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a word FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Julie Sieg
Director, Marion County
Public Library System



A Place to Come Together

We recently completed our local, state and national elections. Leading up to November 8th, everywhere we turned we were bombarded with messages urging us to vote a certain way. As with every election, there are winners and losers, varying points of view or “sides” of an issue as well as strongly held opinions about those issues. Many are devastated with the results. Many are delighted with the results.

With so many strong feelings which can divide us I am reminded that the library is a place where we can come together. We may be of differing opinions but we can set them aside to enjoy, celebrate, share and learn. We come together at our Colossal Reading Entertaining Artsy Teen Event (CREATE) to celebrate our talented teens who are writers, artists, singers, dancers and film-makers. In our book clubs we come together to discuss our interest in what we have read and many times come away with a better understanding and appreciation of another view. Polar Express, Polar Paradise, Arctic Blast and Reindeer Romp help us to come together to get into the holiday spirit. We come together to learn about community resources and how we can be the best parent for our very youngest at the Early Learning Expo. At the Fairytale Festival we come together to celebrate whimsy and immerse ourselves in fairytales, nursery rhymes and folk tales. The African-American Read-In brings us together to celebrate Black History Month and our African-American authors who have enriched literature.

After having experienced such a divisive presidential campaign, it is important for us to seek ways to come together and find common ground. Come together at the library.

Julie Sieg



Catch Pokémon GO AND MUCH MORE AT YOUR LIBRARY!

By Kristen Calvert Nelson

If you've noticed children, teens and adults wandering about gazing intently at their cell phones lately, it's likely they are among the thousands of Pokémon GO enthusiasts. Since the release last summer of the hugely successful Pokémon GO, the game has motivated players of all ages to stroll parks and local landmarks, and brought augmented reality to the masses. It's also given the public even more reasons to visit many of the Marion County Public Library System locations.

Why should you be Pokémon GO-ing to your public library? Here are eight great reasons to start, beginning with the fact that all eight library locations are Pokémon GO PokéStops, or gyms. That's pretty exciting for the Pokémon GO fans, but have you ever considered the many ways your public library can augment your reality? Through books and materials, research options, computers for public use, library programs and the experience of our wonderful staff, the public library has improved the lives of many Marion County residents and continues to do so on a daily basis.

Your library can guide you through the real world to reach your goals – and that's almost as great as finally evolving¹ your favorite Pokémon character! Here are some examples of how your library can augment your reality, from a Pokémon perspective.

Like Charmander,² you may be feeling the burn... but in your case, it may be a tough homework assignment. The library has physical materials, as well as research databases to help. You'll be flying high like Charizard³ in no time!

Some books can be as hard to find as the elusive Abra.⁴ But unlike Pokémon GO at your library, you can ask a library staff member for help. As quick as you can say Alakazam, you have just what you're looking for.

Do you consider yourself a Slowpoke⁵ when it comes to technology and new devices? Get the help you need with technology and beginner computer classes, available at most public library locations.

You are feeling Drowzee,⁶ Drowzee, Drowzee... because you'll be "Hypno"-tized by our many programs



WHAT IS POKÉMON GO?

The Pokémon GO app brings augmented reality into the hands of smartphone users. Augmented reality is a live view of a real-world environment whose elements are improved by a computer, through sound, video or GPS data. Pokémon GO uses your phone's GPS to track your movements and makes use of a map that shows your real-world location. Your character moves in the game as you move in real life, and interactive objects — called PokéStops — are associated with real locations. In order to interact with PokéStops, you have to visit them in the real world. You can view the game world through your phone display, which mixes reality with game objects, such as Pokémon characters that appear for users to catch, train and battle.

and events. You won't want to miss the magic or polar-themed fun this holiday season! Check out our events calendar for specifics.

Let's say you have a growing Pokémon trading card club and need a place in the real world to meet. You can Exeggcute⁷ meetings large or small by using a library study room or meeting room.

Awake the Butterfree⁸ in you with our library gardens and reading trails. From the native plant garden at the Belleview location, to the wetland trail at the Forest, or the Born Learning Trails at Headquarters, Belleview and Forest, your local libraries are wonderful places to explore the outdoors — and catch Pokémon!

Like Ninetales⁹ (who understands human speech), you no doubt love to hear a good "tale." Head over to a story time at any one of our locations, or join one of our many book clubs. Of course, you can always tell your own story at our Belleview Tailspinners Story Telling Club. You may hear nine tales or 10 tales or more! We're thinking if Pokémon GO had a librarian character to help you, the game would be too easy! That's how it is at your library — we're here to help you "evolve" your life, work and education by making them a little easier to manage. So it's game on! Be sure to visit your nearest branch throughout the winter for fun and information. In the library world of augmented reality, Pokémon GO is just the beginning. 🧱

1. In Pokémon GO, players are able to "evolve" their Pokémon into a better version of that character. **2.** A popular Pokémon character that looks like a small, orange dragon. **3.** Charmander evolves into this character. **4.** Notoriously elusive, Abra is a difficult Pokémon to catch, eventually evolving into Alakazam. **5.** A water-loving Pokémon character, known for her lazy movements. **6.** A hypnotizing Pokémon, who tries to eat dreams. He evolves into Hypno. **7.** A Pokémon that consists of a cluster of six eggs. **8.** A butterfly-like character that loves honey and flowers. **9.** A fox-like Pokémon that can live for 1,000 years.

Enjoying the Journey

by Morgan Faufaw

Reading a great book can transport the reader to another dimension. Imagination kicks in and suddenly our entire surroundings change. We are immersed in the reality that the book creates and, as each page turns, we go deeper into that particular world. Alternate histories, science fiction and fantasy are all wonderful examples of how the written word can transport the reader.



Take a journey with Celaena Sardothien, one of the most ruthless of assassins, in **“Throne of Glass”** by **Sarah J. Maas**, the *New York Times* bestselling fantasy author. In the novel, Celaena must uncover the truth about herself. How will Celaena be rescued from the Salt Mines of Endovier? What power does she have to save herself and the people she swore to protect?



Local Florida author **Lynne Matson’s** **“Nil”** reads like “Lost” meets “Survivor.” One second 17-year-old Charley is in a parking lot and

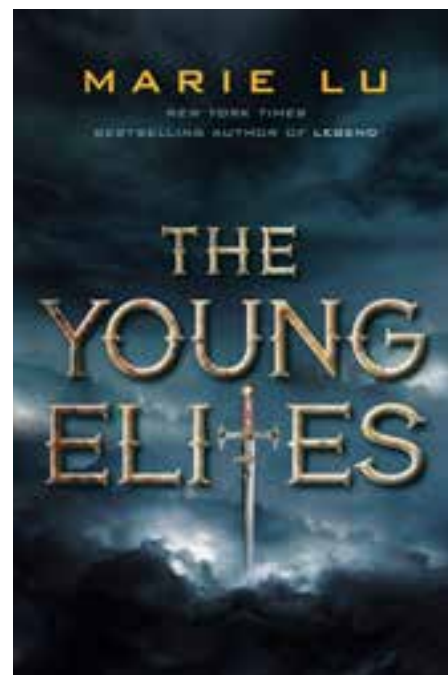
then suddenly pulled by some force onto an unknown island. Charley has exactly 365 days to leave her new reality and get back home or she will die. Meet Thad who has been on the island for a while and his time is running out. Without Charley’s help, he won’t make it. Will they get off the island in time?

“Splintered” by **A.G. Howard** is a take on Lewis Carroll’s “Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland.” This debut novel has reimaged the classic tale by creating a story featuring Alice’s great-great-great-granddaughter

Alyssa. Alyssa can hear plants and insects and creates art out of moths and bugs. She has delusions, which she hides because she doesn’t want to end up like other family members: locked up for being insane. Alyssa must go to Wonderland and discover the truth



and fix what is broken. She soon finds out she may not be as unbalanced as she thought and maybe neither was her family.



Who doesn’t love the overall story arc of “Star Wars?” Someone good and noble loses their way and turns dark. Can a villain who commits horrible acts be redeemed by an act of goodness? A book that plays on that theme is **Marie Lu’s “The Young Elites.”** Adelina, a young girl cursed with power, seeks love and friendship. In a world that has changed and where no one can trust another, Adelina will learn that she has only herself to rely on.

By exploring strange lands, other realms, magical places and realities, books open up our imagination to experience a world of possibilities. Make sure to check out these and other books available at your local branch of the Marion County Public Library System. Enjoy the journey, no matter which location you choose. 📖



Besides the fun of catching Pokémon, what does it mean to those who are out there enjoying the game? We asked Marion County residents, via Facebook, about their Pokémon GO experience and here are some of their comments.

Pokémon GO means family time.

“It’s a great way for us all to connect.”

“It’s hard to find anything they want to do together with such differences in age. Pokémon has us heading to the park as a family.”

“We have contests with other family members to see who has the most and the most unique Pokémon.”

“My boys have made friends around the same age on ventures through the parks. It’s brought everyone out of their shells.”

“It’s a useful tool for getting families out and about together, laughing and making memories.”

Pokémon GO gets everyone outside.

“We love going outdoors and looking around for Pokémon, we enjoy finding new ones.”

“The game gets everyone outdoors and walking and actually doing some fun exercise while trying to catch Pokémon.”

“I have never been able to play the same games as my kids and this game has not only given us common ground but has gotten us out walking and exercising together as a family.”

“We have found it relaxing to walk in Shalom Park.”

“We are healthier and feeling good.”

Pokémon GO leads to discovering new and interesting places.

According to you, favorite Pokémon GO hunting grounds include Marion County Public Libraries, Downtown Ocala, Veterans Memorial Park, Scott Springs Park, Silver Spring Park, Tuscawilla Park, Jervey Gantt Park, Forest Community Center and Picasso’s Palette.

“We have visited more of the parks here ... that has taught us more about Ocala’s history.”

“We didn’t know Shalom Park existed before Pokémon Go. It’s beautiful there!”

“I believe I have visited every park location in Ocala and I don’t believe we will stop any time soon.”

“This game is as fun as you make it!” 🧱

By Laurel Mathis

program spotlight

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

WINTER CELEBRATIONS

Arctic Blast

Saturday, Dec. 3, 2 p.m., Forest Public Library
Celebrate the season with the magical talents of Brian LaPalme, stories, games, crafts and that delicious arctic treat—ice cream! *Co-sponsored by United Way's Reading Pals.*

Happy Magical New Year With Brian LaPalme

Add razzle-dazzle to your new year with the magical talents of Brian LaPalme. His illusions will astound you. All ages welcome.

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

Thursday, Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
Freedom Public Library

Saturday, Dec. 31, 1 p.m.
Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

Saturday, Jan. 7, 2 p.m.
Belleview Public Library

Saturday, Jan. 21, 2 p.m.
Dunnellon Public Library

Polar Express

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

Don your pajamas and hop aboard "The Polar Express" for a fun-filled night based on the classic Chris Van Allsburg title. All ages welcome.

Polar Paradise

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

Miniature horses have overrun the North Pole! Party with the Gentle Carousel Miniature Therapy Horses and enjoy crafts, games and surprises galore! Featuring professional photographs from Savvy Photo.

Ocala Harmony Barbershop Chorus

Join in a celebration of seasonal music and harmony performed by these melodic ladies of barbershop. Light refreshments.

Saturday, Dec. 10, 1 p.m.
Forest Public Library

Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2 p.m.
Dunnellon Public Library

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

Reindeer Romp Holiday Party

Saturday, Dec. 17, 1-3 p.m.
Reddick Public Library

It's a community party! All are invited to enjoy the magic of the holiday season with games, giveaways, fun and food. Entertainment by the Ocala Harmony Barbershop Chorus and youth from local schools.

Princess and Pirate Party

Wednesday, Dec. 28, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Dunnellon Public Library

Ahoy matey! Don your favorite themed apparel and join in the fun! Games, face painting, stories and more highlight the day. There's even a library treasure hunt! All ages welcome.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Miranda MADison — The Vintage Songstress

Sunday, Jan. 22, 2 p.m.
Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

Journey through music's past with a jazz and blues singer whose repertoire pays tribute to the earliest renditions of some of the most beloved jazz songs. All ages welcome.

Starry Starry Night With Derek Demeter

Derek Demeter, director of the Buehler Planetarium at Seminole State College, guides us through the night sky. Telescope provided for viewing and hot chocolate provided for warmth!

Tuesday, Feb. 7, 6 p.m.
Forest Public Library

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 6 p.m.
Dunnellon Public Library

African American Read-In

Celebrate a rich heritage in literature, film, music and art at the 27th National African American Read-In! Readers, performers and listeners of all ages are welcome! Contact the library if you are interested in performing or reading.

Sunday, Feb. 12, 2 p.m.
Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

Thursday, Feb. 23, 5 p.m.
Dunnellon Public Library

Hollywood East: The Film Industry in Florida

Thursday, Feb. 16, 2 p.m.
Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

Delee Perry, owner of Perry's Swim School and a member of what has been coined "Florida's first family of water," tells stories about her dad Newt (stunt double for Tarzan and founder of Weeki Wachee Springs), Grantland Rice, Johnny Weissmuller and other stars who filmed movies in Ocala and Florida from the 1920s to the 1960s.

This Is Your Life, Lu the Hippopotamus!

Saturday, Feb. 18, 2 p.m.
Dunnellon Public Library

Happy birthday to Lu, the legendary African hippopotamus of Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park. Born at the San Diego Zoo on Jan. 26, 1960, Lu

moved to Florida in 1964, where he has been loved by all. Through puppets, meet Lu's mother and his best friends, Susie and Vicky. Sing hippo songs and more and pay tribute to this Florida legend! *Presented by The Wildlife Puppeteers of Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park.*



The Drums of Mamadouba Mohamed Camara

*Thursday, Feb. 23, 5 p.m.
Dunnellon Public Library*

The rhythms of Camara's drums set the tone for the African American Read-In celebration! Dubbed the "Master of Masters" of the Djembe drum, Camara is known worldwide for his high-energy drumming and amazing percussive talents.

The Mythical, Magical, Musical Irish Show With Tom and Debbie O'Carroll

*Saturday, Feb. 25, 2 p.m.
Bellevue Public Library*

Enchanting stage magic with lively physical comedy bring a clan of classical characters from Irish folk literature to life. Encounter ghostly pookas, shrieking banshees, the Salmon of Knowledge and the elusive sea serpent, Ollphéist.

MEET THE AUTHORS

Bill Roberts, Cowboy Recollections


*"All I Ever Wanted To Be Was A Cowboy"
Saturday, Jan. 7, 2 p.m.
Forest Public Library*

Bill Roberts, an 84-year-old Florida cowboy, knew at the age of 13 that his dream job would be on the range—a dream that he achieved and lived for more than 35 years. Hear treasured personal tales of life in the saddle.

Preschool Expo

*Saturday, Jan. 14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Headquarters-Ocala*

Come visit with local preschools and related organizations for information about services and activities.

 *Co-sponsored by Fun4OcalaKids*

Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Revisited!

*Wednesday, Jan. 18, noon
Reddick Public Library*

Bring your bag lunch and enjoy a presentation on the 75th Anniversary of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings' "Cross Creek" and "Cross Creek Cookery" books. Beverage and dessert provided. Contact the library to reserve a piece of pie!

Anna Potter

"Cans in the Dryer (Why Can't I Just Leave?)"

*Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2 p.m.
Dunnellon Public Library*

A young woman finds herself in an abusive and violent marriage. After 20 years, she manages to escape. Potter recounts her journey from victim to victor in hopes that her transparency will help others break their cycles of abuse.

Lu Vickers and Cynthia Graham

"Remembering Paradise Park"

*Tuesday, Feb. 7, 4 p.m.
Dunnellon Public Library*

Paradise Park, a place of delight and leisure for the African-American community, was the "colored only" counterpart to Silver Springs during the painful era of Jim Crow. Vickers and Graham detail the history of the park with vivid photographs, vintage advertisements and interviews with employees and patrons. Light refreshments.



HEADQUARTERS-OCALA

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SPECIAL EVENTS

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Magical Fairy Gardens

Saturday, Jan. 28, 10:30 a.m.

Ages 5-12 with caregivers.

Create a magical fairy garden with the Pioneer Garden Club of Ocala.

Escape Room: Zombie Apocalypse

Wednesday, Feb. 8, 5 p.m.

Ages 13-18.

The evil Dr. Johnson plans to unleash a deadly airborne turn-you-into-a zombie virus. He also holds the antidote. You have 45 minutes to find it and save the world! Are you up to the task?

Hollywood East: The Film Industry in Florida

Thursday, Feb. 16, 2 p.m.

Was that Tarzan? All ages welcome.

See Program Spotlight.



ADULTS**Novels at Night Book Club***Tuesdays, 6 p.m.*

Enjoy a lively book discussion, treats and coffee.

- Dec. 13 "Looking for Alaska" by John Green
 Jan. 10 "Snow Falling on Cedars" by David Guterson
 Feb. 14 "Oryx and Crake" by Margaret Atwood

Wired Wednesdays*Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.*

Learn about computers and databases. Space is limited.

Computers for Beginners

- Jan. 4 *I Turned on My Computer, Now What?*
 Jan. 11 *Basic Keyboarding*
 Jan. 18 *Basic Internet*
 Jan. 25 *Basic Word*

Online Potpourri

- Feb. 1 *Basic Troubleshooting Techniques*
 Feb. 8 *Help! I've Been Hacked!*
 Feb. 15 *Puzzling Brain Games*
 Feb. 22 *Just for Fun: Internet Rabbit Holes*

Genealogy Help Center*Wednesdays, 12:30-3:30 p.m.**Jan. 4 and 18, Feb. 1 and 15*

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

Technology Help Center*Wednesdays, 2-3:30 p.m.**Jan. 4-Feb. 22*

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.

- Jan. 9
 Jan. 23
 Jan. 30
 Feb. 6
 Feb. 13
 Feb. 20

Color. Connect. Converse.*Thursdays, 2 p.m.*

Express yourself through coloring and interesting conversation!

- Jan. 12 *Dr. Richard Cardinali, Marion County Museum of History*
 Feb. 9 *Marion County Beekeepers Club*

Wednesday Widgets*Wednesdays, 2 p.m.*

- Jan. 18 *Keeping Your Blood Pressure Down*
 Feb. 15 *Improving Your Backyard Wildlife*

TEENS**Manga-licious! Teen Book Club***Tuesdays, 4 p.m.**Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 7*

High-energy talks about all things manga and anime.

YALLA!*Wednesdays, 5 p.m.**Dec. 14, Jan. 11, Feb. 8*

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

The Audacity of Sound*Tuesday, Jan. 10, 4 p.m.*

Tune your garage band! Edit and mix sound on your own PC. Registration required.

The Wandering Book*Tuesday, Feb. 28, 4 p.m.*

Social networking for books! Tag a book and track it as it travels to new readers.

CHILDREN**Kids Code!***Thursdays, 3 p.m.**Jan. 12-Feb. 2**Ages 7-12.*

Learn computer programming through games. Space is limited. Registration required.

Construction Zone*Saturday, Feb. 11, 10:30 a.m.**Ages 5-12 with caregivers.*

Put your imagination in gear and start building!

Innovation Station*Wednesdays, 2 p.m.**Jan. 25, Feb. 8**Ages 5-12 with caregivers.*

Tinker, design and create!

Preschool Club*Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.**Jan. 21, Feb. 18**Ages 3-5 with caregivers.*

Fun-filled activities and games.

artLab*Saturday, Feb. 25, 10:30 a.m.**Ages 5-12 with caregivers.*

Express yourself through art!

SPECIAL STORY TIMES**Family Story Time***Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.**Jan. 7, Feb. 4*

Ages 5 and younger with caregivers.

WEEKLY STORY TIMES*Jan. 10-Mar. 2*

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

Terrific Threes*Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.***Toddling Twos***Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.***Pajama Story Time***Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.**Ages 5 and younger.***Bouncing Babies***Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.**Infants-23 months.***BELLEVIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY**

13145 SE Highway 484, Belleview FL 34420
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SPECIAL PROGRAMS**Polar Paradise***Saturday, Dec. 10, 10:30 a.m.*

Miniature horses have overrun the North Pole! *See Program Spotlight for more holiday events.*

The Community Brush-Up!*Saturday, Dec. 10, 10:30 a.m.*

The Belleview Public Library wildflower garden is expanding to include a mural painted by you! Kick off this community art project with Anita Anderson and her friends from Gallery East.

Happy Magical New Year With Brian LaPalme*Saturday, Jan. 7, 2 p.m.*

Add razzle-dazzle to your new year! All ages welcome. *See Program Spotlight for other locations.*

Astounding Appleton Adventure!

Monday, Feb. 20, 10:30 a.m.

The Appleton Museum of Art visits with stories, artifacts and hands-on art to create.

The Mythical, Musical, Magical Irish Show With Tom and Debbie O'Carroll

Saturday, Feb. 25, 2 p.m.

The Emerald Isle comes to life with stories, songs and magic! *See Program Spotlight.*

ADULTS

Master Gardener Plant Clinic

Fridays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Dec. 2, Jan. 6, Feb. 3

The Master Gardener plant doctors are in! *Presented by the UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners; UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.*

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Dec. 7, Jan. 4, Feb. 1

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Wednesday Morning Book Club

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

Make new friends and talk about books!

Dec. 14 "Brooklyn" by Colm Tóibín

Jan. 11 "A Land Remembered" by Patrick Smith

Feb. 8 "Sundays at Tiffany's" by James Patterson

Tuesday Evening Book Club

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Make more new friends and talk about books!

Dec. 20 "Gulp: Adventures on the Alimentary Canal" by Mary Roach

Jan. 17 "When You Reach Me" by Rebecca Stead

Feb. 21 "Carrying Albert Home: The Somewhat True Story of a Man, His Wife, and Her Alligator" by Homer Hickam

Tuesday Movie Matinée

Tuesdays, 1 p.m.

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

Jan. 3

Jan. 10

Jan. 17

Jan. 24

Jan. 31

Feb. 7

Feb. 14

Feb. 21

Feb. 28

Technology Help Center

Tuesdays, 2-4 p.m.

Jan. 3-Feb. 28

Have your technology questions answered!

Color. Connect. Converse.

Thursdays, 1 p.m.

Express yourself through coloring and interesting conversation!

Jan. 12 Marion County Beekeepers Club

Feb. 9 Amy Andrews, Yoga Hut

Antique or Junk?

Thursday, Jan. 19, 3:30 p.m.

Have a hidden treasure? Find out with Norm Lantz, amateur appraiser of antiques. Limit one item per person. No guns, coins or stamps. Light refreshments.

Florida Native Plant Society

Mondays, 6 p.m.

Join Taryn Evans and guest presenters in special topics about native plant life.

Jan. 30 *The Red-Cockaded Woodpecker with FWC Wildlife Biologist Nancy Dwyer*

Feb. 27 TBD

TEENS AND TWEENS

YALLA South!

Tuesdays, 5 p.m.

Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 7

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

Magic Effects Workshop With Brian LaPalme

Saturday, Jan. 7, 3 p.m.

Ages 10-12 only. Required registration begins Jan. 3.

FAMILIES

Art Before Your Eyes

Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon

Dec. 2, Jan. 6, Feb. 3

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

Knotty Knitters

Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m.

Dec. 7-Feb. 22

Learn to knit or crochet with Petra Trapp.

B.E.A.R. Time!

Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m.

Jan. 3-Feb. 28

Be excited about reading and hear great stories!

Belleview Talespinners Storytelling Club

Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 10, Feb. 14

Discover the excitement of storytelling. Learn and practice with tellers of all levels.

Structure Junction Club

Saturdays, 2 p.m.

Jan. 21, Feb. 18

Put your imagination in gear and start building!

Family Flicks

Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.

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

Jan. 25

Feb. 8

STORY TIMES

Jan. 4-Feb. 16

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

Preschool Adventures

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3-5.

Toddler Time

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

Infants-age 2.

DUNNELLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Ocala Harmony Barbershop Chorus

Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2 p.m.

Let the rafters ring with music! *See Program Spotlight.*

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Mamadouba Mohamed Camara and the African American Read-In

Thursday, Feb. 23, 5-7 p.m.

Celebrate Black History Month with the high-energy rhythms of Mohamed Camara's drums and more! *See Program Spotlight.*

Starry Starry Night With Derek Demeter

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 6 p.m.

See the night sky as never before! *See Program Spotlight.*

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Technology Help Center

Thursdays, 10 a.m.-noon

Jan. 5-Feb. 23

Bring your device and drop in!

Friday Matinée

Fridays, 1 p.m.

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

Jan. 6

Jan. 13

Jan. 20

Jan. 27

Feb. 3

Feb. 10

Feb. 17

Feb. 24

Dunnellon Fly-Tyers

Saturday, Jan. 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Catch that fish with lure-making instruction from the expert fishing enthusiasts of the Dunnellon Fly-Tyers Club. Materials provided.



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.*

Jan. 17

Preparing for Spring Vegetables

Feb. 21

Perennials and Annuals

Drop-In Book Club

Thursdays, 11 a.m.

Make new friends and talk about books!

Jan. 19

"A Thousand Splendid Suns" by Khaled Hosseini

Feb. 16

"The Little Paris Bookshop" by Nina George

Avoid the Zika Virus!

Thursday, Jan. 19, 2 p.m.

Avoid the dangers of the mosquito-borne Zika virus through the guidance of Craig Ackerman and Kelly Conklin, Florida Department of Health.

Self Defense for Women

Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 2, Feb. 9, Feb. 16

Be aware and be safer! Martial arts and self-defense instructor Jerry Heines presents information and techniques specifically for women to use when there is need. Registration required. *For adults and teens age 14 and older.*

TEENS

YALLA West!

Wednesdays, 5 p.m.

Dec. 7, Jan. 4, Feb. 1

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

Get Your Game On!

Saturdays, 2 p.m.

Jan. 14, Jan. 28, Feb. 25

Are you up for the challenge? Light refreshments.

Cupid Rhymes With Stupid!

Saturday, Feb. 11, 2 p.m.

Hate those sappy love lines? This anti-Valentine's Day party is for you! Dreary attire encouraged! Light refreshments.

FAMILIES

Princess and Pirate Party

Wednesday, Dec. 28, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Ahoy matey! End the year with a party! *See Program Spotlight.*



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This Is Your Life, Lu the Hippopotamus!

Saturday, Feb. 18, 2 p.m.

It's a birthday party puppet show celebrating Lu, the legendary African hippopotamus of Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park. *Presented by The Wildlife Puppeteers of Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park.*



Jan. 4-Feb. 24

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

Toddling Twos

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.

Infants-age 2.

Preschool Adventures

Fridays, 11 a.m.

Ages 3-5.

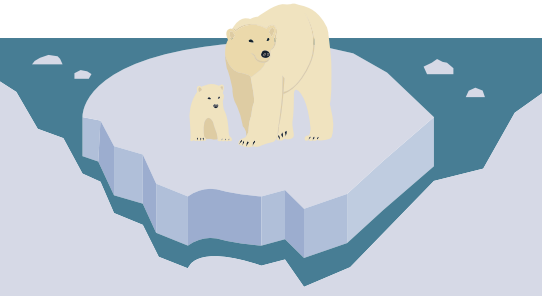
PAWSitive Fun With Terra the Therapy Dog

Fridays, 11:30 a.m.

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 PROGRAMS

Arctic Blast

Saturday, Dec. 3, 2 p.m.

It's a wintry blast of stories, crafts, magic and more! *Co-sponsored by United Way Reading Pals. See Program Spotlight.*

Happy Magical New Year With Brian LaPalme

Saturday, Dec. 3, 2 p.m.

Add razzle-dazzle to your new year! All ages welcome. *See Program Spotlight for other locations.*

Ocala Harmony Barbershop Chorus

Saturday, Dec. 10, 1 p.m.

Let the rafters ring with music!
See Program Spotlight.

Starry Starry Night With Derek Demeter

Tuesday, Feb. 7, 6 p.m.

See the night sky as never before!
See Program Spotlight.

MEET THE AUTHORS

See Program Spotlight for details.

Bill Roberts, Cowboy Recollections

"All I Ever Wanted To Be Was A Cowboy"

Saturday, Jan. 7, 2 p.m.

Lu Vickers and Cynthia Graham

"Remembering Paradise Park"

Friday, Feb. 10, 2 p.m.

ADULTS

Crafts for a Cause Club

Mondays, 10 a.m.

Dec. 5, Feb. 6

Help our community! Create items for those in need.

Forest Readers Book Club

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Make new friends and talk about books!

Dec. 14 "Shepherds Abiding"
by Jan Karon

Jan. 11 "Broken Harbor" by Tana French

Jan. 25 "Idella: Marjorie Rawlings' 'Perfect Maid'" by Idella Parker with Mary Keating

Feb. 8 "Plum Lovin'" by Janet Evanovich

Feb. 22 "Shanghai Girls" by Lisa See

Technology Help Center

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

Jan. 4-Feb. 22

Bring your device and drop in!

Color Your Way to Calm

Thursdays, 11 a.m.

Jan. 5, Jan. 19, Feb. 2, Feb. 16

Seek serenity through coloring!

Birding for Beginners

Saturday, Jan. 7, 10:30 a.m.

Identify those backyard feathered friends with help from the Marion County Audubon Society. Includes a nature walk. Light refreshments.

Antique or Junk?

Tuesday, Jan. 10, 10:30 a.m.

Have a hidden treasure? Find out with Norm Lantz, amateur appraiser of antiques. Limit one item per person. No guns, coins or stamps. Light refreshments.

The History of Fort King

Friday, Jan. 13, 2 p.m.

Built in 1827, Fort King was once a U.S. military fort near what later developed as the city of Ocala. However, the history of the area dates back more than 8,000 years! City of Ocala park ranger Keifer Calkins provides some fascinating insights into Ocala's past.

Make No Mistakes With Your Snakes!

Saturday, Jan. 14, 2 p.m.

Find a snake in your house? Get to know more about these local residents from a pro at Silver Springs State Park.

Social Networking

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m., Jan. 17, Feb. 14

Keep up-to-date with your social networking sites.

Hens in the Henhouse!

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2 p.m.

Backyard poultry rearing made easy with tips from Small Farms Extension agent Mark Bailey. *Presented by the UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.*

Get Your Game On!

Thursday, Jan. 19, 2 p.m.

Are you up for the challenge? Light refreshments.

Friday Matinée

Fridays, 2 p.m.

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

Jan. 20

Feb. 24



Ask Your Master Gardener

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

Learn gardening techniques from the masters! *Presented by the UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners, UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.*

Jan. 21 Weeds

Feb. 18 Your Vegetable Garden

Intro to I AM Yoga

Saturday, Jan. 21, 2 p.m.

Reclaim your vitality, reduce stress and live from a place of calm and peace. *Presented by Amrit Yoga Institute.*

Trivia Café-Brown Bag Luncheon

Thursday, Jan. 26, 11:30 a.m.

Reservations recommended.

Bring a sandwich and enjoy lunch with fellow trivia enthusiasts! Let us know you're coming so we have enough complimentary dessert and beverage!

To Your Health!

Saturday, Jan. 28, 10:30 a.m.

Decrease your risk of cancer with strategies presented by Dr. Ravi Sandrapaty, Ocala Community Cancer Center.

Avoid The Zika Virus

Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2 p.m.

Avoid the dangers of the mosquito-borne Zika virus through the guidance of Craig Ackerman and Kelly Conklin, Florida Department of Health.

A Year in Backyard Birds

Saturday, Feb. 4, 2 p.m.

What kind of bird is that? Get to know and identify our feathered visitors under the guidance of Taryn Evans. Enjoy the Audubon wonderland in which we live!

Fun For All!

Saturday, Feb. 11, 2 p.m.

Discover what's happening at Silver Springs State Park!

TEENS & TWEENS**YALLA East!**

Thursdays, 5 p.m.

Dec. 15, Jan. 19, Feb. 16

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

Creative Fun for Teens and Tweens

Thursdays, 4 p.m.

Put on your crafty caps and create!

Jan. 19 *Wii Games*

Feb. 16 *Pokémon Fuse Bead Art*

FAMILIES**FUN-tasmagoria**

Wednesdays, 4 p.m.

Explore the world without leaving the library.

Jan. 4 *Go! Europe*

Jan. 11 *Go! Asia*

Jan. 18 *Go! Africa*

Feb. 1 *Go! North America*

Feb. 15 *Go! South America*

Feb. 22 *Go! Australia*

Game Time!

Thursdays, 4 p.m.

Jan. 5, Feb. 2

Don't be bored! Play board games!

**Family Flicks:
"The Jungle Book"**

Saturday, Jan. 28, 2 p.m.

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

Imagination Station Kids Club

Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m.

Stories and crafts to fit the season.

Dec. 7 *Holiday Card Making*

Jan. 25 *Wii Games*

Feb. 8 *Construction Junction*

"Frozen" Sing-Along!

Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2 p.m.

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

STORY TIMES

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

B.E.A.R Time!

Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m.

Jan. 10-Feb. 28

Bedtime Stories

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 12, Jan. 26, Feb. 9, Feb. 23

Family Story Time

Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

Jan. 6-Feb. 24

**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.

Jan. 2-Feb. 27

Bring your device and drop in!

FAMILIES**FUN-tasmagoria**

Mondays, 4 p.m.

Explore the world without leaving the library.

Jan. 9 *Go! Europe!*

Jan. 23 *Go! Asia!*

Jan. 30 *Go! Africa!*

Feb. 6 *Go! North America!*

Feb. 13 *Go! Antarctica!*

Feb. 20 *Go! South America!*

Feb. 27 *Go! Australia!*

**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**Happy Magical New Year
With Brian LaPalme**

Thursday, Dec. 29, 5 p.m.

Add razzle-dazzle to your new year! All

ages welcome. See Program Spotlight for other locations.

Pokémon Pajama Party

Tuesday, Jan. 10, 6 p.m.

It's a Pokémon PJ bash! Check out our pokéstop and be ready to catch them all!

Return of LlamaCon!

Saturday, Feb. 25, 10 a.m.

Llama drama galore! Bring your family for all the llama crafts, games and fun you can handle!

ADULTS**As the Page Turns Book Club**

Tuesdays, 2:30 p.m.

Make new friends and talk about books!

Dec. 6 *"A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens*

Jan. 3 *Reader's Choice Book Talks*

Feb. 7 *"All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr*

**Technology Help Center**

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-noon

Jan. 4-Feb. 22

Bring your device and drop in!

**Ask Arnold! Comprehensive
Computer Assistance**

Thursdays, 12-2 p.m.

Jan. 5-Feb. 23

Staff and volunteers are available to help with all computer needs.

Basic Computer Classes

Thursdays, 2 p.m., Jan. 5-Feb. 23

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

Jan. 5 *Introduction to Computers*

Jan. 12 *Basic Internet*

Jan. 19 *Basic Keyboarding*

Jan. 26 *Basic Word*

Feb. 2 *Basic Email*

Feb. 9 *Heritage Quest*

Feb. 16 *Career Transitions*

Feb. 23 *Digital Map Exploring*



The Tuesday Matinée

Tuesdays, 3 p.m.

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

Jan. 10

Feb. 14



Color Your Way to Calm

Selected Tuesdays, 3 p.m.

Jan. 17, Jan. 31, Feb. 21, Feb. 28

Seek serenity through coloring!

Loving From the Oven

Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2 p.m.

Cooking for your valentine? Make sure that your dish spawns only compliments with food safety tips from former food inspector Joan Prager.

TEENS & TWEENS

YALLA Free!

Wednesdays, 5 p.m.

Dec. 14, Jan. 11, Feb. 8

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

FAMILIES

Family Film Fest

Wednesdays, 3 p.m.

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

Jan. 25

Feb. 8



Jan. 11-Feb. 22

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.

Ages 3-5 with caregivers.

Toddler Time

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.

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.

SPECIAL PROGRAM

Pokémon GO! Gym Mastery!

Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 3:30 p.m.

Play Pokémon Go! like a pro! Stop by for playing tips with 4-H agent and Program Leader Ashley Stewart and then capture some ice cream sundaes! *Presented by the UF/IFAS Marion County 4-H; UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.*

TEENS

YALLA Oaks!

Wednesdays, 5 p.m.

Jan. 11, Feb. 8

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

FAMILIES

Drop-In Story Time

Thursdays, 3:30 p.m.

Jan. 12-Feb. 23

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

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

Reindeer Romp Holiday Party

Saturday, Dec. 17, 1-3 p.m.

It's a community party and all are invited! *See Program Spotlight.*

Brown Bag Luncheon: Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Revisited

Wednesday, Jan. 18, noon

Contact the library to reserve a piece of pie! *See Program Spotlight.*

ADULTS

Ask Your Master Gardener

Saturday, Feb. 11, 11 a.m.

Learn about native plants for your home with master gardeners Barbara Georgius and Connie Bonbrest. *Presented by the UF/IFAS Master Gardeners; UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.*

TEENS

YALLA North!

Saturdays, 2 p.m.

Dec. 17, Jan. 21

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

FAMILIES

Preschool Story Time

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

Jan. 5-Feb. 23

A variety of stories for young children with caregivers.

FUN-tasmagoria!

Thursdays, 2:30 p.m.

Jan. 5-Feb. 23

Explore the world with stories and fun-filled activities!





**Headquarters-Ocala
Public Library**

- December** **International Plastic Modelers' Society**
- January** **70 Years of Flying**
by Ron Montgomery
- February** **Oil & Acrylic Paintings**
by Robert Johnson

Belleview Public Library

- December** **Wildlife Photography**
by Kim Sawyer
Paintings by Lucky Pinkstaff
- January** **Pottery** by Jud Spence
Paintings by Warren Thompson
- February** **Basket Weaving**
by Basket Cases Club
Dyed Eggs by Carole Ferguson

Dunnellon Public Library

- December** **Wood Turnings**
by Henry Norwell
- January** **Fly-Ties** by Marcia Thompson
- February** **Carved Gourds**
by Glenda Damm

Forest Public Library

- December** **Cowboy Oil Paintings**
by Bill Roberts
- January** **Oil and Acrylic Paintings**
by Robert Johnson
- February** **Book Art** by Conni Wayne

Reddick Public Library

- December** **Christmas in the City-Dept. 56 Train Garden** by David Holmes
- January** **North American Stone Tools**
by Gary Walker
- February** **Quilted Items**
by Reddick residents

AT YOUR SERVICE

Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders (SHINE)

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

Access Florida Volunteers

Tuesdays, 12:30-3 p.m., Dec. 6-Feb. 28
Forest Public Library

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

Parade Day

Saturday, Dec. 10
Headquarters-Ocala Public Library will close at 4 p.m.

Christmas Eve

Saturday, Dec. 24
Headquarters-Ocala, Belleview, Dunnellon, Forest and Freedom Public Libraries close at 4 p.m.

Christmas Day

Sunday, Dec. 25
Headquarters-Ocala Public Library closed.

Christmas Day (Observed)

Monday, Dec. 26
All Marion County Public Library System locations are closed.

New Year's Eve

Saturday, Dec. 31
All libraries close at 4 p.m.

New Year's Day

Sunday, Jan. 1
Headquarters-Ocala Public Library closed.

New Year's Day (Observed)

Monday, Jan. 2
All Marion County Public Library System locations are closed.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, Jan. 16
All Marion County Public Library System locations are closed.

Library Maintenance Day

Friday, Feb. 17
All Marion County Public Library System locations are closed.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Friends of the Belleview Public Library

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
Dec. 20, Jan. 17, Feb. 21

Book Nook Hours:
Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 7

Friends of the Forest Public Library

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
Dec. 21, Jan. 18, Feb. 15
Book Sale
Thursday, Feb. 23, 4-8 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 24, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 25, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Friends of Fort McCoy Public Library

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
Dec. 14, Jan. 11, Feb. 8

Friends of the Freedom Public Library

Tuesday, Jan. 3, 10 a.m.
Monday, Feb. 6, 10 a.m.

Friends of Marion Oaks Public Library

Fridays, 1 p.m.
Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10

Friends of the Ocala Public Library

Thursdays, 4 p.m.
Dec.-no meeting, Jan. 19, Feb. 16
Book Sale
Thursday, Feb. 23, 4-8 p.m.

Friends Membership Growing!

By Toni James



Friends of the Library groups all across Marion County are reporting that their membership campaigns are having great success. Here's a peek at their results to date:

Freedom Friends leader Florence Pritchard reported that their campaign used a theme of "An Afternoon With Friends," held Oct. 17-20. They began by offering a drawing for prizes – a framed painting by a local artist, and two gift baskets, one for children, one for adults plus bundles of five books – to attract people's attention to the member registration table. On Oct. 20, at their "Afternoon With Friends," West Port High School students performed "improv" of library activities, local community leader Pat Gabriel spoke about "the future of the State Road 200 Corridor," and County Commissioner Kathy Bryant attended as a featured guest. Their results to date: **35 new members**, an increase of 26 percent!

Forest Friends leader Sandra Sanders reported that their membership campaign kicked off with "A Night at the Library" on the evening of Oct. 18, with current members encouraged to bring a friend. After a tour of this picturesque library, a meal of soup, sandwiches and dessert was served.

Sixty people attended, and many asked questions about the library's services. The result was that **eight new people** joined this Friends group.

Marion Oaks Friends leader B.J. Bartlett reported that their membership campaign netted **eight new members** as a result of meeting with the Marion Oaks Women's Club, a healthy gain! They will launch another campaign effort in February focusing on the Marion Oaks Civic Association members.

Fort McCoy Friends leader Mary Thomas reported that because their 20th anniversary is coming up next February, they will launch their membership campaign at that time. They will



reach out to the businesses in their area, which includes Hog Valley, and businesses joining will receive a framed certificate "Proud supporter of Fort McCoy Friends of the Library." They're even reaching out to the corporate headquarters of some of the larger businesses!



Ocala Friends leader Carmen Maines reported that they held "A Night at the Library" on September 30 using the movie "A Night at the Museum" concept where characters from books came alive! West Port High School students donned costumes and portrayed such famed characters as Albert Einstein, William Shakespeare, Little Red Riding Hood, Queen Elizabeth I and detective Boston Blackie. Approximately 150 people attended, and latest membership results show **38 new members!**

Bellevue Friends leader Gene Morlan reported that their campaign focused on enlisting new members who visited the library during the "early voting" period which occurred at the Bellevue Library. Thousands of visitors were greeted and given Friends of the Bellevue Public Library information.

These outstanding results demonstrate the growing public support for our wonderful Marion County Public Library System! 📖

2016 create Winners!

Fine Arts Show

1st Place: **Gabriela Ortega**, Forest High School

2nd Place: **Hannah Smith**, Forest High School

3rd Place: **Ashlyn Stout**, Forest High School

People's Choice: **Daisy Shaw**, Dunnellon High School

Writer's Conference

1st Place: **Jordan St. Laurent**, Belleview High School

2nd Place: **Rachel Force**, Homeschool

3rd Place: **Harrison Knight**, Vanguard High School

Judges' Choice: **Calamity Marentay**, West Port High School

Filmmaker's Festival

1st Place: "Brandon's Slice of Life" – **Preston Coldwell, Michael Green and Ronald Query**, Forest High School

2nd Place: "Equality" – **Abigail Haworth and Hannah Robarge**, Forest High School

3rd Place: "Good vs. Evil" – **Hetu Patel**, Vanguard High School

People's Choice: "Girl Gone Missing" – **Adam Sines, Emil Whittaker and Kaylyn Short**, Forest High School

Talent Show

1st Place: **Victoria Blanchette**, Lake Weir High School

2nd Place: *On the Origin of Sound* – **Navid Aslani, Christopher Lugo, Zachary Gilligan, Aixa Cruz, Ryan Gamberino and Robert White**, Vanguard High School

3rd Place: **Alexa Wosyluk**, Forest High School

People's Choice: *On the Origin of Sound* – **Navid Aslani, Christopher Lugo, Zachary Gilligan, Aixa Cruz, Ryan Gamberino and Robert White**, Vanguard High School



FINE ART SHOW winners



Two of the WRITER'S CONFERENCE winners



FILMMAKER'S FESTIVAL winners



TALENT SHOW winners

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Checking out surroundings at Paws and Pages Pet Expo



Creepy Crafts at Forest Public Library



Puppies at Paws and Pages Pet Expo



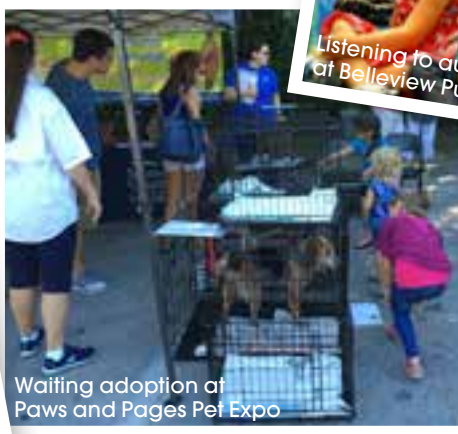
Listening to author San Hoy at Belleview Public Library



Baby Chick project at Reddick Public Library



Waiting adoption at Paws and Pages Pet Expo



Fairy Tale Festival at HQ-Ocala



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Winner of the Pioneer Garden Club of Ocala Fairy Garden



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Bookmarks

Friends of the Ocala Public Library's News and Notes



WELCOME!

In October, the Friends of the Ocala Public Library inducted new board members and officers. Our new board members are *(pictured at left)* Mary Baker, Jo Bartlett, Rhodia Berry, Suzy Heinbockel, Brianne Inman, Bridget Kiefer, Ellen Prosser, Dave Schlenker and Josh Turner. This year's officers are Carmen Maines, president; Toni James, vice president; Diane Trexler, secretary; and Dan Andrews, treasurer. Welcome and congratulations!



FEBRUARY BOOK SALE

Too much money spent during the holidays? No problem. You won't need much at our quarterly book sale on Feb. 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the meeting rooms at HQ-Ocala. All hardcover books are 50¢ each, and paperbacks are 25¢ each. We'll have a huge selection of all kinds of books. Come early for the best selection!

A NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY

To increase membership in our organization, the Friends of the Ocala Public Library hosted a Friend-Raiser, "A Night at the Library," on Sept. 30. The program featured book characters who came alive, a live string trio, a jazz singer, student chefs serving delicious appetizers, a hunt for treasured books, along with other entertainment. If you missed it, you can still become a Friend by stopping by the Book Market for information or going online at friendsoftheocalalibrary.org.

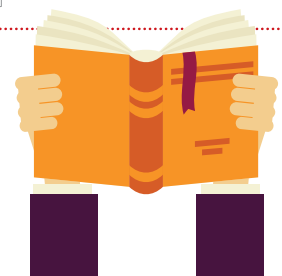


QUARTERLY BOOK SALE

Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Meeting Rooms, Headquarters-Ocala Public Library



profiles

By Asa Drake

Most Pokémon trainers know that Pokémon hatch from eggs. But many game enthusiasts don't know the actual origin of Pokémon. Satoshi Tajiri, the creator of Pokémon, modeled the game after his childhood hobby, collecting insects. As a result, Pokémon-like insects grow by experiencing a metamorphosis or "evolution" that changes their appearance. While insects inspired the mechanics for the game, Japanese folk monsters influenced the looks and abilities for many Pokémon.

These monsters and spirits are called youkai. Like Pokémon, youkai possess a variety of powers. In Japan, when an old house rattles or a teacup suddenly goes missing, it is presumed to be the work of a youkai. They even hide in the tall grass, just like Pokémon!

Pokémon Vulpix and its evolution, Ninetales, originate from folktales about youkai foxes. In Japanese stories any fox can become a youkai, and, as a fox ages, it gains more tails! Like Ninetales, these youkai glow with inner fire. At age 50, they gain the ability to shapeshift and at 100, they can even take human form.

According to legend, Tamamo-no-mae was such a fox with nine tails. When she turned 100 she wanted to



become emperor. As an especially old youkai, she knew the contents of any book within a distance of 1,000 miles without ever reading a page. She advertised her knowledge at the royal court by saying, "Ask me something you want to know." Eventually, the emperor himself asked, "What is the Milky Way above us?" Tamamo-no-mae wasn't sure. The Milky Way galaxy extended past her thousand-mile threshold.

"I think it is probably the spirit of the clouds," she said. Modern astronomers would disagree with Tamamo-no-mae's description of our galaxy, but the 10th

century emperor was so impressed that he made her his closest advisor. Unfortunately, spending so much time with Tamamo-no-mae drained the emperor's energy until he became deathly ill.

Suspicious of Tamamo-no-mae, the emperor's advisors tried to convince her to make a holy offering that forced her to transform back into a fox. Although they intended to catch her, Tamamo-no-mae was too fast and clever. She would like to be quoted as saying "I disappeared into the tall grass with a smile!"

And so the hunt for Tamamo-no-mae continues to this day! 🍡