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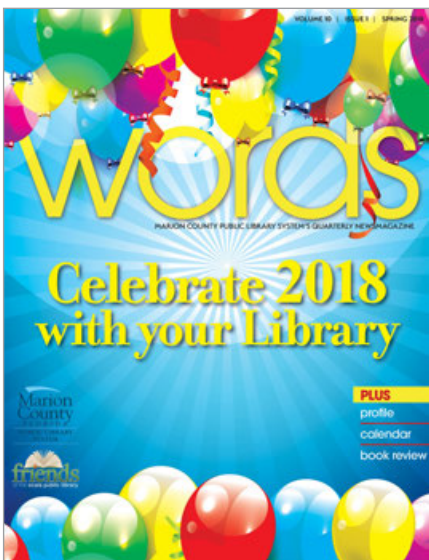
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a word FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Julie Sieg
*Director, Marion County
Public Library System*



Mission Accomplished

In addition to her most recent work as a community volunteer, leader and activist, Nancy Young has left an undeniable mark on public library service for children and parents in Marion County, as our Children's Division Manager from 2002 to 2012.

Nancy has been a long-time champion of early childhood development efforts, especially for children birth-3 years of age. She advocates that the best way to support these efforts is to help parents receive the information and resources necessary to become their child's first teacher. With her "can do" attitude and energy driving her forward, Nancy developed and enhanced more library programs and services for children, including expanded collections, qualified children's staff, and story times in each of our libraries.

Nancy built opportunities for personal, "hands-on" experiences for children so that they could form an association and reference for their vocabulary development. All of the children's areas are welcoming places that are conducive to learning and building lasting, positive experiences with a public library. Nancy understands that a child's brain can make these associations and have his vocabulary enriched by offering experiences such as the Snow Festival, Construction Zone or the Fairytale Festival.

Anyone who visits the Headquarters Children's Services Division will see Nancy's inspiration everywhere. The entrance to the division is adorned with sculptures of books, donated by Altrusa Club of Ocala. Child-size activity centers, computers and displays are attractively arranged. A Florida Cracker inspired mural of native wildlife welcomes parents and children to story time. Whimsical silhouettes are dedicated in Nancy's honor. And throughout the library system, children's areas are complimented with Kiwanis reading rugs.

Nancy Young embodies a love of learning. She is an accomplished librarian and has opened the doors to the public library with her energy and enthusiasm. Her focus remains consistent and upbeat and reflects the fact that she "always has the goal in sight." For Nancy, that goal is for public libraries to provide a safe, positive, enriching and enlightening environment where children and families can come to relax, browse, be inspired to learn and explore and want more... Mission Accomplished!

Julie Sieg



RESOLVE TO Celebrate in 2018!

BY KAREN M. JENSEN

Celebrations are an important part of our lives. Since the beginning of time, mankind has identified opportunities to celebrate with rituals as diverse as the cultures and individuals themselves. Beginning with the Jan. 1 celebration of the New Year, the list is endless as to how and what we celebrate.

Celebrations are a natural and essential aspect of who we are. To celebrate is an invitation to actively participate in being joyful. The entire world can celebrate an event, like landing on the moon. Or a celebration could be one person's little victory in his or her life.

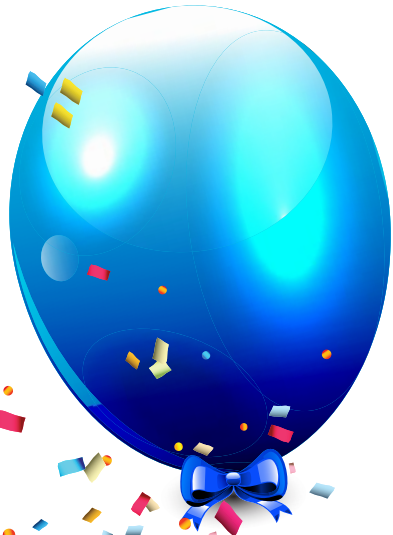
At the Marion County Public Library System, we understand the importance of celebrations. We celebrate knowledge, learning, the past, present and future. Perhaps most of all, we celebrate individual initiative. We celebrate by joyfully helping others achieve their goals.

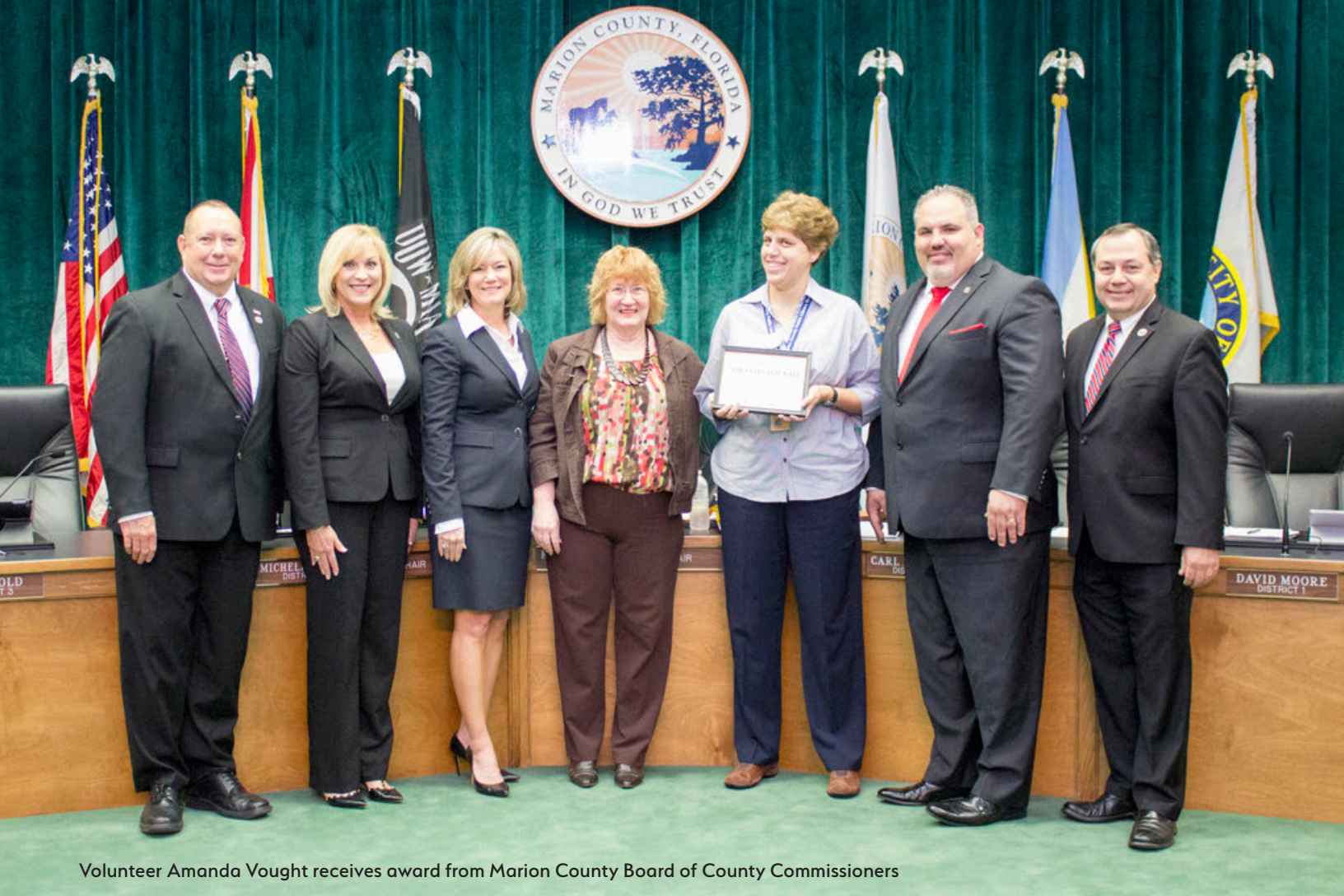
We see it every day. Like the child who is exploring a new book or the person studying to get a GED. Maybe it's the entrepreneur learning how to write a business plan or the retiree learning a new language or even a new recipe.

Join us as we showcase a variety of reasons to celebrate this spring, including the 60th anniversary of National Library Week, April 8-14 and National Volunteer Week, April 15-21. An entire array of celebratory programs and events are outlined in this issue of Words, including the **Libraries Lead Country Dancing** program and the **Bellevue South Marion Community Celebration**.

Remember to mark your calendar to attend the anniversary celebrations at both the Bellevue and Dunnellon public libraries, commemorating 10 years in their current locations.

Every day we should each try to find something to celebrate, or to create something meaningful to celebrate. Stop by any of our eight public library locations and we'll help you uncover some celebratory occasion. **W**





Volunteer Amanda Vought receives award from Marion County Board of County Commissioners

Celebrate Service. Thanks, Volunteers!

BY KAREN M. JENSEN

National Volunteer Week, April 15-21, is an opportunity for us to both recognize and thank the volunteers who generously give their time and talents to the many local and national organizations. Each and every day, their stories inspire us to do more within our respective communities and for the causes we support.

The services and resources provided by the Marion County Public Library System are greatly enhanced because of a dedicated core of teen and adult volunteers who care passionately about their public library. Our volunteers help shelve books, assist children's services staff with crafts and story time, provide technical support to patrons, help with special events and serve as a Friend of the Library. They are public library ambassadors and community advocates.

Last year, 346 library volunteers provided 14,446 hours of service systemwide. In addition, an estimated 900 Friends of the Library volunteered 30,000 hours of service.

One of these outstanding individuals, Amanda Vought, a volunteer in the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library circulation division, is a shining example of hard work and commitment. She typifies one of the guiding principles of Marion County government with her dedication to serve. Amanda shelves library materials, empties curbside book drops, searches for request materials and trains other volunteers how to tackle the list of tasks noted and more. Last year, Amanda volunteered 702 hours and was honored with a plaque by the Marion County Board of County Commissioners.

During National Volunteer Week and throughout the year, the Marion County Public Library System staff celebrates our wonderful volunteers and the service they unflinchingly provide every day. For more information about public library system volunteer opportunities, check out the library's website at library.marioncountyfl.org, click on Library Info or call 352-671-8551. **W**

You Are Cordially Invited

BY BEN HUNTER

We've all heard that saying, "The way to a person's heart is through their stomach." Whether you are in the kitchen all day creating a delicious feast or throwing something together after work on a weeknight, preparing a meal and sharing it with others is truly a labor of love. Be it a birthday dinner with friends, a romantic evening at home or simply a moment to relax and reconnect, whatever the celebration, make sure it's a delicious one.

It may seem daunting to throw dinner together on a weeknight, but in **"Brunch Is Hell: How to Save the World by Throwing a Dinner Party,"** Brendan Francis Newnam and Rico Gagliano, hosts of the "The Dinner Party Download," introduce modern civilization to the long lost art form of dinner parties. A custom that our grandparents effortlessly seemed to pull together weekly for friends and coworkers, dinner parties

have all but vanished from the modern social landscape. But with the help of Newnam and Gagliano, a memorable evening for you and your guests is well within reach any night of the week.

Few are better equipped at getting a scrumptious meal on the table than Melissa Clark, *New York Times* columnist and author of **"Dinner: Changing the Game."** The beautiful photographs that accompany each recipe are just a preview of the wonderful meal that is to come. From caramelized lemon chicken to five-spice duck breast, the interesting flavors and easy to follow instructions ensure a memorable dining experience for you and the lucky few that snag an invite to your table.

The best way to greet your guest is with a smile, but if you are busy in the kitchen, a refreshing drink will certainly do the trick. **"Tequila Mockingbird: Cocktails with a Literary Twist,"** by novelist and Broadway star Tim Federle, offers some scholarly suggestions for keeping things fresh and fun as your guests wet their whistle. From "gin eye" to "cherry poppins" there is something for every taste level. You're



sure to find the perfect drink to make your dinner that much more enjoyable.

A lovely environment also helps to make an evening special. Flowers instantly transform a room or dinner table, and floral designer Ariella Chezar's **"The Flower Workshop"** is a celebration of flowers, fruits and other foraged

materials. Using her years of experience in the floral industry, she provides step-by-step instructions on how to transform your table and helps make any occasion both beautiful and memorable. **W**



Celebrating 75 years of Little Golden Books

BY SUSAN REYNOLDS



Think back to your childhood and remember your favorite stories, the books that you read over and over again. There is a good chance that some of those books had a distinctive gold foil running along the spine, and there was a book plate on the inside where you could write your very own name. These were books that you could make part of your personal childhood library. If your book had a title like “The Poky Little Puppy,” “Tootle,” “The Shy Little Kitten,” or was a favorite Disney tale, chances are that you owned a Little Golden Book.

Little Golden Books was created in 1942 and the company established a decidedly different take on children’s literature. The books were very affordable at the price

of 25 cents each and were widely distributed. They were readily available in department stores and supermarkets, making them easy to acquire. Little Golden Books hired wonderfully creative authors and illustrators of children’s literature; names like Margaret Wise Brown, Richard Scarry, Garth Williams, Gustaf Tenggren and Leonard Weisgard were just a few of the talented folks who created these wonderful books. This was truly a revolution of children’s literature, making high quality, full color books affordable for the masses.

In celebration of the 75th year anniversary of Little Golden Books, Random House Children’s Books has created the website www.littlegoldenbooks.com where you can explore the history of Little Golden

Books, check out some of the new titles like “I’m a Unicorn” and print out activities to do with your little ones. You can also explore the public library’s collection of Little Golden Books. For a more in-depth history, check out “Golden Legacy: The Story of Golden Books” by Leonard Marcus, currently in the Marion County Public Library System collection.

Can you remember a favorite Little Golden Book from your past? I hope this article has triggered fond memories of such classics as, “We Like Kindergarten” and the adorable, “The Poky Little Puppy.” I know they are two of my favorites and helped develop my love of reading and learning as a young child. **W**

Covers courtesy of publisher.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

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



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK CELEBRATION

We are celebrating and need some partners! Take a moment to have some fun with us throughout the library system or at this special program. It would be a pleasure to see you!

Libraries Lead: Country Dancing

Saturday, March 31, 3-5 p.m.
Headquarters-Ocala Public Library, Adults
Dance the afternoon away!

SPECIAL EVENTS

South Marion Community Celebration

Saturday, April 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Bellevue Public Library
Bring the entire family for a community extravaganza filled with spectacular entertainment and giveaways! Meet people from local businesses and services and get to know "The City with Small Town Charm."

Co-sponsored by the Bellevue/South Marion Chamber of Commerce.

Community Job Fair

Wednesday, April 25, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Bellevue Public Library
Looking for a career opportunity? Connect with local businesses and find your calling.

Co-sponsored by the Bellevue/South Marion Chamber of Commerce and the Bellevue Economic Development Council.

Dunnellon Public Library Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, May 19, 1-4 p.m.
Dunnellon Public Library
The Dunnellon Public Library is 10 years old! Join in the celebration, complete with internationally renowned ventriloquist Mark Wade and the Ocala Harmony Barbershop Chorus!

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Seuss-a-palooza! Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

Celebrate the imagination of a creative genius! Enjoy books, games and crafts inspired by Dr. Seuss.

All programs are co-sponsored by the Early Learning Coalition of Marion County, Marion Education Association co-sponsors the Headquarters-Ocala program. All others are co-sponsored by Marion County Reading Pals.

Saturday, March 3, 10:30 a.m. Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

Tuesday, March 6, 2:30 p.m., Reddick Public Library

Wednesday, March 7, 4 p.m.

*Fort McCoy Public Library
Friday, March 9, 10:30 a.m.
Forest Public Library*

*Wednesday, March 14, 3 p.m.
Freedom Public Library*

*Friday, March 16, 11 a.m.
Dunnellon Public Library*

*Saturday, March 17, 10:30 a.m.
Marion Oaks Public Library*

Get Smart!

Tuesday, March 13, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Bellevue Public Library
Ages 13-17. Registration recommended.
Feed your brain and plan your future! Participate in a writing workshop by award-winning author R.M. Pringle and chat with college admissions expert R.J. Jenkins.
Lunch provided by The Mojo Grill & Catering Co.

Stories Under the Stars

Saturday, March 24, 7 p.m.
Fort King National Historic Landmark
Share a tale or just come and enjoy the stories and music offered by our local community. Performers of all ages and abilities welcome.

Presented in partnership with Ocala Recreation and Parks, Fort King National Historic Landmark, and Ocala Storytelling Festival, Inc.

Night in the Wildlife Park Puppet Show

Get ready to sing, dance and party with the animals and the Wildlife Puppeteers of the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park! Fun for kids of all ages.

Saturday, April 14, 2 p.m.
Dunnellon Public Library
Wednesday, April 25, 2:30 p.m.
Reddick Public Library

Money Smart Week: Paying for College

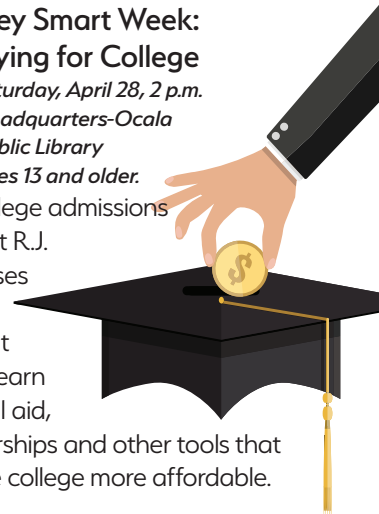
Saturday, April 28, 2 p.m.
Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Ages 13 and older.
College admissions expert R.J.

Jenkins discusses how to go to college without going broke! Learn about financial aid, grants, scholarships and other tools that can help make college more affordable.

FANDOMONIA!

Riverdale: Night at Pop's Chock'lit Shoppe

Thursday, March 15, 5 p.m.
Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Ages 13 and older.
Spend an evening in Riverdale at everyone's favorite hangout! Slurp milkshakes, snag free Archie comics, watch "Riverdale" and test your Archie universe knowledge!



Ready Player One

Saturday, March 31, 2 p.m.

Bellevue Public Library

Ages 13 and older.

Celebrate Ernest Cline's "Ready Player One." Dress in '80s attire, enjoy '80s music and go on your own quest to discover Halliday's Easter egg.

New Mutants: A Fandom Event

Saturday, April 14, 2 p.m.

Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

Ages 13 and older.

Grab your cloak, don your mask and celebrate all things mutant! Watch "X-Men Evolution" on the big screen and geek out over your favorite heroes and villains! Cosplay or casual, let's have some fun.

Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 5

All branch libraries, all open hours while supplies last.*

Stop by your local library* and grab a free comic book, courtesy of Diamond Comic Distributors and Vibranium Comics.

**Headquarters-Ocala will distribute comic books on May 12 at the Comic Connection.*

Potter Wars Mashup

Saturday, May 5, 11 a.m.

Bellevue Public Library

It's a mashup of fandoms with Team Wizard vs. Team Jedi, including Jedi training by Martial Arts World! Take home free comic books and prizes.

Co-sponsored by Jokerman Comics.

Comic Connection, Vol. 5

Saturday, May 12, 2-4 p.m.

Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

Attention caped crusaders, comic collectors and time lords! Enjoy free comics, cosplay and more! In celebration of Free Comic Book Day, comics will be distributed while supplies last.*

**Courtesy of Diamond Comic Distributors.*

Geekfest! Fandoms and Comic Club

Wednesday, May 23, 5 p.m.

Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

Ages 13 and older.

Explore the world of pop culture. Meet fellow fans and geek out.

MEET THE AUTHORS**KrisAnne Hall**

"Sovereign Duty"

Thursday, March 8, 2 p.m.

Dunnellon Public Library

Constitutional educator, attorney and radio talk show host KrisAnne Hall explains the powers and responsibilities of each state as specified under the Constitution and the Tenth Amendment.

Bob H. Lee

"Bad Guys, Bullets and Boat Chases: True Stories of Florida Game Wardens"

Saturday, March 10, 1 p.m.

Fort McCoy Public Library

Adults and teens.

Take a ride on the wild side as Bob Lee, a veteran Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission officer, relates the amazing and harrowing experiences of Florida game wardens. They're not just checking fishing licenses!

Get Smart — R.M. Prioleau Writers' Workshop

Tuesday, March 13, 10:30 a.m.

Bellevue Public Library

Ages 13-17. Registration recommended.

Interested in writing? Learn from Royal Palm Literary Award-winning fantasy and adventure author R.M. Prioleau.

Lunch provided by The Mojo Grill & Catering Co.

Mary Flynn

"Margaret Ferry"

"Confessions of a Hallmark Greeting Card Writer"

Experience bygone days through the eyes of an 11-year-old in the 1950s with Margaret Ferry or enjoy hilarious revelations of a greeting card writer. Either way, it's sure to be a good time.

Wednesday, March 14, 10 a.m.

Bellevue Public Library

Friday, March 23, 2 p.m.

Forest Public Library

Thursday, April 26, noon

(Brown Bag Luncheon)

Reddick Public Library

Charlie Crowe

"The Adventures of June Bug Johnson: Growing Up in the Shadows of the Proverbs"

Wednesday, March 14, 2 p.m.

Dunnellon Public Library

Delight in the humorous stories of a simpler time as Grandpa provides much-needed life wisdom to young June Bug.

Linda Tillis

"A Heart Made for Love"

Thursday, April 5, 2 p.m.

Dunnellon Public Library

Rough-and-tumble Florida of the early 1900s provides the backdrop for this touching and uplifting story of love, loss, tragedy and murder.

Leah Oxendine

"The Rebels of Florida"

Friday, April 6, 2 p.m.

Forest Public Library

In her debut novel, Oxendine combines her two passions of American Civil War — reenacting and writing — to bring to life a compelling fictional story of the Civil War.

Joe Wetzel

"Our Unique Heritage"

Tuesday, April 10, 2 p.m.

Dunnellon Public Library

Tracing the evolution of our American heritage and the important influences that helped to create our government, Wetzel, a dedicated student of political and social history, presents a compendium of observations sure to entertain and enlighten all.

Ericka Yeger

"My Mother's Memoir: Before, During and After Auschwitz"

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

Bellevue Public Library

In recognition of Holocaust Remembrance month, Ericka Yeger presents her mother's profound and personal narrative, archived at Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center in Jerusalem.



HEADQUARTERS-OCALA

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Adults

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Paying for College

Saturday, April 28, 2 p.m.
Ages 13 and older.

ADULTS

The Monday Matinée

Mondays, 2 p.m.

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

March 5

March 12

March 19

March 26

April 2

April 9

April 16

April 23



Wired Wednesdays

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Learn about computers and databases. Space is limited.

Computers for Beginners

March 7 *I Turned on My Computer, Now What?*

March 14 *Basic Keyboarding*

March 21 *Basic Internet*

March 28 *Basic Internet Safety*

Online Potpourri

April 4 *Language of the Internet*

April 11 *Fake News*

April 18 *A Primer to Social Media*

Genealogy Help Center

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

March 7, 21, April 4, 18, May 2, 16

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

Technology Help Center

Wednesdays, 2-3:30 p.m.

March 7-May 30

Bring your device and drop in.

Crafternoons

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.

Adults only. Registration required.

Get in touch with the right side of your brain! Call 352-671-8551 to register.

March 7 *Bottle Cap Magnets*

April 4 *Simple Sculpting*

May 2 *DIY Plant Markers*

Color. Connect. Converse.

Thursdays, 2 p.m.

March 8, April 12, May 10

Enjoy coloring and interesting conversation!

Savvy Traveler

Saturday, March 10, 2 p.m.

Local travel agent Sheri Mruz provides tips on being smart, prepared and thrifty while travelling.

Novels at Night Book Club

Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

Enjoy a lively book discussion, treats and coffee.

March 13 *"House of Sand and Fog"* by Andre Dubus III

April 10 *"The Nightingale"* by Kristin Hannah

May 8 *"A Spool of Blue Thread"* by Anne Tyler

Poems Talk

Mondays, 6 p.m.

March 19, April 16, May 21

Bring a poem you've penned or loved and join the conversation.

Wanted: Wild West Know-It-Alls

Thursday, March 22, 6 p.m.

Saddle up and ride on in for a trivia showdown with a western flair.

Digital Road Trip: Libraries, Museums and Universities

Saturday, March 24, 3 p.m.

Fasten your seat belt and tour the world's most amazing collections.

Escape Room:

Taxes Are So Taxing!

Wednesday, April 18, 4 p.m.

Taxes are due! Will you sort through the clues and file before time runs out?

Folded Book Art

Wednesday, April 25, 2 p.m.

Create art by repurposing old books! Supplies provided.

TEENS

MANGAlicious Teen Club!

Thursdays, 4:30 p.m.

March 1, April 5, May 3

Watch favorite anime and manga films while enjoying Japanese snacks.

Escape Room: Feeling Lucky?

Saturday, March 17, 3 p.m.

You'll need more than luck to escape with the leprechaun's gold!

YALLA!

Tuesdays, 5 p.m.

March 27, April 24, May 29

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

Teen Café: Open Mic

Monday, April 23, 5:30 p.m.

Stop by our pop-up coffee house to share your latest piece!



Geekfest! Fandoms and Comic Club

Wednesday, May 23, 5 p.m.

See Program Spotlight.

CHILDREN

Kids Code!

Thursdays, 3 p.m.

March 22-April 26

Ages 7-12. Registration required.

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

Innovation Station

Wednesdays, 2 p.m.

March 14, April 4, April 25

For ages 5-12 with caregivers.

Tinker, design, and create.

Let It Glow!

Saturday, April 21, 2 p.m.

For ages 5-12 with caregiver.

Get your glow on with a black light bash.

SPECIAL STORY TIMES

Family Story Time

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

March 10, April 14

Ages 5 and younger with caregivers.

WEEKLY STORY TIMES

March 20-April 26

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

Preschool Story Time

Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.

Ages 3-5.

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

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Belleview, FL 34420

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SPECIAL EVENTS

See Program Spotlight.

South Marion

Community Celebration

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

Co-sponsored by the Belleview/South Marion Chamber of Commerce.

Community Job Fair

Wednesday, April 25, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

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ADULTS

Master Gardener Plant Clinic

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

March, 2, 16, April 6, 20, May 4, 18

The Master Gardener plant doctors are in!

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 and teens.

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

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Wednesday Morning Book Club

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

Make new friends and talk about books.

March 14 "Margaret Ferry" by Mary Flynn

April 11 "Necessary Lies" by Diane Chamberlain

May 9 "Cider House Rules" by John Irving

Fun With Flowers

Monday, March 19, 10 a.m.

Registration recommended.

Learn the basics of flower arranging from the enthusiasts of the Tri-County Gardening Club and take home your own creation.

Tuesday Evening Book Club

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Make new friends and talk about books.

March 20 "Dark Matter" by Blake Crouch

April 17 "Welcome to the World, Baby Girl" by Fannie Flagg

May 15 "The Girl Who Drank the Moon" by Kelly Ragan Barnhill

TEENS & TWEENS

YALLA South!

Tuesdays, 5 p.m.

March 6, April 3, May 1

Be a part of the library experience.

Teens, earn volunteer service hours.

Monday Makers

Mondays, 5 p.m.

Get creative!

March 12 Pots of gold!

April 9 Marble bookmarks

FAMILIES

Art Before Your Eyes

Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon

March 2, April 6

Meet community artists.

Knotty Knitters

Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m., March 7-April 25

Learn to knit or crochet.

Arthropod Petting Zoo

Thursday, March 15, 3:30 p.m.

Explore the fascinating world of insects and other arthropods with Laurel Lietzenmayer from the University of Florida's Department of Entomology and Nematology.

Structure Junction Club

Saturdays, 2 p.m.

March 17, April 21

Start building!

STORY TIMES

March 6-April 26

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

BEAR Time!

Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m.

Be excited about reading and hear great stories!

Preschool Adventures

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3-5.

Toddler Time

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

Infants-age 2.

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See Program Spotlight.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS**Seuss-a-palooza!****Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!**

Friday, March 16, 11 a.m.

See Program Spotlight for more locations.
Co-sponsored by United Way's Reading Pals of Marion County and the Early Learning Coalition of Marion County.

Woodland Hills Birds of Prey

Tuesday, March 20, 2 p.m.

Master falconer Mark Good demonstrates the wonders of his owls, hawks and falcons.

Manatees!

Thursday,
March 22, 2 p.m.

Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge Biologist Joyce Kleen discusses the West Indian manatee as well as conservation measures underway to ensure a future for manatees in Florida.

**Night in the Wildlife Park
Puppet Show**

Saturday, April 14, 2 p.m.

See Program Spotlight for more locations.
Presented by the Wildlife Puppeteers of the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park.

MEET THE AUTHORS

See Program Spotlight.

KrisAnne Hall

"Sovereign Duty"

Thursday, March 8, 2 p.m.

Charlie Crowe

"The Adventures of June Bug Johnson: Growing Up in the Shadows of the Proverbs"

Wednesday, March 14, 2 p.m.

Linda Tillis

"A Heart Made for Love"

Thursday, April 5, 2 p.m.

Joe Wetzel

"Our Unique Heritage"

Tuesday, April 10, 2 p.m.

ADULTS**Technology Help Center**

Thursdays, 10 a.m.-noon

March 1-April 26

Bring your device and drop in!

Friday Matinée

Fridays, 1 p.m.

Movies for adults and teens.

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

March 2

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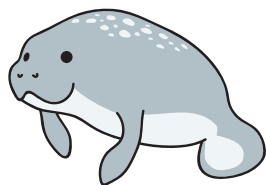
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**TechBoomers™ On Call**

Fridays, 10 a.m.

March 2-April 27

Unravel the mysteries of popular websites and applications using the tutorials of TechBoomers.com.

Master Gardener's Plant Clinic

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

March 6, April 3, May 1

The plant doctors are in.

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

The Art of Goodbye

Tuesdays, 2 p.m.

March 6, March 13

Extension agent Lynda Spence guides the necessary conversation that promotes planning and communicating your end-of-life wishes with family, friends and healthcare providers.

Presented by UF/IFAS Extension Service.

Antique or Junk?

Tuesdays, 3 p.m.

March 6, March 13

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

Drop-In Book Club

Thursdays, 11 a.m.

Gather with exceptional people who share a love of literature.

March 15 "Hidden Figures"
by Margo Lee Shetterly

April 19 "A Man Called Ove"
by Fredrik Backman

May 17 "Camino Island"
by John Grisham

Genealogy 101

Thursdays, 6 p.m.

March 22, April 19, May 17

Stitch together your family history with genealogy enthusiast Pamela Joseph.

Ask Your Master Gardener

Tuesdays, 2 p.m.

Get your garden growing!

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

March 27 Flowering Trees and Shrubs

May 15 Flowering Bulbs in Central Florida

TEENS

YALLA West!

Wednesdays, 5 p.m.
March 7, April 4, May 2
 Be a part of the library experience!
 Earn volunteer service hours.

Gamers Unite!

Saturday, March 10, 2 p.m.
 Are you up for the video game challenge?

CHILDREN

Construction Zone

Saturday, March 24, 2 p.m.
 Start building!

Start Your Engines!

Saturday, April 7, 2 p.m.
 Rev your thumbs and let the races begin.

Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, April 21, 2 p.m.

STORY TIMES

March 2-April 27
 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.
 Listen to great stories and then read to Terra, our canine listener.

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 PROGRAM

**Seuss-a-palooza!
 Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!**

Friday, March 9, 10:30 a.m.
 See Program Spotlight for more locations.
 Co-sponsored by United Way's Reading Pals of Marion County and the Early Learning Coalition of Marion County.

MEET THE AUTHORS

See Program Spotlight

Mary Flynn

"Confessions of a Hallmark Greeting Card Writer"
Friday, March 23, 2 p.m.

Leah Oxendine

"The Rebels of Florida"
Friday, April 6, 2 p.m.

ADULTS

Forest Coloring Club

Thursdays, 11 a.m.
March 1, 15, April 5, 19, May 3, 17
 Enjoy coloring and interesting conversation.

Crafts for a Cause

Mondays, 10 a.m.
March 5, 19, April 2, 16, May 7, 21
 Create items for those in need.

Technology Help Center

Wednesdays, 10 a.m., March 7-April 25
 Bring your device and drop in.

Gamers Unite!

Thursdays, 2 p.m., March 8, April 12
 Video games, anyone?

Friday Cinema

Fridays, 2 p.m.
 Movies for adults. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult.
March 9
March 30
April 20

No Mistakes With Snakes!

Saturday, March 10, 2 p.m.
 Get to know more about local reptiles from a pro at Silver Springs State Park.

Trivia Café Brown Bag Luncheon

Tuesdays, noon
March 13, April 10
 Bring a sandwich and enjoy lunch with fellow trivia enthusiasts!
 Dessert and beverage provided.

Forest Readers Book Club

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
 Make new friends and talk about books!
March 14 "Truly Madly Guilty" by Liane Moriarty
March 28 "Commonwealth" by Ann Patchett
April 11 "Hillbilly Elegy" by J.D. Vance
April 25 "Body Surfing" by Anita Shreve

May 9 "The Chamber" by John Grisham
May 23 "The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend" by Katarina Bivald

Companion Planting

Saturday, March 17, 10:30 a.m.
 Get your garden ready.
Presented by the UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners, UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.

It's All About Birds and Butterflies

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.
 Learn all about our winged friends from the experts at the Marion Audubon Society. Includes a nature walk.

March 24 Bluebirds
April 7 Butterflies

TEENS & TWEENS

Art Workshop

Thursdays, 4 p.m.
 Get creative!
March 1 Rock Painting
April 5 String Art Initial

YALLA East!

Thursdays, 5 p.m.
March 1, April 5, May 3
 Be a part of the library experience. Teens, earn volunteer service hours.

Bookalicious Book Club

Thursdays, 4 p.m.
March 8-22, April 12-26
 Feed your brain matter something delicious.

Kids Code!

Monday, March 12, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, March 13, 10:30 a.m.
Ages 7-12.
 Learn computer programming through games.

FAMILIES

BEAR Time!

Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m.
March 6-April 24
 Be excited about reading and hear great stories!

FUNtasmagoria

Wednesdays, 4 p.m.
 Explore and create!
March 7 Cool Chemistry
March 14 I Dig Dinosaurs
March 21 Grow It!
March 28 Magnificent Mammals
April 11 Shark Attack!
April 18 Don't Bug Me

Game On!

Wednesday, March 14, April 11, 2:30 p.m.
Video games, anyone?

Sing-Along: "Mary Poppins"

Friday, March 16, 2 p.m.
Fun for the whole family! Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

Imagination Station Kids Club

Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m.
Stories and crafts to fit the season.
April 4 Book Crafts!
April 25 Celebrate the Earth!
May 23 Construction Zone

Family Flicks

Saturdays, 2 p.m.
Movies for the whole family!
Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult.
April 14 "Beauty and the Beast"
April 28 "James and the Giant Peach"

STORY TIMES

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

Family Story Time

Fridays, 10:30 a.m.
March 2-April 27

Bedtime Stories

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., March 6, 20, April 3, 17

FORT MCCOY PUBLIC LIBRARY

14660 NE Hwy. 315, Fort McCoy, FL 32134
352-438-2560
Programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Fort McCoy Public Library.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Seuss-a-palooza!

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!
Wednesday, March 7, 4 p.m.
See Program Spotlight for more locations.
Co-sponsored by United Way's Reading Pals of Marion County and the Early Learning Coalition of Marion County.

Sports and Games

Second and third Saturdays, noon-3 p.m.
March 10-May 19, Ages 6-12
Registration required.
Play with the crew of Marion County Parks and Recreation. Outside games and board games are sure to get the brain and body moving!

Exploring Native American Culture

Saturday, May 5, 1 p.m.
Harold and Priscilla Hayes, members of the Abenaki tribe and Cherokee Nation, introduce Native American customs, language and music through drums and song.

MEET THE AUTHOR

Bob H. Lee

"Bad Guys, Bullets and Boat Chases: True Stories of Florida Game Wardens"
Saturday, March 10, 1 p.m.
See Program Spotlight.

ADULTS

Technology Help Center

Mondays, 2 p.m.
March 5-April 30
Bring your device and drop in.

Trivia Café Brown Bag Luncheon

Tuesdays, noon
March 20, April 17
Bring a sandwich and enjoy lunch with fellow trivia enthusiasts!
Dessert and beverage provided.

Plant Swap

Saturday, April 28, 1 p.m.
Love plants but want more variety? Bring a plant and take a plant as you sow the seeds of friendship.



FAMILIES

Color, Color Everywhere

Wednesdays, 4 p.m., March 14-28
Coloring fun for all ages.

FUNtasmagoria

Wednesdays, 4 p.m., March 7-April 25
Explore and create.

FREEDOM PUBLIC LIBRARY

5870 SW 95 St., Ocala, FL 34476
352-438-2580
Programs are sponsored by the Friends of Freedom Public Library.

SPECIAL PROGRAM

Seuss-a-palooza!

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!
Wednesday, March 14, 3 p.m.
See Program Spotlight for more locations.
Co-sponsored by United Way's Reading Pals of Marion County and the Early Learning Coalition of Marion County.

ADULTS

Ask Arnold! Comprehensive Computer Assistance

Thursdays, noon-2 p.m., March 1-May 31
Staff and volunteers are available to help with all computer needs.

As the Page Turns Book Club

Tuesdays, 2:30 p.m.
Join the club and turn the page! Everyone is welcome!
March 6 "Hillbilly Elegy" by J.D. Vance
April 3 "Beartown" by Fredrik Backman
May 1 "Life of Pi" by Yann Martel

Technology Help Center

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-noon
March 7-April 25
Bring your device and drop in!

TechBoomers™ On Call

Mondays, 3 p.m.
March 12, 26, April 9, 23
Unravel the mysteries of popular websites and applications using the tutorials of TechBoomers.com.

The Tuesday Matinée

Tuesdays, 3 p.m.
Movies for adults. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult.
March 20 Stardust
April 10 The Glass Castle

Color. Connect. Converse.

Tuesdays, 3 p.m.
March 27, April 24
Enjoy coloring and interesting conversation.

TEENS & TWEENS

YALLA Free!

Thursdays, 5 p.m.
March 8, April 12, May 10
Be a part of the library experience!
Teens, earn volunteer service hours.





Gamers Unite!!
Saturdays, 3:30 p.m.
 March 10, 24, April 14, 21
 Video games, anyone?

Escape Room Challenge!
Tuesday, March 13, 3 p.m.
 Follow the clues and solve puzzles to escape in time.

FAMILIES

Read to Hannah the Therapy Dog
Mondays, 3 p.m.
 March 5-April 30

Hannah is all ears and geared up for some great stories read by you. It's PAWSitive fun!

Family Film Fest
Wednesdays, 4 p.m.
 Movie fun for the whole family! Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

March 28
 April 18

STORY TIMES

March 7-April 25
 Stories, songs and activities for young children with caregivers.

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

Seuss-a-palooza! Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!
Saturday, March 17, 10:30 a.m.
 See Program Spotlight for more locations. Co-sponsored by United Way's Reading Pals of Marion County and the Early Learning Coalition of Marion County.

ADULTS

Novels at Noon
Wednesdays, noon
 Make friends and talk about books!
 March 21 "Exit West" by Mohsin Hamid
 April 18 "State of Wonder" by Ann Patchett
 May 16 "Things Fall Apart" by Chinua Achebe

TEENS & TWEENS

YALLA Oaks!
Wednesdays, 5 p.m.
 March 14, April 11, May 9
 Be a part of the library experience. Teens, earn volunteer service hours.

FAMILIES

FUNtasmagoria
Tuesdays, 3 p.m.
 March 6-April 24
 Explore the world with stories and fun-filled activities.

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

Seuss-a-palooza! Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!
Tuesday, March 6, 2:30 p.m.
 See Program Spotlight for more locations. Co-sponsored by United Way's Reading Pals of Marion County and the Early Learning Coalition of Marion County.

Sports and Games
Second and third Saturdays, noon-3 p.m.
 March 10-May 19
 Ages 6-12, Registration required.
 Play with the crew of Marion County Parks and Recreation. Outside games and board games are sure to get the brain and body moving.

Night at the Wildlife Park Puppet Show
Wednesday, April 25, 2:30 p.m.
 See Program Spotlight for more locations. Presented by the Wildlife Puppeteers of the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park.

MEET THE AUTHOR

Brown Bag Luncheon With Mary Flynn
Thursday, April 26, noon
 Bring your bag lunch and enjoy the hilarious revelations of a greeting card writer. Beverage and dessert provided. Contact the library to reserve a piece of pie!



ADULTS

Ask Your Master Gardeners
Saturday, April 14, 11 a.m.
 Learn about herbs in your garden with Barbara Georgius and Connie Bonbrest.
Presented by UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners, UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.

Plant Swap
Saturday, April 14, 11:30 a.m.
 Love those plants but want more variety? Bring a plant and take a plant as you sow the seeds of friendship.

TEENS

YALLA North!
Saturday, April 28, 1 p.m.
 Be a part of the library experience! Earn volunteer service hours.

FAMILIES

FUNtasmagoria!
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m.
 March 6-April 25
 Explore the world with stories and fun-filled activities!

STORY TIMES

March 6-April 25
 Stories, songs and activities for young children with caregivers.

Toddler Time
Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Story Time
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Exhibits & Displays

HQ-Ocala Public Library

- March Ukrainian Easter Eggs
by Leanne Brulla
- April Oil Paintings on Canvas
and Wood by Jacqueline
Torres DeCastillo
- May Bearded Browncoat
Comics and Games

Belleview Public Library

- March Art by Belleview High
School students
- April Painted Gourds by Marion
County Gourd artists
- Quilted Projects by
Sharon Sawyer
- May Handwoven Baskets
by The Basket Cases
- Stencil Art by Casey Drexel

Dunnellon Public Library

- March Paintings by Jeanni Loren
- April History of the
Master Gardeners
by Linda Johnson
- May Collectible Medical Buttons
by Linda Caldwell

Forest Public Library

- March Watercolors by
Sandra Sanders
- April Photographs by
Nancy MacFarland

Reddick Public Library

- March Quilts by Gwendolyn
Hearn
- April Precious Moments by
Amanda Holmes
- May Reddick High School
Memorabilia by
James Stroup

AT YOUR SERVICE

AARP Tax Prep Assistance

Help is available at most libraries. Call for schedule or to obtain an appointment.

Access Florida Assistance at Forest Public Library

Tuesdays, 12:30-3 p.m., March 6-May 29
Help with filing for various government assistance programs.

CareerSource

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

Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

Visit www.uscis.gov or call 800-375-5283 to schedule an appointment at your local library with an official from USCIS Orlando Field Office.

Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources System (FDLRS)

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 ChildFind at 352-671-6051 to schedule.

Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc. (FTRI)

FTRI provides amplified telephones free of charge to qualifying individuals through the center for Independent Living of North Central Florida. Contact your local library or call the Center at 352-368-3788 for an appointment.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Friends of the Belleview Public Library

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
March 20, April 17, May 15

Book Nook:
Thursdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
March 6, April 3, May 1

Friends of the Forest Public Library

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
March 21, April 18, May 16

Book Sales:
Thursday, March 1-Saturday, March 3
Thursday, May 10-Saturday, May 12
Contact the library for schedule.

Friends of the Fort McCoy Public Library

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
March 14, April 11, May 9

Friends of Freedom Public Library

Mondays, 10 a.m.
March 5, April 2, May 7

Book Sale:
Thursday, April 26-Saturday, April 28
Contact the library for schedule.

Friends of the Marion Oaks Public Library

Fridays, 10 a.m.
March 16, April 20, May 18

Friends of the Ocala Public Library

Thursdays, 4 p.m.
March 15, April 19, May 17
Book Sale: Saturday, May 5, 10 a.m. 4 p.m.

LIBRARY CLOSED DAYS AND HOLIDAYS

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 1
HQ-Ocala Public Library is closed.

Maintenance Day

Friday, May 11
HQ-Ocala and Freedom public libraries are closed for maintenance.

Memorial Day

Monday, May 28
All Marion County public libraries are closed.



Tenth Anniversary Celebrations

BY KRISTEN CALVERT

Behind every great library is a great community. Both Belleview and Dunnellon public libraries, celebrating 10 years in their current buildings this year, are prime examples. Each of these public libraries was initially founded because residents in their communities wanted a local library. That support has continued as the libraries grew and moved to their current locations.

As early as 1886, a group of women known as the “Bellevue Workers” helped start the first Belleview library. This initial library moved from home to home around the Belleview area, before finding a more permanent residence in an office building. Unfortunately, the very day that the library moved into its new

building, it burned to the ground. Not to be deterred, the “Bellevue Workers” collected money and opened a library in the building that currently hosts the Friends of the Belleview Library Book Nook in historic downtown Belleview.

The Dunnellon Public Library’s story of origin is very similar. The first Dunnellon library, basically a 3-foot long shelf of books, opened in the late 1950s and was organized and staffed by volunteers from the Dunnellon Women’s Club. In 1961, a new library was funded and built by volunteers from local civic clubs on land donated to the City of Dunnellon. Two wings were subsequently added over the years.

As both communities grew, the need to expand the library facilities became more apparent. Belleview library patron Jeannette

Hartless remembers circling the former building in order to find a parking place and how small the building was. Dunnellon Friends member Tippy Corliss recalls, “There was no room for any programs. Tax assistance and early voting were not options.” Thanks to a Community Development Block Grant, half-cent sales tax dollars, a state construction grant and general revenue funding from the Marion County Board of County Commissioners, new public library facilities in both Belleview and Dunnellon became a reality.

Hartless was the first to check out a book in the new Belleview Public Library. When asked about the change, she said “It was wonderful. It’s a longer drive for me but worth the extra mile.”



Curb appeal at the Dunnellon Public Library



Programs at the Belleview Public Library



The Belleview Public Library Garden



Crafts at the Dunnellon Public Library

Dunnellon Public Library staff Mary Merenda said that moving into the new building was a blessing. And Marion Holmes, Belleview Public Library staff, describes the current facility as being “like day and night, both warm and beautiful.”

“The only thing you absolutely have to know is the location of the library.”

— ALBERT EINSTEIN

The current libraries, boasting very similar floor plans, opened their doors in 2008. Today, they are vibrant, vital community centers where children, teens and adults come to learn, access information, library materials and resources; and engage with their friends and neighbors. Improved lighting, parking and additional space for programs, community meeting rooms, public computers and more have greatly enhanced the library experience for all who enter the



Enjoying the Born Learning Trail at the Belleview Public Library

doors. Usage at both Belleview and Dunnellon locations increased dramatically after the moves. Circulation of library materials at both public libraries more than doubled, as has the foot traffic.

Join us as we celebrate Belleview and Dunnellon public libraries’ 10 year anniversaries in their current locations. **W**

Saturday, May 19, 1-4 p.m.

Dunnellon Public Library Anniversary Celebration
20351 Robinson Road
Dunnellon, FL 34430

Saturday, June 2

Belleview Public Library Anniversary Celebration
13145 SE Highway 484
Belleview, FL 34421



All aboard the Polar Express at Headquarters-Ocala Public Library



Polar Express PJs at Headquarters-Ocala Public Library



Dunnellon Public Library Pirates and Princess party



Born Learning Trail at Reddick Public Library ribbon cutting

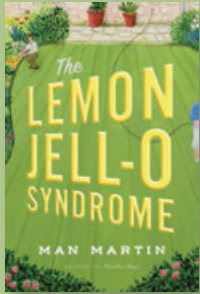


Crafts at Headquarters-Ocala Public Library Preschool Expo



Face paint at the Belleview Public Library Polar Paradise party

Bookmarks



MEET MAN MARTIN

On Sunday, March 4, at 2 p.m., Man Martin will join us to talk about his new comic novel "The Lemon Jell-O Syndrome." This hilarious book is about the stresses that a college grammarian suffers and the quirky ways in which he deals with them in his personal and professional life. Martin is the author of two other novels and was twice named Georgia Author of the Year.

Our Meet the Author programs are free, and light refreshments are provided. Martin's books may be purchased during the program and he will autograph each book. Please join us as we welcome Man Martin.

"In his third novel, Martin celebrates language, absurdity, and human connection...The charmingly hapless Bone is a singular joy to encounter." —BOOKLIST

"Laugh out loud funny!" —FOREWORD

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



MEET THE AUTHOR:
Man Martin
Author of
"The Lemon Jell-O Syndrome"
Sunday, March 4, 2 p.m.

Meeting Room C,
Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

Spring Book Sale
Saturday, May 5, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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

(FRIENDS members only:
Friday, May 4, 2 - 4 p.m.)

Volunteers Needed

If you are a book lover and you also enjoy helping others, we have a fun, rewarding job for you. We are looking for people interested in helping others find books in our Book Market. Volunteers need to be able to put new books on the shelf, which involves some bending and reaching. You may sign up for the morning shift from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. or for the afternoon shift from 2 - 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Because the Book Market closes at 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, the afternoon shift is from 2- 5 p.m. on those days. The Friday and Saturday morning shifts are the same as the other weekdays. The Book Market is closed on Sunday.

Last year 35 volunteers donated over 7000 hours to the Book Market. Some of them have been with the Book Market since the library opened, while others have been with us just a few months. We are so proud of our volunteers! Join a wonderful group of people who love books and love helping others! More information about becoming a volunteer can be found at the Book Market front desk.



SPRING BOOK SALE

The Friends Quarterly Book Sale will take place on Saturday, May 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the meeting rooms at the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library location.

If you have never attended these book sales, you are missing out on great bargains. All hard cover books are 50 cents each, paperbacks are 25 cents each, and we always have a huge assortment. Come early for the best selection. If you are a member of the FRIENDS, you may attend the sale early on Friday, May 4, from 2 - 4 p.m. Want to become a member? For more information, visit the Book Market or our website at friendsoftheocalalibrary.org



profiles

BY TONI JAMES, CPRC, APR

How many tutus are too many? “Fancy Nancy” knew. So does retired librarian and Friends volunteer Nancy Young. She knows how to capture the attention of a child or a whole room full of children just by reading to them. Here’s what Ocala’s own “Fancy Nancy” says about her life’s journey.

“A Girl Scout badge....12 years old, an active Girl Scout whose adventures took me to the second floor of the Rec Center in South Charleston, West Virginia, the Public Library, and Mrs. Miller, the librarian. She was my introduction to the “world of possibilities” — two degrees and 58 years of experiencing “possibilities” through library work, both as a professional and a volunteer in six different types of libraries. Working with and on behalf of children, introducing the wonders of books and reading and libraries in school and public libraries was the best! Oh, what fun I have had!”

Nancy Young was the Children’s Services manager for the Marion County Public Library System for 10 years. After retiring from the library in 2012, Nancy continued with her love for children as a member of the Friends of the Ocala Public Library board of directors. She is the chair of the Friends Advocacy Committee and a constant voice for adequate funding of libraries.

Nancy began her career as a school librarian in Illinois, where she lived before coming to Marion County, and she has an elementary school there named



after her! Nancy is a member of United Way’s Success By 6 Leadership Council, which is a local effort to ensure that every child is safe, healthy, eager to learn and ready to succeed by their sixth birthday. She introduced the national program Read Aloud 15 MINUTES Every Child, Every Parent, Every Day to the Early Learning Coalition (ELC). For ELC, she has painted Born Learning Trails on library walkways and parks. And in 2015, Nancy was recognized by the Marion County Children’s Alliance as their Children’s Champion.

Nancy is moving soon to the Houston, Texas, area to be near her daughter. How will the “next chapter” in her life unfold? We’re sure she will share her love of reading and children with her new community! **W**