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a word FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Julie Sieg • Director, Marion County Public Library System

On September 9, 2010 we will celebrate the 10th Anniversary of our Freedom Public Library. It will be a day of appreciation, celebration, and reflection. When Freedom Public Library was named, a citizen committee was appointed by the Marion County Board of County Commissioners. The origin of the name came from a discussion about what the public library in America represents—Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Information, and Freedom of Inquiry.

The public library is an American “invention.” Ben Franklin organized a subscription library that pooled the books of Philadelphia residents in 1731. This was the forerunner of the public library today. During the American Revolution (1773-1783) the idea of allowing “ordinary” citizens to take books home blossomed. Several cities within the New England states claim to have been the first free, tax supported public library in America, though it is unclear which city was the first. What is clear is that by the national centennial there were nearly 4,000 free public libraries in America.

Citizens saw the need for each person to have unrestricted access to information, not just those who could afford it. Public Libraries make information available, affordable, and accessible to people from all walks of life. Andrew Carnegie, industrialist and philanthropist, rightly called the public library “The People’s University.” He believed the public library to be the ultimate “self help” institution where anyone who walks through the doors, does so willingly.

Individuals need information to *live*, to *learn*, to *work*, and to *govern* in a democratic society... Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Information, and Freedom of Inquiry. What better time than now to recognize and thank our veterans who have fought for the freedoms we hold dear?



Julie Sieg



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libraries & veterans: PARTNERS IN FREEDOM

By Lee Schwartz and Karen Jensen

Have you used your freedom card lately? We mean your library card, but what if we did call it a freedom card? It would be a colorful and yet entirely appropriate description. Public libraries provide equal access to information and the freedom to discover and explore any topic. They also chronicle the lives of the men and women who serve now and have served in years past to preserve this freedom for generations to come.

As defenders of freedom, it is no surprise that veterans appreciate the value of public libraries. Friends of the Ocala Public Library, board member and veteran Ken Tipper states, "As a World War II veteran, I can take comfort in the fact that our stories are on the shelves of libraries all over the nation, mute testimony to our service and a way for generations to come to learn about what Tom Brokaw called 'The Greatest Generation.'"

Navy veteran and Marion County Public Library System staff member, Allen Bates feels a continued sense of service in his position at the Library. "I love being a part of something so vital to our community," said Allen. "We give the public access to knowl-



Marion County Veterans Memorial Park the Vietnam War available as well.

history will find plenty to read at the Marion County Public Library System. Whether you're focused on the military aspects of warfare, or want to find out about life on the home front or the social and personal changes that follow military service, the public library can connect you to books, audiobooks, and DVDs.

Videos offer a particularly vivid way to understand the war experience. The Library offers both DVDs and VHS recordings, ranging from the scholarly, such as those produced by The Teaching Company, to more popular presentations. Viewers will find videos

Korean War veteran and Belleview Public Library staff member Al Lombardi understands how libraries preserve the stories that are shared from one generation to the next. "I have seen many veterans come to the library to use computers, read magazines and check out books. And it is always nice to see book displays commemorating the service of our veterans," said Lombardi.

In 2009, over a million and a half individuals walked through the doors of the Marion County Public Library System, and countless others accessed Library resources via the Library website. Next time you use your Library card, take a moment to reflect upon the many freedoms it represents.

Be sure to visit any Marion County Public Library System location this fall and look for featured displays and suggested reading materials highlighting freedom and veterans.

“...always nice to see book displays commemorating the service of our veterans.”

Al Lombardi
Belleview Public Library staff member

edge, information, and technology that is so critical, especially when many do not have access on their own.”

Individuals interested in military

on every conflict in our history, from the American Revolution to the most recent military action in Iraq and Afghanistan, with many video scenes of

Witnesses to Freedom

By Ken Tipper
Friends of the Ocala Public Library

At 7:48 a.m. on May 4, 1945, Jim Phillips (*at right, top*) was aboard the destroyer USS Luce when his ship was attacked by waves of Kamikaze suicide planes 75 miles north of Okinawa. As the ship sank, Phillips floated off the stern of the ship, assisting a severely wounded shipmate. They were to spend the next eight hours in the sea, during which time Phillips was separated from his shipmate. After being picked up by another destroyer and transferred to a hospital ship, Phillips learned that he was one of only 82 survivors. He had survived not only the sinking, but being strafed by Japanese planes while in the water.

After a 17-year Navy career, Phillips retired as Chief Petty Officer, and engaged in several business ventures in Ocala. Like so many veterans, he became involved in community affairs, including being one of the first volunteers engaged in the initial stages of the Veterans Park, which he calls "My baby."

This "Greatest Generation" member says, "I am left with beautiful memories of brave men who stayed in their positions to the end. American men, knowing that they were about to die. I will never forget them—they are on my mind every day."

Those memories are regularly shared with five other men,



scattered about the country, who were aboard the USS Luce that fateful day—they are the only ones left.

From his station high above the quarterdeck of the battleship USS Missouri, 19-year-old Fire Control Man 3rd Class Wayne Riebow (*at left, bottom*) looked down on history being made. The date was September 2, 1945, and his ship was to be the scene of the official surrender of the Japanese to General Douglas MacArthur. His ship, chosen for the fact that Missouri was the home state of President Harry Truman, had entered Tokyo Bay the day before after taking part in the invasions of Iwojima and Okinawa.

Riebow recalls the Japanese officers and civilian officials being transferred to his ship from a US destroyer, and described the atmosphere on that memorable day. "There was a solemn hush over the ship as the signing took place," he said. "We were all happy that the war was finally over and that we would be going home."

And so it was that the great ship, —now a museum at Pearl Harbor—took them back to the U.S., and on March 6, 1946, Riebow returned home to Michigan and the rest of his life.

The Navy veteran continues to serve as a Marion County Veterans Park and Meals on Wheels volunteer.

“...freedom is not free and many have given the supreme sacrifice. Let us not forget the brave men and women who answered the call to duty. We must always remember them in every way possible.”

Jeffrey Askew

Marion County Director of Veterans Services

Ask the veterans of the Fort McCoy Veterans of Foreign Wars Retirement Home about the significance of freedom on the written page. Recent renovations to the home made possible by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding (administered by Marion County Community Services) have included the addition of a new VFW Home Veterans Library room. For residents Carolyn and Robert Riggs, having an on-site library will mean having access to books in print, audio, and DVDs with a whole section devoted to World War II. "These men and women preserved freedom for us," said Carolyn. "You don't always learn about all of this in school. You

have to get into a library and a book and explore it on your own." For many residents, having on-site access to large print books and audiobooks is a necessity due to vision impairment.

According to VFW Home Deputy Director and Community Coordinator, Gera Judge, "With this renovation, our veterans will be better able to access books and materials, as well as display some of their memorabilia. The new library room will also be a place where students can come and interview our veterans to hear their stories first-hand." VFW Home Director Alcides "Al" Lugo, Jr. sums up the importance of the new library room by stating, "We're here to help our veterans."

For more information on the Fort McCoy Veterans of Foreign Wars Retirement Home, contact Gera Judge at 352-236-0823 or e-mail her at judgegera@fvfw.org

10 years of freedom:

CELEBRATING THE FREEDOM PUBLIC LIBRARY

By Michelle Risko

Like a home, a building needs people to give care and take an interest in it for it to be a comfortable and useful place. I first walked through the doors of the newly completed Freedom Public Library in mid-August 2000. My recollection of that building, with its bare walls and absence of shelving, was that it was stark, and as yet, unloved. Ten years later, as the Freedom Public Library celebrates a decade of public service, there can be no doubt that the library has met the expectations placed on it, to become a living, growing part of the community it serves.

The collection of retiree and single-family communities concentrated along Marion County's State Road 200 corridor is largely to thank for the birth of the Freedom Public Library. For years, library users in Southwest Marion County used the Bookmobile, which provided limited service half-a-day every other week. As the community grew, Bookmobile service increased to one full day each week, and Bookmobile users clamored for more materials and services.

Further evidence of the Freedom Public Library's adoption by the folks in Southwest Marion County shows in the ever-increasing use of the library; 169,666 items checked out this year-to-date, compared to 4,145 items in Freedom's first year. Children's programming has increased to meet the need of younger families living in the area.



Nearly one-quarter of all materials checked out from the Freedom Public Library through this past June, 2010, were children and young adult materials. Florida Library Youth Programs, including pajama parties, story times, library field trips, and teen workshops hosted at the Freedom Public Library this summer, have also increased to fill the needs of a community whose growth has outpaced the library facility.

"Since 2000 the library has continued to grow," says Friends of the Freedom Public Library President Pat Babski, "...space [for materials] is limited. The meeting room is too small to handle the large crowds for the children's programs and the Friends activities." Growth of the Freedom Public Library was anticipated; the building was designed to expand from the current 8,100 square feet to a whopping 32,000 square feet, and is part of the Marion County Public Library System's long range, Capital Improvement Plan.

Freedom Public Library Branch Manager, Heather Ogilvie, says Freedom is, "a dynamic facility for a dynamic community and we make a difference." With that in mind, Marion County's "Doing More with Less," maxim is being applied to the current library layout.



Back row(L to R): Eileen Major; Branch supervisor Heather Ogilvie; Wallace Barrett; Erin Arnold.
Seated(L to R): Claudia Lyon & Elva Graf

According to Marion County Public Library System Assistant Director, Patsy Marsee, a makeover of Freedom's floor plan, includes utilizing taller shelves to hold more library materials, self-service stations to free up staff and reducing staff space to increase public space, may temporarily improve the limited space issue.

The growth of the Freedom Public Library over the past ten years has shown how much Marion County appreciates the materials and services offered by a public library. That once stark, unloved building now bursts with over 21,390 registered users, proving that with or without a major expansion, the Freedom Public Library will continue to grow and thrive within the community it serves.

"No matter the changes the library may go through," says Heather Ogilvie, "our goal remains the same, which is to serve the needs of the community."

**Make Plans to Attend the
Freedom Public Library
10th Anniversary Celebration
Thursday, September 9, 2010, 2-6 p.m.
5870 SW 95th St., Ocala, FL.**



programs spotlight

Books with Beat Poster Design Contest!

Dunnellon Public Library

September 7-October 8

Celebrate National Teen Read Week with pizzazz and create a poster with your interpretation of Books with Beat! The contest is open exclusively to Middle and High School students. Winners will be announced in October during Teen Read Week (October 17 - 23). Prizes awarded! Call Dunnellon Public Library for more details.

Freedom Public Library 10th Anniversary Celebration

Thursday September 9, 2-6 p.m.

Join in the celebration of ten fantastic years of excellence in library services with Library staff, Library Administration and the Friends of Freedom Public Library! All are welcome!

An Afternoon with Buddy MacKay

Headquarters - Ocala

Sunday, September 19, 2 p.m.

Spend the afternoon with Florida's former Lt. Governor, Buddy MacKay as he discusses his new book, *How Florida Happened: the Political Education of Buddy MacKay* and get a grasp of the makings of the Florida political structure of today.

Participate in Warm Up America!

Headquarters - Ocala

*Friday, October 8, 11 a.m.
and 3:30 p.m.*

Calling all crafty adults and teens! Bring in your scrap yarn and needles and join us in knitting and crocheting an afghan for a local charity.



Fairy Tale Extravaganza!

Headquarters - Ocala

Saturday, October 30, 1 p.m.

Dress up as your favorite character, practice your archery and jousting, and play chess. Special guests include Greenwood Morris dancers and fairy tale author, John Cech. Children ages 0-12 with caregivers.

create

▲ CREATE (Colossal Reading Entertaining Artsy Teen Event)

Headquarters - Ocala

Saturday, November 13, 10 a.m.

Celebrate the talents of our youth. Join us for this showcase of teen artists, including a Film Festival, a Fine Arts Show, a Young Writers Workshop featuring local author C.T. Douglas, and a Talent Show! If you are a teen, age 13-18, and wish to participate, complete your application now.

Applications will be accepted until Sunday, October 24. Call 671-8551 for more info.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Ocala Public Library and co-sponsored by Marion County Parks and Recreation Department and the City of Ocala Recreation and Parks.

◀ Rocky Mountain Shadows Marion Oaks Public Library

Saturday, November 13, 7 p.m.

Listen to classic and original folk songs performed by Gary Brandt and Jackie Davidson, an original member of the New Christy Minstrels. Program will be held at the Marion Oaks Community Center Auditorium.



▲ Jiggleman

Headquarters - Ocala

Saturday, December 18, 2 p.m.

Come enjoy the unique acrobatic entertainment of Jiggleman.

Seating is limited. Tickets will be distributed starting at 1:30 p.m.

HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL DAYS

Labor Day

Monday, September 6.

All libraries closed.

Maintenance Day

Monday, October 11.

HQ-Ocala, Belleview & Dunnellon libraries closed for maintenance. All other library facilities will be open.

Teen Read Week October 17 - 23

Theme: Books with Beat

National Friends of Libraries Week,

October 17 - 23

Theme: Friend your Library

Early Voting

October 18 - October 30

Belleview, Dunnellon, Forest, and Freedom libraries open for early voting.

Voting hours:

Monday - Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Veteran's Day

Thursday, November 11. All libraries closed.

Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26.

All libraries closed.

HEADQUARTERS-OCALA

2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala
352-671-8551

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

All of the programs are sponsored, either in whole or part, by the Friends of the Ocala Public Library.

ESOL Class

Mondays & Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.

August 23 - December 15

Learn English at the library. Program is free and open to the public.

English Conversation

Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m. August 24 - December 14

Practice your English with others in an informal, fun class.

Earn Your GED on the GED Bus

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11 a.m. August 24 - December 16

It's never too late to get your high school diploma.

Classes are not held on school holidays. Co-sponsored by CTAE/Marion County School Board.

Master Gardeners Series

Saturdays, 2 p.m.

Learn gardening techniques from the Masters!

September 4: Organic Vegetable Gardening

with Josephine Leyte-Vidal

October 2: Square Foot Gardening

with Inga Carbone

Presented by Marion County Master Gardeners, Marion County Extension Services/University of Florida, IFAS.

The Monday Matinee

Mondays, 2 p.m. September 13 - November 1

Movies for adults and teens 13+.

Refreshments will be served.

Co-sponsored by Golden Flake and Moreno's Uptown Grill.

September 13

September 20

September 27

October 4

October 18

October 25

November 1

Wired Wednesdays

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. September 8 - October 13

Computer and database instruction for adults.

Space is limited.

To Your Health! Celebrating Healthy Aging Month

September 8: Time for a Check Up!

Exploring Health Databases

September 15: Healthy Information:

Exploring Medline Plus

September 22: A Healthy State of Mind:

Florida Department of Health

DIY(Do It Yourself) @ Your Library

September 29: Start Your Engines:

Auto Repair Reference Center



October 6: **Completing Your To-do List:** Home Improvement Reference Center

October 13: **Halloween Crafty Capers:** Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center

Computers for Beginners Series: An Introduction to Computers

Introductory computer classes for adults who have never used a computer.

October 20: **I Turned on My Computer, Now What?**

October 27: **Finding it!** (Intro to the Internet)

November 3: **Get Connected** (Intro to E-mail)

The Friday Variety Hour

Fridays, 11 a.m.

September 10 - October 22

Fridays are fun days at the library for adults!

Co-sponsored by The Windsor of Ocala.

September 10: **Get your Game**

Going: Wii Gaming, Board and Card Games. Enjoy a morning of gaming fun without the kids.

September 17: **Retro Game Show:**
I've Got a Secret.

September 24: **The Art of Bookmaking:** Impress your friends with exquisite but surprisingly simple to make books.

October 1: **Retro Game Show:**
Password!

October 8: **Crafts for a Cause: Warm Up America:** Bring in your scrap yarn, and join us in knitting and crocheting an afghan for a local charity.

October 15: **Ready, Set, Improv with Cafe O'Brien:** Getting a little stale? Freshen up your act with these basic improvisation techniques taught by a renowned acting teacher and be the toast of the town.

October 22: **Creased Lightning! Origami, the Art of Paper Folding**
Learn the basics of origami and projects you can do for the holidays.

Need Computer Help?

Thursdays, 1-3 p.m.

September 9 - November 18

Can't get your computer to work? Seek help from our highly skilled volunteers and staff.

Friends of the Ocala Public Library Monthly Meeting

Third Thursdays, 2 p.m.

September 16, October 21,

November 18

New members welcome!

An Afternoon with Buddy MacKay

Sunday, September 19, 2 p.m.

Spend the afternoon with Florida's former Governor, Buddy MacKay as he discusses his new book, *How Florida Happened: the Political Education of Buddy MacKay*.

Friends of the Ocala Public Library Book Sale

Saturday, November 6, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Books, CDs, DVDs of all sorts. Excellent prices! Support your library.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

All of the programs are sponsored, either in whole or part, by the Friends of the Ocala Public Library.

Chill on Fridays for Teens 13+

Fridays, 3:30 p.m.

September 10 - October 22

Chill at the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library on Fridays this fall.

September 10: **Get Your Game On**
Wii Gaming and Board Games.

September 17: **It's Movie Time!** *The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl*.

September 24: **The Art of Bookmaking**
Impress your friends with exquisite but surprisingly simple to make books.

October 1: **Manga Exchange**
Draw & discuss your favorite manga.

October 8: **Crafts for a Cause: Warm Up America.** Bring in your scrap yarn and contribute to this team effort to crochet and knit for a good cause.

October 15: **It's Movie Time!**

Tim Burton's *The Nightmare Before Christmas*

October 22: **Creased Lightning! Origami, the Art of Paper Folding**

Learn the basics of origami and projects you can do for the holidays.

Read Any Good Books Lately?

First Tuesdays, 4 p.m.

Teen book discussions for ages 13-18.

September 7: **Drawn from Reality**
(Nonfiction Graphic Novels)

October 5: **Books with Beat**
(Music-inspired Fiction)

November 2: **Books with Bite**
(Vampire Fiction)

CREATE (Colossal Reading Entertaining Artsy Teen Event) Saturday, November 13, 10 a.m.

See "Programs Spotlight" section for info.

Celebrate the talented teens of Marion County! Join us for this showcase of teen artists, including a Film Festival, a Fine Arts Show, a Young Writers Workshop featuring local teen author C.T. Douglas, and a Teen Talent Show!

Sponsored by the Friends of the Ocala Public Library and co-sponsored by Marion County Parks and Recreation Department and the City of Ocala Recreation and Parks.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

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Spectacular Sundays: Tween Time @ Your Library

Sundays, 2 p.m.

September 12, October 3,
November 7, December 12

Calling all tweens to become a CSI Agent, revisit your favorite author Rick Riordan and his new book *The Red Pyramid*, create a glass tile mosaic, and get crafty with weaving, beading, and building. Reservations required.

Wacky Wednesdays

Wednesdays, 2 p.m.

It's crafts! It's games! It's fun-abulous! Assorted activities and diversions on early release days for grades K-6.

September 15: **Construction Zone:**
Build, build, build!



October 20: **Wii Games & Board Games: Fun!!**

November 10: **Construction Zone: Build more!**

December 8: **Holiday Crafts: Get Creative!**

Super Saturdays!!

Fairy Tale Extravaganza!

Saturday, October 30, 1 p.m.

Dress up as your favorite character, practice your archery and jousting, and play chess. Special guests include Greenwood Morris dancers and fairy tale author John Cech. Children ages 0-12 with caregivers.

Gaming Day @ Your Library

Saturday, November 20, 2 p.m. K-6

Will want to see you! Play Wii games and board games! It's all about fun! Registration required.

Juggleman

Saturday, December 18, 2 p.m.

Come enjoy the unique acrobatic entertainments of Juggleman. Seating is limited. Tickets will be handed out starting at 1:30 p.m.

STORYTIMES

Terrific Three's Storytime

Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.

September 14 - November 2

A variety of stories, finger plays, flannel boards and music followed by an activity. Program is limited to 25 children and their caregivers.

Fabulous 4's & 5's Storytime

Tuesdays, 1:15 p.m.

September 14 - November 2

A variety of stories, finger plays, flannel boards and music followed by an activity.

Family Storytime

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

September 14 - November 2

A variety of stories, finger plays, flannel boards and music followed by an activity.

Toddlin' Two's Storytime

Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.

September 15 - November 3

A variety of stories, finger plays, flannel boards and music followed by an activity. Program is limited to 20 children and their caregivers.



Bouncin' Babies Storytime

Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.

September 16 - November 4

Stories, songs, rhymes, and finger plays for babies 0 - 23 months with a caregiver. Program is limited to 15 children and their caregivers.

S.U.R.F.'S UP! It's Super

Ultimate Reading Fun time!

Monday - Friday, 3:30 p.m.

September 13 - December 30

Join the Children's staff for a couple of good books and a poem. Catch the Reading Wave!

BELLEVUE PUBLIC LIBRARY

13145 SE Hwy. 484, Belleview
352-438-2500

Early Voting

October 18 - October 30

Monday - Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Tuesday Movie Matinee

Tuesdays, 1 p.m.

September 7

September 14

September 21

September 28

October 5

October 12

November 2

November 9

November 16

November 23

November 30

Basic Computer Classes

Wednesdays or

Thursdays, 1 p.m.

Seating is limited

to 10 participants.

Tickets are required

and will be

distributed

starting at

12:30 p.m. on the day of each class,

on a first-come, first-served basis.

Participants may choose either the

Wednesday or Thursday class.

September 1 & 2

Introduction to the Computer

September 8 & 9 Basic Internet

September 15 & 16 Basic Email

September 22 & 23

Internet Searching and Printing

September 29 & 30 Mouse Play

October 6 & 7

Introduction to the Computer

October 13 & 14 Basic Internet

November 3 & 4 Basic Email

November 10

Internet Searching and Printing

November 17 & 18 Mouse Play

Master Gardener's Series

Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

September 2 Florida Lawn Care

October 7 Vegetable Gardening

November 18 Citrus Gardening

Presented by Marion County Master Gardeners, Marion County Extension Services/University of Florida, IFAS.

Friends of the Belleview Library Monthly Meeting

Third Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

September 21, October 19,

November 16

New members are welcome!

Meeting held at The Book

Nook (old library).

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Get Crafty @ Your Library! Crafts & Fun for Teens

Tuesdays, 5-6:30 p.m.

September 7:

CD Crafts. Turn old CDs into coasters & suncatchers.

September 21: **Hot Bead Crafts!** Use plastic bottles to make your own beads.

October 5: **Origami.** the Art of Paper Folding.

November 2: **Quick Gifts!** Make creative gifts for the holiday season or bring in your own work to finish. Quick gifts include ornaments, magnets, bead crafts, duct tape crafts, etc.

November 16: **Wrapping Session.**

Make your own wrapping paper, greeting cards, and gift tags for your holiday presents!



PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

Family Flix

Wednesdays, 2 p.m.

September 15: *Benji the Hunted*

October 20: *Space Buddies*

November 10: *Fly Away Home*

Family Game Day

Thursdays, 3 p.m.

September 16, October 7 & 21,

November 4 & 18

Family fun with board and card games.

Marion County Springs Fest

Saturday, September 25,
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Join us for a program about the Aquifer, its inhabitants, and its history, presented by a Park Ranger from Rainbow Springs State Park.

Get Down, Get Out, Get On The Phone!

Saturday, October 9, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Join members of the Marion County Fire Department, Bellevue Station, for a fun and informative program and a tour of their fire truck. Parents, remember your cameras!

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Toddler Story Time

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

September 9 - November 18

A variety of stories, finger plays, flannel boards and music for ages 18 months - 3 years and their caregivers.

Preschool Story Time

Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

September 10 - November 19

Stories, poems, songs, crafts for children ages 3-5 years.

Surf's Up! It's Super Ultimate Reading Fun Time!

Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m.

September 7 - November 16

Hang ten (minutes & toes) for a couple of good books and a poem. Catch the Reading Wave!

DUNNELLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

20351 Robinson Road, Dunnellon
352-438-2520

Early Voting

October 18 - October 30

Monday - Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Author Visit: Art Adkins

Saturday, September 18, 10:30 a.m.

Meet Art Adkins, author of *The Oasis Project*, a detective/murder mystery set in Cedar Key. Mr. Adkins has been involved in law enforcement for over 25 years and has woven that knowledge into his book.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library.



Wii Fun

Thursday, October 14, 2 p.m.

Enjoy an afternoon of gaming fun without the kids.

Master Gardeners Series

Tuesdays, 2 p.m.

September 21: *Square Foot Gardening*

October 12: *What's Wrong with My Plant?*

November 16: *Winterizing Your Garden*

Presented by Marion County Master Gardeners, Marion County Extension Services/University of Florida, IFAS.

Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library Monthly Meeting

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

September 14, October 5, November 2

New members are welcome!

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Teen Read Week

Poster Contest!

September 7 - October 8

Theme: **"Books with Beat"**

Contest is open to Middle and High School students. Winners will be announced in October during Teen Read Week (October 17 - 23).

Prizes awarded!

Teen Books with Beat & Pizza Treat!

Tuesday, October 19, 5 p.m.

Be ready to share your favorite

books, music, and movies. Join in a scavenger hunt and chow down on pizza. Registration required.

PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

National Game Day/ Family Fun

Saturday, November 13, 3 p.m.

All ages welcome. Bring the family!

Harvest Festival

Thursday, November 18, 4 p.m.

Celebrate harvest time with storytelling, reader's theatre, festive snacks and other activities.

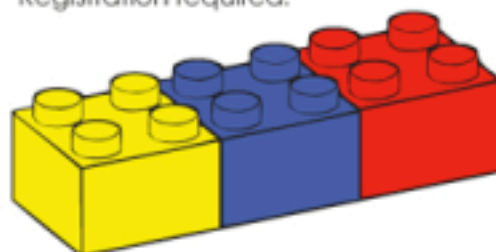
PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Science Exploration for Grades K-5

Thursdays, 4 p.m.

September 9, October 7, November 4

Discover science through experiments at your library. Registration required.



LEGO™ Construction Zone for Grades K-3

Tuesday, September 14, 4 p.m.

A call to all LEGO™ masters and builders. Registration required.

Kids Art & Crafts for Grades K-5

Wednesdays, 4 p.m.

September 29, October 27,

November 17

It's crafts! It's games! It's fun! Assorted activities and diversions for the elementary set. Registration required.

Fairy Princess Party for Grades K-2

Tuesday, October 5, 6:45-7:30 p.m.

Join us for an evening of princess magic. Registration required.

STORYTIMES

Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

September 1 - November 17

A variety of stories, finger plays, flannel boards and music for ages 2-3 years old and their caregivers.

Preschool Storytime*Fridays, 10:30 a.m.**September 3 - November 19*

A variety of stories, finger plays, flannel boards and music for ages 4-5 years old and their caregivers.

Baby Songs and Nursery Rhymes*Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.**September 28, October 26, November 30*

Songs, rhymes, books and much more for infants up to 24 months.

Bilingual Storytime*Tuesdays, 4 p.m.**September 21, October 12, November 9*

Introduction to stories in English and Spanish, songs, and activities for grades K-5.

FOREST PUBLIC LIBRARY

905 S. County Road 314A,
Ocklawaha • 352-438-2540

Early Voting**October 18 - October 30***Monday - Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.**Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.***SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES****All-ages Movie Matinee***Monday, September 27, 2 p.m.***Movie: *Alice in Wonderland***

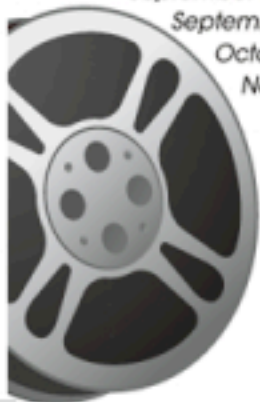
School's out, so come to the library for some popcorn and the newest version of Lewis Carroll's adventure fantasy.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS**Earn Your GED on the GED Bus***Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2 p.m.**August 24 - December 16*

It's never too late to get your high school diploma.

The Wednesday Matinee*Wednesdays, 2 p.m.**September 8**September 22**October 13**November 3**November 17*

Sponsored by the Friends of Forest Public Library.

**Basic Computer Classes**

Call 352-438-2540 for dates and times.

Friends of the Forest Public Library Monthly Meeting*Second Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.**September 8, October 13, November 10*

New members are welcome!

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN**Kids' Club***Wednesdays, 2:30-4 p.m.**September 15 & November 10*

It's crafts! It's games! It's fun! Assorted activities and diversions on early release days for children grades K-6.

STORYTIMES**Toddler Storytime****Ages 2-3***Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.**September 7 - October 12**November 2 - November 30***Preschool Plus Storytime****Ages 4+***Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.**September 9 - October 14**November 4 & November 18***FORT MCCOY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

14660 NE Hwy 315, Fort McCoy
352-438-2560

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS**Friends of the Fort McCoy Public Library Monthly Meeting***Thursdays, 10 a.m.**September 9, October 14, November 18***PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN****Movie Matinee***Saturday, September 18, 2 p.m.***Preschool Storytime***Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.**October 13 - November 17*

A variety of stories, finger plays, flannel boards and music for 3-5 year olds!

FREEDOM PUBLIC LIBRARY

5870 SW 95th Street, Ocala
352-438-2580

Early Voting**October 18 - October 30***Monday - Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.**Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.***SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES****10th Anniversary Celebration***Thursday September 9, 2-6 p.m.*

Join in the celebration of ten fantastic years of excellence in library services with Library staff, Library Administration and the Friends of Freedom Public Library! All are welcome!

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS**Friends of Freedom Public Library Fall Book Sale***Thursday, September 23 - Saturday,**September 25, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.*

Find books, CDs, DVDs of all sorts.

Excellent prices! Support your library.

Friends of Freedom Public Library Monthly Meeting*Third Mondays, 10 a.m.**September 20, October 18,**November 15*

New members are welcome!

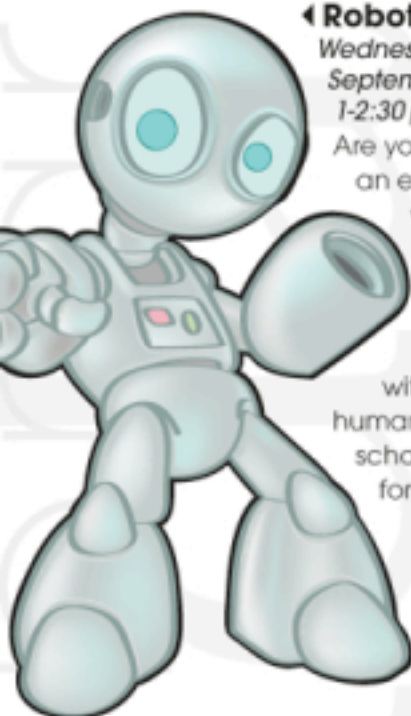
Ask Arnold! Comprehensive Computer Assistance*Thursdays, 12-2 p.m.*

Friendly volunteer assistance is available for all your computer needs, including laptops and wireless access. No appointment necessary.

**Computer Classes****Thursdays, 2-3:30 p.m.***September 23 Basics for Beginners**September 30 How to Search**October 7 Sign Up for Email**October 14 Using Email**October 21 Basics for Beginners**October 28 How to Search**November 4 Sign Up for Email**November 18 Using Email*

Tickets will be handed out at 1 p.m.

PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH



◀ Robot Revolt

Wednesday,
September 15,
1-2:30 p.m.

Are you ready for an encounter with rebel robots? Face robotics head-on with other humans in an after-school adventure for grades 4-7.

Art Attack

Wednesday, October 20, 1-2:30 p.m.

Adventures in art! Join us for a virtual museum extravaganza. Wander, create, and be amazed by the wonders! For grades 4-7.



▲ Sushi and Smoothies with Chef Wally

Wednesday, November 10, 1-2:30 p.m.

Create and sample some scrumptious afterschool snacks while you chill at the library! For grades 4-8.

STORYTIMES

Baby & Toddler Storytime Ages 0-2 years

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

September 14 - November 30

Stories, poems, and play for children age 0-2 and their caregivers! Storytimes will not be held 9/23, 10/19, 10/26.

Preschool Storytime ages 3+

Thursdays 10:30
a.m.

September 16-
November 18

Books, music, and art for children age 3+. Programs will include playtime. Storytimes will not be held 10/21, 10/28.

◀ Surf's Up! It's Super Ultimate Reading Fun Time! Wednesdays, 3 p.m.

Pause for a brief burst of spontaneous creativity! Enjoy arts, crafts, and a sampling of what's new in the library for children of all ages.



▲ Freaky Friday

Friday, October 29, 1-2:30 p.m.

Dress up, create something spooky, act a fright right in the middle of the library. A fun-filled celebration for children of all ages.

HERMAN B. OBERMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

4040 Deepwater Court, Dunnellon
352-438-2564

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

September 1 - November 24

A variety of stories, finger plays, flannel boards and music for 3-5 year olds!

MARION OAKS PUBLIC LIBRARY

294 Marion Oaks Lane, Ocala
352-438-2570

PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

Rocky Mountain Shadows

Saturday, November 13, 7 p.m.

Listen to classic and original folk songs performed by Gary Brandt and Jackie Davidson, an original member of the New Christy Minstrels. Program will be held at the Marion Oaks Community Center Auditorium. Sponsored by the Friends of the Marion Oaks Public Library.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Preschool Storytime

Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

September 3 - November 19

A variety of stories, finger plays, flannel boards and music for 3-5 year olds!

REDDICK PUBLIC LIBRARY

15150 NW Gainesville Rd., Reddick
352-438-2566

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Brown Bag Luncheon

Tuesday, October 12, 12 Noon

Bring your lunch. Delicious dessert provided. Reservations required.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

September 15 - October 27

A variety of stories, finger plays, flannel boards and music for 3-5 year olds

Photos and Events of the Marion County Public Library System

» William Dougherty helps with the set design for the summer reading program.



± Corinne Proetto performs with the Random Players Theatre in "The Incredible Water Show."



± Families getting ready to enjoy a summer reading program @ the Library.



± Robbe Gargrave with the Random Players Theatre Group.

± Usa, Reese, Brian and Robert John Czarniecki enjoy a "staycation" @ the library.



± Johnny Walker and John Song "Chill on Fridays" print making class for teens.



Marion County
Public Library System presents

create

(COLOSSAL, READING, ENTERTAINING,
ARTSY, TEEN EVENT)

Come see the talents of Marion County teens as the Marion County Public Library System presents the 2nd annual CREATE! This year's event includes a **Fine Arts Show**, a **Writer's Conference** featuring local author Chad Douglas, a **Filmmaker's Festival**, and a **Talent Show**.

Interested in participating? Applications are available at all Library branches or by visiting the Library's website: <http://library.marioncountyfl.org>.

Application deadline is Sunday, October 24.

Saturday, November 13, 10 AM til ??
Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
For more information, please call 352.671.8551

CREATE is sponsored by the Friends of the Ocala Public Library and is a public service of the Marion County Board of County Commissioners.

2010 CREATE: To be bigger and better than ever!

By Ken Tipper

Friends of the Ocala Public Library

The Friends of the Ocala Public Library and the Marion County Public Library System are proud to bring back CREATE, our Colossal, Reading, Entertaining, and Artsy Teen Event. Following the success of the inaugural CREATE event last October, Information Services Division Manager, Roseanne Russo, and her team are busily putting together the program for this year's event – scheduled for Saturday, November 13 (see above). The organizers are Domina Daughtrey, Lee Schwartz, Susan Reynolds and Paula McCahon.

Russo says that the original Battle of the Bands contest has been expanded and is now the Talent Show, including bands, dance, acting and more. Russo stressed that the deadline for the applications is October 24, and is expecting an increase in those wishing to compete in the various events. The events will include a Teen Art Show, a Teen Filmmakers' Festival, a Teen Writers Workshop and the Teen Talent Show. All events will be open to teens throughout Marion County and will be judged by professionals in the various fields. Prizes will be awarded.

The Writers Workshop keynote speaker will be Dunnellon's Chad Douglas, author of the book, *A Pirate's Charm*, written when the author, now a student at the University of Florida, was, himself, a teen.

Russo says that many of those who participated in last year's event continue to come to support the Library on a regular basis or, if they have moved on, continue to keep the Library as a contact. Owen Cooper, who took third place in the 2009 Teen Art Show, is a frequent visitor to the Library and is looking forward to this year's event. Jonathan Marrero, a member of the team that took the 2009 People's Choice Teen Filmmakers Award, is now a student at the Savannah College of Arts and Design. A survey sent to participants, judges and mentors in the inaugural CREATE drew many responses and suggestions for this year's event.

Said Russo, "We had such a great time putting together the first CREATE. As we recognize more of the talented teens of Marion County, we are anticipating an even greater success this year."

Bookmarks

Friends of the Ocala Public Library's News and Notes

How Florida Happened:

The Political Education of Buddy MacKay

by **Buddy MacKay**
with **Rick Edmonds**

Sunday, Sept. 19, 2010 at 2 PM



How Florida Happened is MacKay's memoir of three decades of public life in Florida. It captures, in riveting detail, the period of time in which Florida grew from a semi-rural to a mega-

state, when political dominance shifted from the left to the right. MacKay shares insights into those transitional days in Florida politics, the emergence of the modern legislature and a professional staff, and the gradual passing of rural political power. The result is an incredibly entertaining and insightful work.

MacKay details the extraordinary political journey that took him from farm life in rural Ocala, where he was born in 1933, to the governor's mansion in Tallahassee. He tells the story as one would expect him to – with grace, wit, wisdom and insight.

Please invite your friends and neighbors and join us for this exciting presentation by one of Marion County's favorite sons. The book will be available for purchase and signing. Refreshments will be served. For further information, contact Sara Dassance at 352-873-8574, or visit our website at www.friendsoftheocalapubliclibrary.org.

A Letter from the President:

Dear Friends,

In these difficult financial times, our libraries become even more important to our communities. Each time I am at the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library, I am amazed to see a crowd outside waiting for the doors to open at 10, each computer station occupied and long lines at the circulation desk.

Consider these numbers. In Marion County, from October 2008 through September 2009:

1,426,606 visits were made to the public library.

1,416,513 items were checked out and over 954,553 reference questions were answered.

32,757 individuals attended library programs for children, teens and adults.

Your support to our libraries is vital. Please be sure to renew your membership in the Friends in January (or join a Friends group now if you are not a member), continue to donate items to the Book Market for resale, and send me your email if you would be an advocate for our libraries. Email me at sdassance@cox.net and you will be added to our email list for updated information, including our programs.

Thank you for your continued support of this vital community resource.

Sara Dassance,

President, Friends of the Ocala Public Library, Inc.



A review of the amendments on the November 2nd ballot

Presented by
Judy Johnson

Thursday,
September 30, 2010
at 6:30 PM

Please join us for this important program as we prepare to vote on November 2nd. Amendments are often long and confusing. Our speaker will go over the details of each so you can be sure you are voting for what you want for Florida's future.

Mark Your Calendar

Sept. 19, 2010, 2PM: Buddy MacKay will discuss his new book, *How Florida Happened: The Political Education of Buddy MacKay*

Sept. 30, 2010, 6:30PM: Florida's Future at Stake: A presentation of Constitutional Amendments by **Judy Johnson**

Nov. 6, 2010, 10AM-4PM: Quarterly Book Sale

All events are free, open to the public, and held in Meeting Room C, Headquarters-Ocala Public Library.

profiles

A Friend of Fate

By Karen Jensen

Ken Tipper is the kind of person who appreciates his friends. Perhaps this is because on several memorable occasions in his life, he became fast friends with fate; instances of chance or coincidence that colored his experiences and brought him to Ocala and the Friends of the Ocala Public Library.

Born in Birmingham, England, in 1921, Ken and his family weathered the Depression. At age 17, he saw an ad seeking a copyholder to a proof reader for a major Birmingham newspaper. An avid reader even as a young boy, Ken also excelled in composition. With those winning traits under his belt, he applied for the job and was hired.

But fate had a different course in mind for Ken as the realities of World War II were to impact his life. He first joined the Home Guard and, shortly thereafter, the British Royal Navy in June, 1941. He trained as a radio operator, with special training for interception, and was assigned to duty on the British destroyer HMS Punjabi.

In May, 1942, in thick fog, the Punjabi was rammed and cut into two by the battleship HMS King George V. Ken graphically describes the event as, "There were 15 minutes between



me and oblivion." The person he was scheduled to relieve on duty at the time of the collision was one of the 49 men who were killed. He and his surviving shipmates were later picked up by another destroyer and later transferred to the battleship that sank them. Once on board, he met up with a sailor with whom he had worked at the newspaper in Birmingham.

Discharged in 1946, Ken went back to work for the Birmingham newspaper while fate waited for another opportunity to insinuate itself into his life. A self-proclaimed jazz fan, Ken attended a local dance one evening where he met his future wife Norah. He later realized that he and Norah had lived in the same

Birmingham neighborhood as children. They were married three months later and have been together for 64 years.

In 1957, Ken, Norah and their two children came to the US, where he took a job with Rinker Materials in south Florida. He retired in 1985 as Palm Beach District Sales Manager, and he and Norah moved to Ocala. His love for reading led him to become involved with the Advisory Board for the original Ocala Public Library.

Now a member of the board of the Friends of the Ocala Public Library, Ken has served as the Publicity Chair, and is responsible for various press releases and articles pertaining to Friends programs and activities. A strong advocate for the Marion County Public Library System, Ken said, "I believe in maintaining the standards of library service as it is such an important community asset. I constantly marvel at the abilities of the Friends of the Library board members and what they have accomplished."

A writer for the former Central Florida Community College "Scene," Ken is a featured writer for the Marion County Public Library System *WORDS* newsmagazine, and has also written articles for the Star-Banner newspaper.