for parents and children to sit closely together for reading. A new play cube has alphabet blocks that spin and an abacus for counting. Families really appreciate the support of Friends of the Selby Public Library in making the area inviting and cozy. Thank you, Friends of the Selby Public Library!
Dear Friends,

Over the past three months the Friends have been busy funding, fundraising, and sponsoring events for Selby Public Library.

Most recently on March 17th at the Longboat Key Club & Resort, a captive audience of 160 guests, enjoyed listening to the Pulitzer prize-winning and former NY Times reporter and editor for 26 years, journalist, and author of five books - Hedrick Smith. Mr. Smith covered a multitude of issues in today’s world of politics in the United States, giving insights from six American presidents and their administrations. Mr. Smith is regarded as a brilliant analysis of political and economic trends and changes in the U.S. over the past 30-40 years. The monies raised will be earmarked for free children’s programs at Selby Library.

On March 17th and 18th Alice, Administrator and Bookstore Manager, presented the always successful annual Books, Baubles, and Bling Sale held in the Auditorium and Bookstore. Over two hundred twenty-five eager shoppers waited for the library doors to open for the start of the sale and in all, over one thousand pleased shoppers helped support the Library by buying donated items in all categories including jewelry, books, art, designer items, antiques and housewares. All proceeds will benefit Selby Library.

At the annual Looking into the Crystal Ball at Selby Library on the evening January 11th, Selby Library was bursting with over 600 attendees, constant energy, quality entertainment, art and cultural exhibits. The food sampling from local restaurants and food venues was one of the highlights of the function. The Friends thank Kenney DeCamp, producer, and are sincerely grateful to the vendors and donors at this fundraiser who gave so much of their time, talents, and contributions to raise funds for children’s events at the Library.

The Books & Coffee program series sponsored by the Friends and presented to the public free, continues to draw a crowd that is pleased to listen to prolific presenters and discuss compelling books. Friends 2nd Vice President Alice Blueglass has worked hard to ensure that this year’s roster of speakers and books has been better than ever.

Friends of the Selby Public Library encourages you to become a member of Friends of the Selby Public Library if you already aren’t. Please see this issue for details. Please read about all the free programs the Friends are pleased to support for all ages at Selby Library. We salute: all our members, the Friends board, volunteers, donors, sponsors, bookstore patrons, and those who contribute in every way. You all make it possible for Selby Public Library to excel in its variety of free presentations, the pursuit of literacy, and the quest to ensure that the Library remains the jewel of culture and education in Sarasota. The Board of Directors and I, Selby Library, and the community, thank you for your “friendship.”

Denise Chimbos

How did Nancy Deaton find her career as a reference librarian at Selby Library?

Nancy first earned a Bachelor of Science in Sociology (1980) and later a Bachelor of Art in History (1994) from Florida State University. She worked for AIHRS (American International Health and Rehabilitation Services) a subsidiary of AIG, for six years. The company was located in Orlando. She worked in the Information Center providing research for Rehabilitation Consultants and attorneys. Nancy enjoyed researching even way back then! She did receive an Employee of the Quarter Award for her work. Realizing that she would like to continue with a career in libraries she returned to Florida State University to pursue a Master’s degree in Library Science. While taking classes in Library Science she worked on campus at the Strozier Library. Upon graduating from FSU with a MLS she applied and accepted a Reference librarian position at Selby Public Library in 1997.

Nancy says it has been a wonderful adventure – from moving to the new Selby Public Library in 1998, and to keeping up with the changes in reference and technology. She enjoys helping people and meeting people from all over the world at Selby—and teaching computer classes and technology instruction. Nancy has been involved in many committees and library services. They include the One Book/One Community for fourteen years, and Ask a Librarian, a statewide chat and email service for fifteen years. More recently she has been involved in a great service called Books By Mail. This service provides library resources to those who are unable to come to the library. Another enjoyable program that she has been a part of is the Adult Summer Reading Program for the past three years. This program encourages adults to read during the summer, setting an example for their children.

Everyone appreciates the many contributions Nancy Deaton makes to Selby Library!
Volunteers are important to all nonprofit organizations, and this will be another way at the beginning of the summer to help organizations build a better world for others and the environment.

Tables and chairs will be provided. Open wifi will also be available for prospective volunteers to sign up using a laptop or ipad. The Volunteer Fair will be promoted through the library website, as well as other media. Organizations may also publicize the fair on their own websites to encourage potential volunteers to attend the fair.

For organizations wishing to participate in the Fair, please email or call Karen Geis at 941-861-1156 or kgeis@scgov.net. An R.S.V.P. is needed no later than May 19th, and this information needs to be received from your organization before the event:

1. Should your volunteer applicants apply online or in person
2. What age range is acceptable
3. Are one day events, ongoing, and or family events offered
4. Will there be training, or no training

Selby Public Library is looking forward to your organization being part of the Volunteer Fair at Selby Public Library—and making Sarasota a better place for all.

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**All Sarasota County Friends of the Libraries helped sponsor the recent 2017 Staff Development Day**

The County Library System hosted their own Libraries and Historical Resources staff, plus guests from 11 other library systems, and scores of library supporters and community leaders.

Keynote speakers and presentations were an opportunity for the library staff of Sarasota County Library System to share updates on processes, ideas, information and to educate. Selby Library was the mecca for the event which offered a lush breakfast and a tasty lunch. Friends of Selby Public Library helped host this very special day, and insure its tremendous success.

Visit www.selbylibraryfriends.org to view past event highlights.

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**The Library offers FREE COMPUTER CLASSES** on Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and Excel. Also, introductory classes on computers and the internet. Stop by the reference desk to sign-up or for more information.
Friends of the Selby Public Library has given an impressive amount of funds over just the past ten years—over a million dollars—to enhance the lives of children and adults by funding thousands of FREE programs at Selby Library and ensuring that the Library remains a beacon of literacy and education in the community.

The foundation for building a better life begins with literacy, and thanks to the infusion of Friends funding, Selby Library is able to purchase additional books, media, select furniture, technical devices, present free vibrant programs for youth and adults, and sponsor volunteer appreciation events. Fun, varied, free Summer Reading Programs for children, teens and adults are supported by the Friends.

Art, music, culture, life sciences, education, entertainment, and many compelling community interests and presentations are all supported via Friends funding.

Friends of the Selby Public Library Bookstore is made possible by the thousands of donated, once-loved books and media contributed by generous booklovers, and shopped by thousands of happy patrons able to purchase quality books at low prices. The store is the largest fundraiser for the Friends but it serves the community as well, offering quality books and media at affordable bargain prices. Many lives are improved with the power of reading.

If you aren’t already a member of Friends of Selby Public Library, we encourage you to become one (see pg. 6). If you are a member, we are grateful for your support. You are helping to ensure that Selby Library remains a beacon of education and culture in Sarasota.

A Book we are ding

Book Review of Our Souls at Night by Kent Haruf

The language in Kent Haruf’s last book is calming and quiet. It sets the tone for the rest of the novel which takes place as many of his novels do—in his fictional and beloved small town of Holt, Colorado, modeled after his own home town. We are immediately drawn into this story with the clever use of the first sentence, “And then there was the day when Addie Moore made a call on Louis Waters.” We learn that Addie and Louis have both lost their spouses and that Addie has a plan. We learn, as their relationship develops, that Louis in conflicted by what he wants and what the town will think. Addie has resolved some of her struggles, all of which we sense through Haruf’s simple and skillful writing. As they both get to know each other, they, during the night, talk comfortably about their lives, their mistakes, their tragedies and their happinesses.

Addie’s son visits and leaves his small son in the care of Grandma for many weeks. The relationships take a different direction with many poignant and heartwarming scenes involving our two elders and a young grandson. With the return of Addie’s son, a major conflict begins and serious consequences mark a turning point in the lives of our characters who are, by now, our friends. This is a poignant story, so well depicted that it might be about our neighbors or ourselves. It might be heartbreaking or hopeful or something else. Whatever you take away from this lovely book, it is best if you read it with friend so you can discuss it. If you like this book, you may like Haruf’s Plainsong which is gentle and yet uplifting.

Reviewed by Alice Blueglass, Friends of the Selby Public Library, 2nd Vice President
**Free, Informative & Inspiring Presentations at Selby Library**

**April 13 - Wildlife Photographer: Tom Isgar (2pm, JGA)**  
Wildlife photographer Tom Isgar will present his remarkable images from African safaris.

**April 15 - Sarasota Musical Flea Market (10am - 4pm, JGA)**  
Come support the Sarasota Music Archive at the SMA Music sale. Records, CDs, musical instruments, musical equipment, sheet music, music books and more. Please contact 861-1168 if you wish to make donations.

**April 17 until May 27 - Anne Frank: A History for Today exhibit (Rotunda)**  
The Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee, Sarasota County Libraries and Historical Resources, Sarasota County Schools, and Embracing Our Differences are sponsoring an exhibit on loan from the Anne Frank Center for Mutual Respect. For more information please contact Orna Nissan at 941-552-6305 or onissan@jfedsrq.org.

**April 19 - Opera Talk: Eugene Onegin (10:30am, JGA)**  
Join us for a multimedia presentation as lecturer Phyllis Lowitt, M.M., discusses Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin. This program is a prelude to the April 22nd live screening at the Regal Hollywood Stadium 20 of the Metropolitan Opera's HD performance.

**April 19 - Time Sifters (6pm, JGA)**  
Time Sifters Archaeological Society present monthly lecture programs. This month: The Dating Game: Palmer Mound Pots and People. Presented by Dr. Maranda Kles. Recent research has provided new radiocarbon dates for the Palmer mound site located at Historic Spanish Point and shed new light on the people that inhabited the Sarasota area 2000 years ago.

**April 20 - Selby Library will close at 2pm for a special Event**

**April 25 - Cine Selby (5pm, JGA)**  
This Month: The City of Lost Children  
(France, 116m, 1995, Sony Pictures) R

**April 28 - Money Smart Week: Identity Theft (10:30am, JGA)**  
Find out ways to protect your personal information from identity thieves, and what to do if you are a victim. Presented by Sandee Rains from Clearpoint Solutions.

**May 2 - Manasota-SCORE Business Class (5pm, JGA)**  
Manasota-SCORE hosts specialized business workshops. This week: Your Business Concept Registration at: manasota.score.org/localworkshops

**May 8 - Cirque D’Book (10:30am, CR)**  
Librarian Charlotte Thompson leads a monthly book discussion group. This Month: An Unnecessary Woman by Rabih Alameddine.

**May 10 - Author: Lisa Unger (6pm, JGA)**  

**May 12 - Reference USA and Your Business (12pm, JGA)**  
Bill Carlson, Senior Account Executive with ReferenceUSA, will show entrepreneurs and business owners how to use ReferenceUSA to find the mission critical information necessary to start, manage and grow a business.

**May 13 - Genealogical Society of Sarasota Program & Meeting (10am, JGA)**  
This month: Bryan L. Mulcahy, Research Librarian with Fort Myers Regional Library, will present How to Overcome Genealogical Brick Wall Issues.

**May 16 - Manasota-SCORE Business Class (5pm, JGA)**  
Manasota-SCORE hosts specialized business workshops. This week: Marketing Plan Registration at: manasota.score.org/localworkshops

**May 17 - Author J. R. Sharp (10:30am, JGA)**  
Author J.R. Sharp presents his novel Feeding the Enemy, based on the true story of an Italian family’s determination to survive in the face of evil during WW II. It is a story of perseverance, ingenuity and love. This book captures the spirit of survivability against all odds and provides the reader with an appreciation of what Europeans went through during the war to end all wars. Book Sale and Signing to follow.

**May 29 - All Libraries Closed (10am, JGA)**

**May 30 - Cine Selby (5pm, JGA)**  
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Hedrick Smith
Author Luncheon Fundraiser Captivated Many

The Longboat Key Club & Resort Harbourside Dining Room was the venue for a fundraiser for Selby Library on March 17th. Over 160 attendees listened to dynamic speaker Hedrick Smith, Pulitzer prize winning journalist, reporter and editor for the New York Times, Producer/Correspondent for the PBS Show Frontline and author of Who Stole the American Dream? He fascinated the crowd—speaking without notes—just his experience, knowledge and information of how Washington works, having penned The Power Games: How Washington Works, The Russians, and several other books. All proceeds from this luncheon, lecture, Q & A, and book-signing will help support youth programs at Selby Library. To Hedrick Smith, the sponsors, donors, attendees, and board members who worked to make this event a success—THANK YOU!

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