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Terra the therapy dog at Dunnellon Public
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a word FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Julie Sieg
Director, Marion County
Public Library System



Today, I wonder what kids dream of their life becoming when they grow up. Is their dream job being a recording artist, firefighter, teacher, preacher, veterinarian,

professional athlete or librarian? When they grow up, do they want to make a difference in their community, be famous, be the best parent, write the next best-seller or invent the next best gadget? Do they envision living in a big city making lots of money, going to the theater and clubbing or living in the country, tending the garden and collecting eggs?

I remember, as a little girl, I dreamed of living in the country. Since I lived in the city of Ft. Lauderdale, I knew about city life. However, each summer we went to “the farm” in the Silver Springs and experienced country living. Once I got the taste of farm life I was hooked. When we went back home, one of the things my sister and I loved to do was dream of all the pets we would have when we grew up and lived on the farm. We would sit for hours with our paper, pencil and World Book encyclopedias, making our list of horses and dogs we would own. We read to each other the characteristics of each breed and dreamed and planned and dreamed and planned. I was partial to buckskin horses and Irish wolfhound dogs.

Reality rarely played a part in my dreams. In the dream version, we would have hundreds of acres that the animals would share in perfect harmony. The fences, pens, food, upkeep and health care costs would magically exist and be financially managed. But, as all pet owners know, the reality is that pets- dogs, cats, horses, birds, etc. – can be time consuming, have certain needs, be costly and are a very special responsibility.

Over the years, my actual pet family has never completely resembled my youthful dreams. However, the love, comfort, happiness and humor our beloved pets provide make the reality all worthwhile. Every day, our family experiences unconditional love, pleasure, giggles and snuggles from our Boston terrier, Buster, and our French bulldog, Maggie. Who could ask for more!

Julie Sieg

PAWS AND PAGES PET EXPO

UNLEASH THE PET OWNER IN YOU!

By Karen M. Jensen



When asked, many of us would include our pets on the list of beloved family members. According to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals® (ASPCA), an estimated 70 million to 80 million dogs and 74 million to 96 million cats are owned in the United States.

Of course, what defines a beloved pet may vary from person to person (e.g., dog vs. cat, cat vs. bird, bird vs. reptile; you catch my drift). Regardless of the actual pet species, one thing is clear. We love our pets!!

The majority of pet owners are conscientious about their pet's well-being. But for many dogs, cats and a variety of other domestic animals, the comfortable life as a cherished pet will never occur.

Deb Horvath, director of the Marion County Animal Services Department, estimates that more than 12,000 dogs and cats entered local shelters last year. Some were adopted out to loving homes. But many were not.

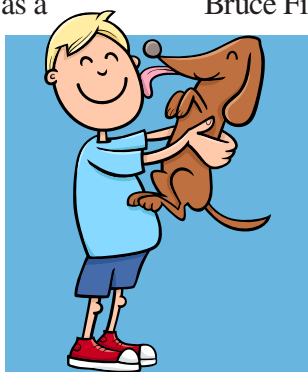
According to Deb, "Shelters and rescue groups need all the help they can get from their local communities to assist with the homeless pet problem. We truly appreciate our Headquarters-Ocala Public Library opening their doors to us to provide a venue for animal lovers to view a variety of pets that are up for adoption right here in Marion County. Let's empty the cages and kennels."

On Saturday, Oct. 1, from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m., local animal shelters and rescue groups, along with their adoptable cats and dogs, will converge at the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library location for the first **Paws and Pages Pet Expo**.

Prospective pet owners and pet lovers alike will find something of interest, including pets looking for their forever homes, as well as vendors offering a variety of pet-related information and products.

Speakers, including University of Florida Emergency and Critical Care Services team, Drs. Gareth J. Buckley and Justin Schmalberg, will provide valuable information about pet nutrition and medical care. Other animal experts will be on hand to share tips on how to select the right pet and establish a lifelong relationship. Pet adoption fees and requirements will be established by each shelter or rescue group.

Bruce Fishalow, director of the Humane Society of



PAWS AND PAGES PET EXPO

Oct. 1,
10 a.m.
to 3 p.m.
at
HQ-Ocala
Public
Library

Marion County (HSMC), believes adopting a pet from a shelter is a great investment. "An adoption fee can buy a person unconditional love and a best friend. Adopting shelter animals saves lives and helps to combat the pet overpopulation problem. HSMC shelter pets are spayed/neutered, microchipped, have received all immunizations, are up-to-date on flea and heartworm treatment and include a free wellness visit with a veterinarian. It's the best deal in town and helps homeless animals do what they do best...love again," said Fishalow.

Your Marion County Public Library has lots of information to help make pet ownership a rewarding experience. While searching for that special pet, take a few minutes to browse through the library's catalog or speak with library staff about the latest books, magazines and digital resources on pets and pet care.

Meet your match at the Paws and Pages Pet Expo. Sit. Stay. Adopt! 🐾

WILLIE, FRIDA AND FRANK: A TAIL OF SHELTER PETS BECOMING FAMILY

by Amber Jackson



Maggie Carey believes shelter pets know they're getting a second chance when a loving person takes them home.

She attributes their gratefulness for the reason they are always there — tails wagging — to offer love, comfort and of course, the occasional lick.

"They're always there for me; they're like family," Carey said about the three adopted dogs she comes home to every night. "I can't imagine not having them; they fill a void."

That void is what sent Carey to Marion County Animal Services almost two years ago, after her first shelter dog, Sadie, passed away.

Her kids were grown and out of the house, and the silence after Sadie's passing made the lonely, empty feeling of the house unbearable. That is, until the day she saw a Facebook post from Marion County Animal Services with a photo of an adoptable dog named Willie.

Although he only had three legs, he was friendly and full of love — two things Carey couldn't resist.

Soon after, she decided Willie needed a friend and returned to Animal Services to adopt Frida, a small terrier whose elderly owner had become ill.

Although Willie liked Frida, he didn't have the energy to keep up with her. So naturally, Frida needed a friend to play with. That's how Frank the pug, also from Animal Services, joined the family.

Carey says she's thrilled with her full house and wouldn't want it any other way.

"I know they say adoption saves animals, but there have been many times my animals have saved me," she said.

Having experienced four adoptions from Animal Services, Carey says she doesn't see the need for pet stores or breeders.

"What's the point, when there are so many great animals in shelters that need homes?" she asked passionately.

She encourages anyone thinking about adding a pet to their family to visit Animal Services or their local shelter.

"I've adopted four dogs in a row from the shelter and I have the best dogs in the world," she said. "They're loving, well-behaved, house trained... I couldn't ask for better pets." 🐶

SHELTER PET FACTS:

Half of the 6 million to 8 million pets that end up in animal shelters around the country each year won't be adopted, according to the Humane Society of the United States. There are many misconceptions about adopting pets from shelters, which is why only 37 percent of dogs and 46 percent of cats living in U.S. households are adopted. Pet stores and breeders are still a popular choice for many people. In an effort to dispel the myths, here are the facts:

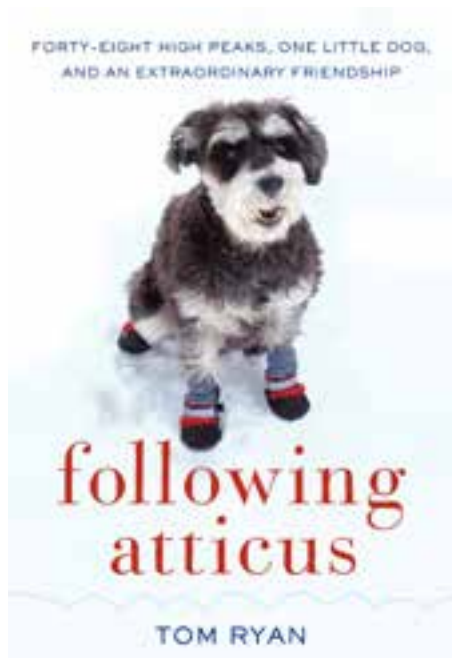
- Shelter pets are not all mutts. In fact, 25 percent are purebreds.
- Animals don't end up in shelters because they behave badly or aren't good pets. The most common reason animals are surrendered to shelters is because their owners move or have landlord issues, filling shelters with family-friendly pets.
- The cost of adopting a pet from a shelter is almost always less than purchasing from a store or breeder. Once you add the cost of vaccinations, spay/neuter surgery, microchipping, deworming, flea prevention and a county license — all of which Marion County Animal Services includes in adoption fees — the cost of a shelter pet is often less than getting one for free.
- Staff members at rescue groups and animal shelters are trained to analyze animal behavior and personality, some even have testing procedures. Marion County Animal Services requires each employee be trained and participate in pet-human matching, ensuring you take home the best pet for your family.

Source: Data provided by the Humane Society of the United States.

We Love Our Pets!

By Karen Kociemba

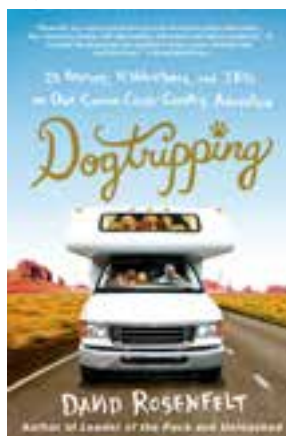
Two thirds of Americans live with an animal so it is natural that numerous stories are published about our relationships with these special family members. One of my favorite animal books is **“Following Atticus: Forty-Eight High Peaks, One Little Dog, and an Extraordinary Friendship”** by Tom Ryan.



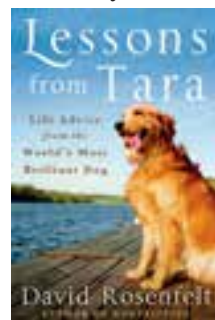
Tom, middle-aged and overweight, and his miniature schnauzer, Atticus M. Finch, attempt to climb all 48 of New Hampshire’s 4,000-foot mountain peaks. They are two of the most unlikely mountain climbers you will meet! You will love the pictures included in the book, especially the cover, which shows Atticus in his winter hiking booties and is guaranteed to make you smile.

Another dog lover and author, David Rosenfelt, writes the Andy Carpenter mystery series featuring Andy’s golden retriever sidekick, Tara. Rosenfelt and his wife are passionate dog rescuers and

their story is featured in his non-fiction book **“Dogtripping: 25 Rescues, 11 Volunteers, and 3 RVs on Our Canine Cross-Country Adventure.”** Imagine trying to move your household, which includes 25 dogs, from California to



a new home in Maine. What could go wrong? And if you’re interested in the back story on his beloved dog Tara,

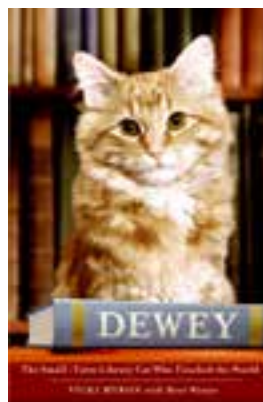


read **“Lessons from Tara: Life Advice from the World’s Most Brilliant Dog.”**

Because we all love libraries, I must suggest two books about

library cats.

Yes, some libraries have a resident cat. Dewey’s story is told in the book by Vivki Myron and Bret Witter, **“Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched The World.”**

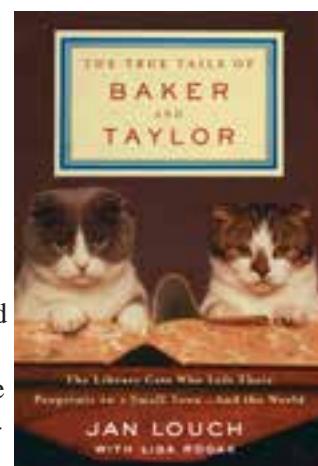


When the small-town Iowa librarian discovers a half-frozen kitten, she nurses him back to health and decides to keep

him at the library. Dewey becomes the official greeter and favorite of everyone.

Another library cat story is told in a recent publication by Jan Louch, **“The True Tails of Baker and Taylor: The Library Cats Who Left Their Pawprints on a Small Town... And The World,”**

introducing us to the two Scottish Fold cats who lived at the Douglas County Public Library in Nevada. Baker and Taylor became famous because a book distribution company made them their mascots. Many library posters feature these handsome kitties.



I leave you with a reading suggestion from the children’s department. Based on a true story, **“Bobbie: The Wonder Dog”**

by Tricia Brown is simply inspirational. Bobbie, a scotch collie mix, goes along on a family vacation from his home state of Oregon to Indiana and then gets lost. His family is heartbroken, but they must return home. Six months later, barely recognizable, Bobbie appears on his family’s doorstep in Oregon having walked almost 3,000 miles to find his family!

Continue to love your pets and enjoy the many animal stories found at your public library. 🐾



Marion County Public Library System's *Pets Caught Reading* Photo Contest

Does your pet have a favorite book or library-related activity? If so, snap a photo of that furry, feathery or scaly pet and enter the Marion County Public Library System's Pets Caught Reading Photo Contest. Entering the photo contest is easy and photographers of all ages are encouraged to show off their skills and library-loving pets! Props are encouraged.



Entry forms and contest rules are available at all Marion County Public Library System locations or on the library's website at library.marioncountyfl.org. Entries will be accepted from October 1-October 29 at all Marion County Public Library System locations.



Here are just a few examples of the Marion County Public Library System staff pets caught in the act of enjoying a library activity. Have fun and send us those pictures! 📷



program spotlight

All library programs are free and open to the public. Registration/tickets may be required.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Paws & Pages Pet Expo

Saturday, Oct. 1, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Headquarters-Ocala

Looking for a new best friend?

Consider adopting from one of our local animal groups and bring a pet into a forever home! Local vendors and exhibitors provide information and resources for every pet owner. Stop by our photo booth to enter the pet photo contest. All pets must be leashed. Bonus: story time and crafts purr-fectly suited for children!

CREATE: A Colossal, Reading, Entertaining, Artsy, Teen Event!

Teen (13-18) application deadline:

Monday, Oct. 24

Event: Saturday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Headquarters-Ocala

Celebrate the many talents of Marion County teens! Applaud the writing, filmmaking, artistic and performing talents of youth in our community. Vote for your favorites in each category. Have a snack at a food truck and maybe win a door prize! All ages are invited to attend.

Event participation is open to ages 13-18.

Applications are available at any branch locations or online at library.marioncountyfl.org.

SPECIAL FALL FESTIVITIES

Fall Festival

Saturday, Oct. 22, 1-4 p.m.

Dunnellon Public Library

Celebrate fall with stories, pumpkin decorating, snow cones, and more! Festival kicks off with master magician Brian LaPalme. Bring the whole family for a fun afternoon.

Fairy Tale Festival

Saturday, Oct. 29, 1-4 p.m.

Headquarters-Ocala

For ages 12 and younger with caregivers.

Travel to once-upon-a time! Dress up as your favorite character, listen to fairy tales and dance the maypole with the Greenwood Morris Dancers as your eyes wander through the enchanted fairy gardens created by the Pioneer Garden Club of Ocala.

Trunk or Treat!

Saturday, Oct. 29, 4 p.m.

Forest Public Library

'Tis the season for fall fun with lots of games, clowns, face painting and, of course, candy! Presented in conjunction with the Forest Community Center.

ALL ABOUT HISTORY

Hamilton Jam

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 4 p.m.

Headquarters-Ocala

For teens and adults.

Sing along, read along and geek out about all things Hamilton, the record-breaking and award-winning Broadway musical about the life of Alexander Hamilton. It's the next-best thing to being there!

Civil War Super Spy Harriet Woods

Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2 p.m.

Freedom Public Library

For adults.

Carlo Trimboli, Civil War enthusiast and administrator for American Civil War Swords & Collectibles, retells

the fascinating story of a mysterious woman who was pivotal in the course of the war.

Brown Bag Luncheon With Nancy (Bray) Bowden

Wednesday, Oct. 5, noon

Reddick Public Library

For teens and adults.

A lunch to remember! Historian Nancy Bowden presents local history as only the daughter of Sybil Browne Bray, author of "Salty Crackers," can! Bring your bag lunch and enjoy the colorful past of Marion County. Beverage and dessert provided. Contact the library to reserve a piece of pie!

ALL ABOUT BOOKS

Reading the World

In partnership with the Racial Harmony Cultural Awareness Task Force and One Ocala One America, the library's October book clubs celebrate diversity. Join the discussion!

Oct. 4, 2:30 p.m., Freedom Public Library

"A Thousand Splendid Suns"

by Khaled Hosseini

Oct. 11, 6 p.m., Headquarters-Ocala

"Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books" by Azar Nafisi

Oct. 12, 10 a.m., Belleview Public Library

"The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini

Oct. 12, 10:30 a.m., Forest Public Library

"The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot

Oct. 18, 6:30 p.m., Belleview Public Library

"The Education of Little Tree"

by Forrester Carter

Oct. 20, 11 a.m., Dunnellon Public Library

"The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian" by Sherman Alexie

Oct. 26, 10:30 a.m., Forest Public Library

"I Am Malala" by Malala Yousafzai



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Friday, Oct. 14, 10:30 a.m.

Forest Public Library

Monday, Oct. 17, 11 a.m.

Dunnellon Public Library

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 10:30 a.m.

Belleview Public Library

Share a hug with the loveable star of Norman Bridwell's classic books!
Co-sponsored by United Way of Marion County Reading Pals.

MEET THE AUTHORS

Tim Dorsey

"Coconut Cowboy"

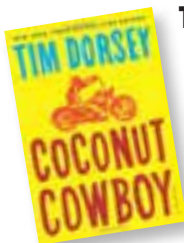
Thursday, Sept. 22, 6:30 p.m.

Headquarters-Ocala

For adults.

Prepare for some big laughs as serial killer and anti-hero Serge Storm rides again —

this time through corrupt small town Florida. Beware! This one is fast-paced and there's a speed trap ahead.



San Hoy

"Purple Frog Pajamas"

Wednesday, Sept. 28,

10:30 a.m.

Belleview Public Library

For children.

Family story time is hopping! Sandra Sanders presents a special story time about Joshua's extra-special frog pajamas.



Helga Herzog Godfrey

"WWII Diary of a German Soldier"

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2 p.m.

Dunnellon Public Library

For adults.

Through the rediscovered



diary of her father, Godfrey recounts the everyday thoughts of a German school teacher, including his touching love for family and hatred for a horrific war. Light refreshments.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Pokémon... GO! GO! GO!

Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2:30 p.m.

Reddick Public Library

For all ages.

Jack Cromwell, extraordinary tech guy at FixIT Tek of Belleview, introduces everyone to the latest community craze! Get up, get out, explore!

Tampa Taiko Drum Ensemble

Saturday, Oct. 8, 2 p.m.

Headquarters-Ocala

For ages 12 and younger with caregivers.

The drumbeats of ancient Japan pulse through the library and into your heart! Listen and move with this Florida drum ensemble.

Family Poetry Slam!

Monday, Oct. 10, 6 p.m.

Marion Oaks Public Library

For all ages.

Bring your favorite poem and share a special night. It's sheer poetry!

Winter Festivals! Save the Date!

Dec. 3, 2 p.m., Forest Public Library

Arctic Blast

Dec. 7, 6 p.m., Headquarters-Ocala

Polar Express

Dec. 10, 10:30 a.m., Belleview Public Library

Polar Paradise Party

Dec. 17, 1 p.m., Reddick Public Library

Reindeer Romp

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SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Millie Blonder and the Art of Belly Dancing

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Shake it up with octogenarian Millie Blonder and discover the secrets of youth and vitality while having a blast! Music, stories, dance and more!

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Tampa Taiko Drum Ensemble

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Fairy Garden Tour

Monday, Oct. 24-Friday, Oct. 28

It's a land of enchantment sure to spark imagination! View the magical miniature gardens and enter to win a treasured botanical beauty!

Co-sponsored by the Pioneer Garden Club of Ocala.

ADULTS**Wired Wednesdays**

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Learn about computers and databases. Space is limited.

Computers for Beginners

Sept. 7 *I Turned on My Computer, Now What?*

Sept. 14 *Basic Keyboarding*

Sept. 21 *Basic Internet*

Sept. 28 *Basic Word*

Online Potpourri

Oct. 5 *Job Hunting A to Z*

Oct. 12 *Learning Express*

Oct. 19 *Home Improvement*

Oct. 26 *Multilingual Multiplier: Pronunciator*

Genealogy Help Center

Wednesdays, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Sept. 7, Sept. 21, Oct. 5, Oct. 19, Nov. 2, Nov. 16

Genealogy gurus from the Marion County Genealogical Society assist with your search.

Technology Help Center

Wednesdays, 2-3:30 p.m.

Sept. 7-Nov. 30

Bring your device and drop in!

The Monday Matinée

Mondays, 2 p.m.

Movies for adults. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Light refreshments.

Sept. 12

Sept. 19

Sept. 26

Oct. 3

Oct. 17

Oct. 24

Novels at Night Book Club

Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

Enjoy a lively book discussion, treats and coffee.

Sept. 13 "Heartsick" by Chelsea Cain

Oct. 11 "Reading Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books" by Azar Nafisi

Nov. 8 "From the Dust Returned" by Ray Bradbury

End-of-Life Planning

Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2 p.m.

Jessica McCune, Outreach/Support Liaison, Hospice of Marion County, discusses palliative care, grief and end-of-life planning.

TEENS**Manga-licious! Teen Book Club**

Tuesdays, 4 p.m.

Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1

High-energy talks about all things manga and anime.

YALLA!

Wednesdays, 5 p.m.

Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9

Be a part of the library experience! Earn volunteer hours for service.

K-9 Cops: Police Dogs and Their Handlers

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 4 p.m.

The Ocala Police Department K-9 unit demonstrates how to find suspects, victims and narcotics.

Fingerprinting Basics

Tuesday, Oct. 25, 4 p.m.

CSI professionals from the Ocala Police Department reveal how to locate and analyze fingerprints.

CHILDREN**Kids Code!**

Thursdays, 3 p.m.

Sept. 8-Sept. 29

For ages 7-12. Registration required.

Learn computer programming through games. Space is limited. Call 352-671-8551 to register.

Construction Zone

Saturday, Sept. 10, 10:30 a.m.

For ages 5-12 with caregivers.

Put your imagination in gear and start building!

artLab

Saturday, Sept. 24, 10:30 a.m.

For ages 5-12 with caregivers.

Express yourself through art!

Innovation Station

Wednesdays, 2 p.m.

Sept. 28, Nov. 2, Nov. 16

For ages 5-12 with caregivers.

Tinker, design and create!

Preschool Club

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

Sept. 17, Nov. 19

For ages 3-5 with caregivers.

Fun-filled activities and games.

SPECIAL STORY TIMES**Family Story Time**

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

Sept. 3, Nov. 5

For ages 5 and younger with caregivers.

B.E.A.R. Time!

Monday-Friday, 3:30 p.m.

Sept. 5-Dec. 2

Be excited about reading and hear great stories!

WEEKLY STORY TIMES

Sept. 6-Oct. 27

A variety of stories, songs, and activities for children and caregivers.

Terrific Threes

Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.

Preschool Story Time

Tuesdays, 1:15 p.m.

Toddling Twos

Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.

Pajama Story Time

Wednesdays, 6:15 p.m.

For ages 5 and younger.

Bouncing Babies

Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.

For infants-23 months.

BELLEVIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY

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SPECIAL PROGRAMS**Meet Clifford The Big Red Dog!**

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 10:30 a.m.

See Program Spotlight for more locations.

Co-sponsored by United Way of Marion County Reading Pals.

Go Wild with Wildflowers!

Saturday, Nov. 5, 2 p.m.

Join Anne MacKay, wife of Buddy MacKay, 42nd Governor of Florida, and learn about Florida native wildflowers. Become a wildflower ambassador by making and sharing your very own wildflower seed eggs. Co-sponsored by Florida Wildflower Foundation and the Marion "Big Scrub" Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society.

ADULTS

Master Gardener Plant Clinic

*Fridays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Sept. 2, Oct. 7*

Bring your plants and questions for diagnosis by the experts. *Presented by the UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners; UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.*



Tuesday Movie Matinée

Tuesdays, 1 p.m.

Movies for adults. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Light refreshments.

- Sept. 6*
- Sept. 13*
- Sept. 20*
- Sept. 27*
- Oct. 4*
- Oct. 11*
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Technology Help Center

*Tuesdays, 2-4 p.m.
Sept. 6-Nov. 29*

Bring your device and drop in!

Little Bit o' Dickens!

Wednesdays, 1 p.m.

Journey into the world of Charles Dickens with master educator and literary tour guide Bobbie Jordan!

- Sept. 7-21 "Great Expectations"*
- Sept. 28-Oct. 12 "A Tale of Two Cities"*

Genealogy Help Center

*Wednesdays, 3-5 p.m.
Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2*

Genealogy gurus from the Marion County Genealogical Society assist with your search.

Color. Connect. Converse.

Thursdays, 1 p.m.

Express yourself through color and interesting conversation.

- Sept. 8 Julie Drexel from Patriot Service Dogs*
- Oct. 13 David VanBushkirk, D&L Bonsai Nursery*

Wednesday Morning Book Club

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

Meet your neighbors and share a love of literature.

- Sept. 14 "Sarah's Key" by Tatiana de Rosnay*
- Oct. 12 "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini*
- Nov. 9 "A Week in Winter" by Maeve Binchy*

Tuesday Evening Book Club

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Meet more neighbors and share a love of literature.

- Sept. 20 "Being Mortal" by Atul Gawande*
- Oct. 18 "The Education of Little Tree" by Forrest Carter*
- Nov. 15 "Never Let Me Go" by Kazuo Ishiguro*

Florida Native Plant Society

Mondays, 6 p.m.

Local chapter president Taryn Evans and guest presenters discuss native plant life in Florida.

- Sept. 26 Be Bear-Wise with Natalie Almeter, Florida Wildlife Commission*
- Oct. 31 Fairies, Trolls and Dragons with Lavon Silvernell, President of the Lake Beautyberry Chapter*
- Nov. 28 Where to Enjoy Native Plants in Lake County Parks with Wendy Poag, Lake County Parks and Recreation*

TEENS

YALLA South!

*Tuesdays, 5 p.m.,
Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1*

Be a part of the library experience! Earn volunteer hours for service.

FAMILIES

Art Before Your Eyes

*Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon
Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4*

See the creative side of life with the artists from Gallery East!

Knotty Knitters

*Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 7-Nov. 30*

Learn to knit or crochet with Petra Trapp.

Belleview Talespinners Storytelling Club

*Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8*

Discover the power and magic of storytelling and share the experience with

others. Learn and practice with tellers of all levels.

Structure Junction Club

*Saturdays, 2 p.m.
Sept. 17, Oct. 15*

Put your imagination in gear and start building!

Family Flicks: "Goosebumps"

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2 p.m.

Movies for the whole family! Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

SPECIAL STORY TIMES

B.E.A.R. Time!

*Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m.
Sept. 6-Nov. 29*

Be excited about reading and hear great stories!

"Purple Frog Pajamas" by San Hoy

*Wednesday, Sept. 28, 10:30 a.m.
See Program Spotlight.*

WEEKLY STORY TIMES

Sept. 7-Oct. 27

A variety of stories, songs, and activities for children and caregivers.

Preschool Adventures

*Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
For ages 3-5.*

Toddler Time

*Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.
For infants-age 2.*

DUNNELLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

20351 Robinson Road, Dunnellon FL 34431
352-438-2520

Programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library.

SPECIAL EVENT

Fall Festival

Saturday, Oct. 22, 1-4 p.m.
Celebrate fall!
See Program Spotlight for more events.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Meet Clifford The Big Red Dog!

Monday, Oct. 17, 11 a.m.
See Program Spotlight for more locations.
Co-sponsored by United Way of Marion County Reading Pals.

The Holidays for Everyone

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2 p.m.

Many experience personal loss that may invoke an acute sense of despair during this time of year. Jessica McCune, Outreach/Support Liaison, Hospice of Marion County, provides guidance for coping during the holidays. Light refreshments.

MEET THE AUTHOR

Helga Herzog Godfrey

"WWII Diary of a German Soldier"

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2 p.m.

See Program Spotlight.

ADULTS

E-book Help Center

Thursdays, 10 a.m.-noon

Sept. 1-Nov. 17

Bring your device and drop in! Good books are just a click away!

Friday Matinée

Fridays, 1 p.m.

Movies for adults. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

Sept. 2

Sept. 9

Sept. 16

Sept. 23

Sept. 30

Oct. 7

Oct. 14



Master Gardener's Plant Clinic

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1

Bring your plants and questions for diagnosis by the experts. Presented by the UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners; UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.

Backyard Poultry

Thursdays, 2 p.m.

Sept. 8-22

Marion County Extension Agent Mark Bailey presents important management guidance for raising healthy and productive animals. Presented by UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.

Drop-In Book Club

Thursdays, 11 a.m.

Meet your neighbors and share a love of literature.

Sept. 15 "Flight of Dreams" by Ariel Lawhon

Oct. 20 "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian" by Sherman Alexie

Nov. 17 "The Girl on the Train" by Paula Hawkins

Genealogy 101

Fridays, 10:30 a.m.-noon

Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18

Stitch together your family history with genealogy enthusiast Pamela Joseph.

Solar: Unlimited Energy for the Sunshine State

Saturday, Sept. 17, 11 a.m.

Discover why solar energy is important and how it impacts health, climate change, jobs and your wallet. Specific examples of solar installations, cost-benefits and return on investment will be discussed. Presented by the Suwannee-St Johns Group Sierra Club, Tri-County Working Group (Marion, Citrus, Levy).

Ask Your Master Gardener

Tuesdays, 2 p.m.

Learn gardening techniques from the masters! Presented by the UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners; UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.
Sept. 20 Q&A
Oct. 18 Pests in the Garden

The Magic of the Native American Flute

Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2 p.m.

Experience the enchanting sounds of the Native American flute through the stories and songs of Frank Sunshadow Curtis. Light refreshments.

Folded Book Art

Wednesdays, 2 p.m.

Oct. 19-26

Repurpose old books into art! We will provide the books and light refreshments.

TEENS

YALLA West!

Wednesdays, 5 p.m.

Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2

Be a part of the library experience! Earn volunteer hours for service.

Wii Games

Saturdays, 2 p.m.

Sept. 10, Oct. 8

Virtual fun with a different game every time. Are you up for the challenge?

FAMILIES

Construction Junction

Saturday, Sept. 24, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2 p.m.

Put your imagination in gear and build!

Ziggy's Haven Bird Sanctuary

Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2 p.m.

The library is all a-feathered with parrots, cockatiels and macaws! Meet these highly intelligent, funny and charming birds brought by a small sanctuary and adoption facility for birds in Citrus County. Sure to be a raucous caw-cus!

SPECIAL STORY TIMES

PAWSitive Fun With Terra the Therapy Dog

Fridays, 11:30 a.m.

Sept. 2-Nov. 18

Listen to great stories and then read to Terra, our canine listener.

B.E.A.R. Time!

Wednesdays and Fridays, 11 a.m.

Nov. 2-Nov. 23

Be excited about reading and hear great stories!

WEEKLY STORY TIMES

Sept. 2-Oct. 28

A variety of stories, songs, and activities for children and caregivers.

Preschool Adventures

Fridays, 11 a.m. For ages 3-5.

Toddling Twos

Wednesdays, 11 a.m. For infants-age 2.

FOREST PUBLIC LIBRARY

905 S. Highway 314A, Ocklawaha FL 32179
352-438-2540

Programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Forest Public Library.

SPECIAL EVENT

Trunk or Treat!

Saturday, Oct. 29, 4 p.m.

Presented in conjunction with the Forest Community Center.

See Program Spotlight.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS



Dogs! Dogs! Dogs!

Friday, Oct. 7, 2 p.m.

Have a special canine friend? Marion County Animal Services provides helpful information about great ways to care for and keep our dogs happy. Adoptions available after the program.

Meet Clifford The Big Red Dog!

Friday, Oct. 14, 10:30 a.m.

See Program Spotlight for more locations. Co-sponsored by United Way of Marion County Reading Pals.

A Night at the Library

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 5-7 p.m.

See "Be A Friend" article on page 16 for more information.

ADULTS

Color Your Way to Calm

Thursdays, 11 a.m.

Sept. 1, Sept. 15, Oct. 6, Oct. 20

Express yourself through color!

Technology Help Center

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

Sept. 7-Nov. 30

Bring your device and drop in!

Avoid the Zika Virus!

Friday, Sept. 9, 2 p.m.

An official from the Florida Department of Health addresses how to avoid the dangers of the mosquito-borne Zika virus.

Crafts for a Cause

Mondays, 10 a.m.

Sept. 12, Oct. 3, Nov. 14

Help our community! Create items for those in need.

Right Plant, Right Place

Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2 p.m.

Florida-Friendly Landscape Agent Jack LeCroy discusses the perfect place for that perfect plant! Presented by UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.

Social Networking

Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

Sept. 13, Oct. 11

Keep your social networking sites under control and up-to-date.

Forest Readers Book Club

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Meet your neighbors and share a love of literature.

Sept. 14 "The Girl on the Train" by Paula Hawkins

Sept. 28 "Her Royal Spyness" by Rhys Bowen

Oct. 12 "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot

Oct. 26 "I Am Malala: the Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban" by Malala Yousafzai

Nov. 9 "True Believer" by Nicholas Sparks

Nov. 30 "Heart and Soul" by Maeve Binchy

Ask Your Master Gardener

Saturdays, 2 p.m.

Get your garden growing! Learn gardening techniques from the masters!

Presented by the UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners, UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.

Sept 17 Gingers!

Oct 15 Deciduous Plants and Shrubs

Friday Cinema:

Bond, James Bond

Fridays, 2 p.m.

Movies for adults. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Free popcorn!

Sept. 23

Oct. 14

Pioneer Life: The Florida Cracker

Saturday, Oct. 8, 2 p.m.

Park Ranger Monica Moore of Silver Springs State Park presents life as it was for the early settlers of Florida.

Septic System Maintenance

Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2 p.m.

UF Extension Agent Yilin Zhuang discusses how to maintain a septic system. Presented by the UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.

Into the Night: Nighthawks and Nightjars

Saturday, Oct. 15, 10:30 a.m.

Learn about birding from the experts at the Marion County Audubon Society. Includes a nature walk.

TEENS & TWEENS

Art Workshop

Thursdays, 4 p.m.

Sept. 15 Golf Ball Garden Critters

Oct. 20 Zentangle

YALLA East!

Thursdays, 5 p.m.

Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17

Be part of the library experience! Earn volunteer hours for service.

FAMILIES

Game Time!

Thursdays, 4 p.m.

Sept. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 10

Don't be bored! Play board games!

FUN-tasmagoria

Wednesdays, 4 p.m.

Explore the world without leaving the library.

Sept. 7 Magic Tricks Revealed

Sept. 14 Poetically Speaking

Sept. 21 Don't Make Me Laugh

Oct. 5 Pirates!

Oct. 12 Exploring Explorers

Oct. 19 Ancient Civilizations

Family Flicks

Saturdays, 2 p.m.

Movies for the whole family! Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Free popcorn!

Sept. 10

Oct. 1

Imagination Station Kids Club

Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2:30 p.m.

Create a magical fairy house!

Sleeping Beauty Sing Along!

Monday, Oct. 17, 2 p.m.

Let music in your life! Free popcorn. Hi ho!

Creepy Crafts

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2 p.m.

Spooky fun for the whole family! They're altogether ooky!



A variety of stories, songs and activities for children and caregivers.

B.E.A.R Time!

Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m.
Sept. 6-Oct. 25

Bedtime Stories

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 8, Sept. 22, Oct. 13

Family Story Time

Fridays, 10:30 a.m.
Sept. 9-Oct. 21

FORT MCCOY PUBLIC LIBRARY

14660 NE Highway 315,
Fort McCoy FL 32134
352-438-2560

Programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Fort McCoy Public Library.

ADULTS

Technology Help Center

Mondays, 2-4 p.m.
Sept. 12-Nov. 7

Bring your device and drop in!

Ask Your Master Gardener

Saturdays, 10 a.m.

Get your garden growing! Learn gardening techniques from the masters! Registration recommended. *Presented by the UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners; UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.*

Sept. 17 *Gingers!*

Oct. 15 *Trees*

FAMILIES

FUN-tasmagoria!

Mondays, 4 p.m.

Explore the world without leaving the library.

Sept. 12 *Magic Tricks Revealed*

Sept. 19 *Poetically Speaking*

Sept. 26 *Don't Make Me Laugh*

Oct. 3 *What's That Smell?*

Oct. 10 *Pirates!*

Oct. 17 *Exploring Explorers*

Oct. 24 *Ancient Civilizations*

FREEDOM PUBLIC LIBRARY

5870 SW 95 St., Ocala FL 34476
352-438-2580

Programs are sponsored by the Friends of Freedom Public Library.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Civil War Super Spy Harriet Woods

Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2 p.m.
See Program Spotlight.

Bat House Party

Tuesday, Oct. 4, 6 p.m.

Our bat house is open! Shari Blissett-Clark from Bat Belfry Inc. leads a lively discussion about these flying mammals. Crafts and activities to follow. All ages invited.

What's in Our Future?

Thursday, Oct. 20, 3:30 p.m.

See "Be A Friend" article on page 16 for more information.

Pumpkin Painting Party

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2 p.m.

Enjoy the fall weather and have fun in the pumpkin patch! All ages invited.

ADULTS

Ask Arnold! Comprehensive Computer Assistance

Thursdays, 12-2 p.m.

Sept. 1-Nov. 17

Have your technology questions answered.

Fall Vegetable Gardening

Friday, Sept. 2, noon

Get that garden growing! Learn gardening techniques from Norma Samuel. *Presented by UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners; UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service*

As the Page Turns Book Club

Tuesdays, 2:30 p.m.

Join the club and turn the page! Everyone is welcome!

Sept. 6 "My Beloved World" by Sonia Sotomayor

Oct. 4 "A Thousand Splendid Suns" by Khaled Hosseini

Nov. 1 "The Paris Wife" by Paula McLain

Technology Help Center

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-noon

Sept. 7-Nov. 16

Bring your device and drop in!

Basic Computer Classes

Thursdays, 2 p.m.

Learn something new! Seating is limited. Registration begins one hour before class.

Sept. 8 *Introduction to Computers*

Sept. 15 *Basic Internet*

Sept. 22 *Basic Keyboarding*

Sept. 29 *Basic Word*

Oct. 6 *Basic Email*

Oct. 13 *Facebook Tips*

Oct. 20 *Got a Good Book?*

Oct. 27 *What's that App?*

Color Your Way to Calm

Mondays, 3 p.m.

Sept. 12, Sept. 26, Oct. 10

Express yourself through color! Light refreshments.

The Tuesday Matinée

Tuesdays, 3 p.m.

Movies for adults. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Light refreshments.

Sept. 13

Oct. 11

Nov. 8

TEENS AND TWEENS

Pet Success

Saturdays, 2 p.m.

Sept. 3, Sept. 17, Oct. 1-15

For ages 9-12

Want to learn to be an amazing pet parent? This series of classes is for you! Registration recommended.

Presented by Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Marion County and The Friends of Freedom Public Library.

YALLA Free!

Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9

Be a part of the library experience! Earn volunteer hours for service.

Coding Adventures!

Thursdays, 4 p.m., ages 9-12

Thursdays, 5 p.m., ages 13-18

Sept. 15, Sept. 29, Oct. 13

Learn how to code through fun games! Bring your headphones for the full effect.

FAMILIES

Family Film Fest: "Hotel Transylvania 2"

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 3 p.m.

Movie fun for the whole family! Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

STORY TIMES

Sept. 7-Oct. 26

Stories, songs and activities for young children with caregivers.

B.E.A.R. Time!

Mondays, 4:30 p.m.

Be excited about reading and hear great stories!

Preschool Adventures

Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.

For ages 3-5 with caregivers.

Toddler Time

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.

For infants-age 2 with caregivers.

MARION OAKS PUBLIC LIBRARY

294 Marion Oaks Lane, Ocala FL 34473
352-438-2570

Programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Marion Oaks Public Library.

ADULTS

Reading Group for Writers

Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 30

For all writers who need encouragement! All writers must submit works in progress before the meeting for review. Register your interest at the library and let's get writing!

TEENS



YALLA Oaks!

Wednesdays, 5 p.m.

Sept. 14, Oct. 12

Be a part of the library experience! Earn volunteer hours for service!

CHILDREN

Drop-In Story Time

Thursdays, 3:30 p.m.

Sept. 8-Oct. 20

A variety of stories and songs for young children with caregivers.

Brown Bag Luncheon With Nancy Bowden

Wednesday, Oct. 5, noon

Bring your bag lunch and enjoy a behind-the-scenes look at Marion County history. Beverage and dessert provided. Contact the library to reserve a piece of pie! See Program Spotlight.

ADULTS

Ask Your Master Gardener

Saturday, Sept. 10, 11 a.m.

Grow your garden with tips from masters Barbara Georgius and Connie Bonbreast. Presented by the UF/IFAS Master Gardeners; UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.



TEENS

YALLA North!

Saturdays, 2 p.m.

Sept. 17, Oct. 15

Be part of the library experience! Earn volunteer hours for service.

FAMILIES

Preschool Story Time

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

Sept. 1-Oct. 27

A variety of stories for young children with caregivers.

FUN-tasmagoria!

Thursdays, 2:30 p.m.

Sept. 1-Oct. 27

Explore the world with stories and fun-filled activities!

Construction Junction

Saturday, 2 p.m.

Sept. 3, Oct. 8

Don your hard hat and build!



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Screaming Ice Cream Social

Saturday, Sept. 3, noon

We all scream for ice cream! Enjoy a scoop as ice cream aficionado Jim Phillips presents the scoop on this delicious frozen treat.

Family Poetry Slam!

Monday, Oct. 10, 6 p.m.

See Program Spotlight.

REDDICK PUBLIC LIBRARY

15150 NW Gainesville Road, Reddick FL 32686
352-438-2566

Programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Ocala Public Library.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Pokémon GO! GO! GO!

Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2:30 p.m.

See Program Spotlight.





Exhibits & Displays

Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

September *Daughters of the
American Revolution*

October *Francis Marion Stamp Club*

November *Ocala Fire Department*

Belleview Public Library

September *Paintings by Duncan Corbett
Wildlife Photography
by Kimberly Sawyer*

October *Paintings
by Hugh Patrick Phillip
Quilted Items
by The Quilting Guild*

November *Rug Hooking by Ocala Rug
Hooking Guild*

Dunnellon Public Library

September *Ceramic Porcelains
by Susan Jones*

October *Glass Pumpkins
by Treva Robinson*

November *Political Buttons
by Linda Coldwell*

Forest Public Library

September *Photography
by Pat Casey Duane*

October *Halloween Collectibles*

November *Thanksgiving Keepsakes*

AT YOUR SERVICE

Early Voting

Monday, Oct. 24-Saturday, Nov. 5, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Available at Belleview, Dunnellon, Forest and Freedom public libraries. Contact the Supervisor of Elections for more information.

Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders (SHINE)

Obtain free Medicare counseling through the Florida Department of Elder Affairs. Contact Headquarters-Ocala, Belleview, Dunnellon and Forest public libraries for schedule.

Access Florida Volunteers

Forest Public Library

Tuesdays, 12:30-3 p.m.

Sept. 6-Nov. 29

Get help with filing for food stamp assistance, temporary cash assistance, refugee assistance and Medicaid programs.

CareerSource

Job seeker services available! Call the library nearest you for times and locations.

Free Screenings With FDLRS

The Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources System/Child Find offers free screenings for children birth through age 5 who may have difficulty with learning, speaking, playing, seeing, walking and hearing. Screening appointments may be held at your local library. Contact Child Find at 352-671-6051 to schedule.

CLOSED DAYS AND SPECIAL DAYS

Labor Day

Monday, Sept. 5

All Marion County Public Library System locations will be closed.

Maintenance Day

Monday, Oct. 10

Headquarters-Ocala, Belleview and Dunnellon Public Libraries will be closed to the public.

Veterans Day

Friday, Nov. 11

All Marion County Public Library System locations will be closed.

Thanksgiving

Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25

All Marion County Public Library System locations will be closed.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETINGS

Friends of the Belleview Public Library

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15

BOOK NOOK HOURS:

Thursdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1

Friends of the Forest Public Library

Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.

Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16

BOOK SALE

Thursday, Nov. 17, 4-8 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 18, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 19, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Friends of the Fort McCoy Public Library

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9

Friends of the Freedom Public Library

Mondays, 10 a.m.

Sept. 12, Oct. 3, Nov. 7

BOOK SALE

Thursday, Sept. 22, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Friends of Marion Oaks Public Library

Fridays, 1 p.m.

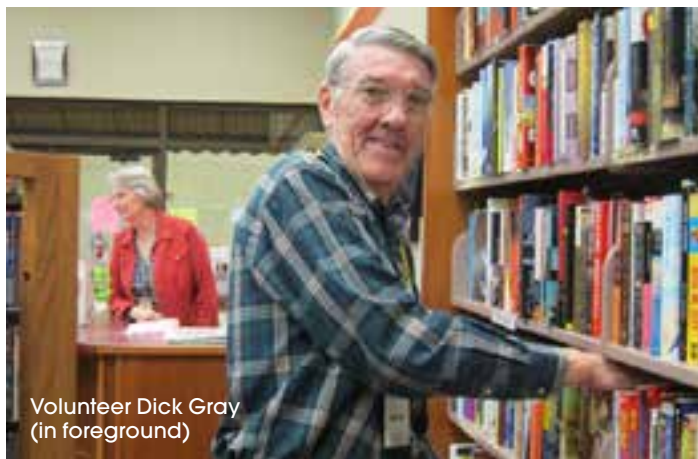
Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18

Friends of the Ocala Public Library

Thursdays, 2 p.m.

Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17

Be a Friend!



In celebration of National Friends of the Library Week (Oct.16-22) and to encourage everyone to become a Friend of the Library, check out the following Friends events and membership drives occurring countywide. Become a Friend and help support your public library!

BELLEVIEW: The Belleview Friends will begin its membership drive on Oct. 24 in conjunction with early voting at the Belleview Public Library. Membership applications will be available and light refreshments will be served.

FOREST: The Friends of the Forest Public Library membership drive event, "A Night at the Library," will be *Tuesday, Oct. 18, from 5-7 p.m.* at the Forest library. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call the Forest library at 352-438-2540.

FORT MCCOY: Join the Friends of Fort McCoy today and watch for more information about upcoming events as the Fort McCoy FOL celebrates its 20th anniversary in February 2017.

FREEDOM: *Thursday, Oct. 20, from 3:30-5:30*

p.m. Friends of the Freedom Public Library will host the 200 Coalition president, Pat Gabriel, who will provide facts about area growth in her presentation "What's In Our Future?" Meet theatrical authors and characters, enjoy refreshments and have an opportunity to win prizes.

MARION OAKS: The Friends of Marion Oaks will meet with the Marion Oaks Women's Club and provide guests with a tour of the library at a date to be determined.

HEADQUARTERS-OCALA: *Friday, Sept. 30, 2016, from 7-9 p.m.,* Friends of the Ocala Library is hosting "A Night at the Library" event where literary characters will come alive! Invited adult guests will experience a world of wonder.

DEAR OLLIE:

Hi, I'm Ollie. My mom is a librarian at the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library. In my spare time, I enjoy napping, a good roast chicken, barking at moles and giving advice about library resources from my pup-perspective. Let's see what's in my inbox!



Dear Ollie,

My dad and I go on a lot of long car rides. My tail wags when the windows are down and I smell all the delicious scents! The only thing I don't like about riding in the car is the boring music. Could you recommend a good audio book?

— Rufus

Dear Rufus,

Long car rides are the best! NPR strives for "driveway moments" when what's on the radio is so interesting, listeners sit and stay in the driveway listening to the radio. Here are a few audio titles to make your car rides last even longer: "NPR Driveway Moments. Dog Tales," David Rosenfelt's "Dogtripping," and Alexander McCall Smith's "The Dog Who Came in from the Cold." Happy listening and happy sniffing!

Dear Ollie,

I am not ashamed to admit that I am a cat with a very discerning palate. I am also brilliant, beautiful and improve my mom's life by gracing her with my presence. Does the library have any books with recipes for cat treats? I deserve a good treat.

— Sir James Featherwhiskers III

Dear Sir,

The library has the purr-fect book for you! "Purr-fect Recipes for a Healthy Cat" contains 101 natural food and treat recipes. I love roast chicken, but after reading this book, I would like to try dried jerky treats, chicken pate or not-quite-chicken parmesan. Okay, now I'm getting hungry!

Dear Ollie,

I am an outgoing fish and I have a new tank mate who seems shy. He is a dojo loach from Japan! How can I learn to say "friend" in Japanese?

— Goldie Goldfish

Dear Goldie,

Thank you for enclosing your letter in a plastic bag to keep it dry! You should sign up with Pronunciator, the library's language learning database. You will be speaking Japanese with your new tomodachi in no time. Keep swimming and learning, friend!

Calling All Marion County Teens To **create**

by Tina Knight



Can you play an instrument? Do you dance, sing or do both at the same time? Do you feel a deep desire to express yourself through art? Do you ever wake up with the plot for a story or a film in your head and find yourself scribbling notes on whatever is closest to you? If so, join us for the **8th Annual Colossal, Reading, Entertaining, Artsy, Teen Event (CREATE)** and show off your passion!

CREATE is coming to the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. This unique, annual event gives teens the opportunity to exhibit their amazing creativity and skill to the community as well as win cash prizes. CREATE features a Fine Arts Show, a Writer's Workshop, a Filmmaker's Festival and a Talent Show.

First place in each category will receive \$200; second place \$150; and third place \$100, funded by the Friends of the Ocala Public Library. All entries will be judged by volunteers who are experts in their field and will be on hand to discuss techniques and offer constructive feedback.

Entry forms and guidelines for teens who would like to be considered for participation will be available at all Marion County Public Library System locations and online at library.marioncountyfl.org. The application deadline for CREATE is Monday, Oct. 24. If you're 13-18 years old and would like to participate in this spectacular event, complete and submit an application today! 📄



Extreme biking program at Belleview Public Library



Drum it up at Forest Public Library



Baseball hat craft at Dunnellon Public Library



Healthy Herb at Freedom Public Library

BELOW, L-R: The nose knows at Freedom Public Library; Hula hoop at Forest Public Library; Set a Record program at Belleview Public Library



Bookmarks

Friends of the Ocala Public Library's News and Notes



The Lost Springs

This fall we are planning to bring you an exciting new film, "The Lost Springs," by author/artist Margaret Ross Tolbert. Due to production problems, the actual date of the showing has not yet been determined.

Travel with us as we meander down the Ocklawaha River in hopes of finding the springs hidden under the river, visible only once every 4 years. Cruising up and down the river, the artist returns to see the springs she painted several years ago. "Dive in the spring, and before the chocolate silt explodes into the clarity of the waters, see the startling impression of an assembly, hundreds of fish aligned in concentric circles from the uppermost waters to the canyon-like depths of the spring." This promises to be a beautiful film. Be watching for more information on the date of its showing.



QUARTERLY BOOK SALE

Time to stock up for Christmas gifts!

NOV. 5
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Meeting Rooms A, B and C
Headquarters-Ocala Public Library



FLORIDA'S AMENDMENTS

*As explained by
Judy Johnson*

Be an informed citizen! On Sept. 25, former County Commissioner Judy Johnson will be facilitating a discussion about the proposed amendments that will be on the November ballot. She has presented our community with the pros and cons of ballot initiatives for several years at the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library to full-capacity crowds. To hear her explanations of these amendments, you may want to come early on Sunday, Sept. 25, at 2 p.m. in Meeting Room C.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JUDY JOHNSON

Discussion of the proposed Florida amendments
Sept. 25, 2 p.m.
Meeting Room C

Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

SPECIAL PROGRAM AND A BRIEF ANNUAL FRIENDS MEETING

Watch for a description of the program on flyers and posters
Oct. 9, 2 p.m.
Meeting Room C

Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

"THE LOST SPRINGS" WITH MARGARET ROSS TOLBERT

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profiles

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Life isn't just a walk in the park for K-9 Rambo, one of eight working dogs on the Marion County Sheriff's Department's K-9 Unit. "When people need help they call the police, but when the police need help they call the K-9 Unit," says Rambo's handler, Corporal Matt Hooper.

Rambo and Hooper have been working together for 14 dog years (two human years), since Rambo was about one (human) year old. Rambo graduated at the top of his class at the training academy, where he received a dual certification in drug detection and apprehension.

The term apprehension doesn't necessarily mean that he bites the person he is looking for—oftentimes he is asked to follow the trail of an Alzheimer's patient or a small child who is lost. For instance, last year an elderly woman walked off after dark. Rambo and Hooper were called in. With Rambo on the case, the woman was located in the woods.

Rambo has also sniffed out burglars. When a man robbed two banks within an hour, Rambo was called to the scene and he cracked the case. He went all paws in and was



able to catch the robber! The perpetrator admitted that he was on his way to rob a third bank, so Rambo certainly saved the day.

Rambo is a teacher, too. He and Hooper provide demonstrations at schools to teach children about police work. They've offered programs at On Top of the World to show Rambo's tracking skills. Rambo is a star at these events, and he really makes learning fun for young and old alike. "They can take or leave me, but they love Rambo," said Hooper.

Just what does a hardworking dog like Rambo do in his spare time? Rambo and Hooper are roommates as well as partners. Hooper says when he takes Rambo's collar

off, he is just like any other dog. One of his favorite pastimes is playing with Hooper's three children in the pool and, of course, he's a huge fan of having his ears scratched.

Rambo will retire after three to five (human) years of service. Hooper and the Sheriff's department want him to be able to enjoy his golden years. Until then, he will serve and protect. Hooper says, "Rambo is the hero. I'm just the chauffeur. These dogs do some amazing things." 🐾