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future is close at hand. Learn
how you can be a part of it.



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a word FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Julie Sieg
Director, Marion County
Public Library System



Think about it, please.

In this issue, we highlight our upcoming long range planning process and your opportunity for input. We track various changes to the library system, such as service enhancements, facilities construction and library usage over the last 10 years. It amazes me to think about how much library services have improved as a result of new libraries in Ocala, Belleview, Dunnellon and the Forest areas. One could take for granted the basic amenities within a new library, which add much to our ability to provide services to our community. At the library, we do not take our space and services for granted because we remember how recently the situation was drastically different. Additionally, we still have locations such as Freedom, Marion Oaks, Silver Spring Shores and West Ocala that still desperately need either a library presence or expansion.

The simple act of providing up-to-code parking enabled sufficient handicapped parking and safe and spacious parking so that we could comfortably offer programs and services on a larger scale. The addition of study rooms allows for tutoring, quiet study, group study, and parent/child interaction. Meeting rooms enable home-school groups to get together to network and socialize with library resources at-hand, they allow non-profit and for-profit groups a place to gather to discuss the business of their organization, and meeting rooms allow the library to offer special programs such as CREATE, the Fairy Tale Festival, Perfectly Preposterous Penguins, exciting summer library programs and the Friends of the Library to bring special author programs. Technology labs enable staff to provide much needed group computer training and one-on-one specialized assistance. Sufficient public computers offer the opportunity for 1,001 uses from research to playing games to applying for a job.

While I have mentioned basic, new space and its use, imagine alternately the explosion of electronics over the last 10 years. Just in the last 5 years we have added countless databases, electronic books, downloadable audio books, online magazines and access to countless more. What do you see the library offering and doing over the next 10 years?

Think about it, please. We will be asking you.

Julie Sieg



Help Us Write Our Next Chapter

By Kristen Calvert. Photos by Steve Floethe

You're reading a fantastic book. The first several chapters have you totally involved. You turn the page and it's blank, except for a note: *The author invites you to help write the next chapter.* What would you do?

Beginning in January 2014, Marion County residents can help create the next chapter for the Marion County Public

Library System. With your help, we can "build" the library of the future. After all, who knows more about the importance of the public library than our own residents?

From January through March 2014, there will be opportunities for the public to make their opinions known and help contribute to the library's 2015-2020

long range plan. Surveys will be available at all library locations, on our website and through Facebook. And on Jan. 22, Library Snapshot Day, anyone visiting public libraries throughout Marion County and Florida will have an opportunity to provide input about how and why they use their library.

Over the last few years, the economic downturn has resulted in significant budget cuts to libraries. The library's budget for books and materials, as well as select branch service hours, has been decreased due to diminished funding. Despite these economic realities over the last 10 years, the number of items checked out has increased by 28 percent

and program attendance has increased by 109 percent. In 2013, the number of cardholders in the community was equal to 67 percent of the population as compared to 47 percent of the population in 2003. This data directly challenges those who speak of the importance of public libraries in the past tense.

Libraries exist because of grassroots efforts and the interest of people in their respective communities. In 2014, the Headquarters-Ocala library location will celebrate 10 years of service. The Dunnellon, Forest, Freedom and Belleview libraries were built because local communities wanted a center not just for books, but for technology, access to information and a place to meet with others in their community.

As technological advances continue



to impact our community, the library system must keep pace. Libraries are community centers where people connect with each other, information and the world. According to PEW research, 77 percent of people surveyed say that free access to computers and internet is an important service offered by public



	FY2002-03	FY2012-13
Operating Budget	\$4,990,888	\$5,910,821
Square Footage	55,000	116,520
Staff	85.22	107.89
Circulation	1,017,051	1,296,973
Registered Borrowers	128,417	222,532
Questions Asked	498,609	1,212,648
General Attendance	649,461	1,084,713
Program Attendance	21,090	44,016
Library Card Holders	47%	67%

libraries. Although this research indicates strong interest in technology, many of those surveyed also still enjoy reading and borrowing books in print and place value on a mix of both traditional and

technological public library services.

The next library chapter has yet to be written. Help us write it. We need your vision. We need your voice. **W**

New library facilities that are spacious, functional, attractive, inviting and well-used, at the following locations:

- *Headquarters-Ocala Public Library 2004*
- *Dunnellon Public Library 2007*
- *Belleview 2008*
- *Forest 2010*

Public access to an array of electronic resources available 24/7 including e-books, electronic magazines, downloadable music and data bases.

Age and developmentally appropriate materials and programming that are varied, valued and well-used, including expanded early literacy programs and services for children birth to three years of age.

create

(Colossal, Reading, Entertaining, Artsy, Teen Event) 2013

2013 CREATE was a huge success with a record-breaking 134 total entries participating in the categories of fine arts, writing, filmmaking, edible books, and performing arts/talent.

Keynote speaker and nationally acclaimed filmmaker Billy Corben encouraged teen filmmakers to "...find a good story and tell it well."

Author and Florida Book Award gold medal winner Adrian Fogelin spoke to the Teen Writers Conference.

CREATE is sponsored by the Friends of the Ocala Public Library.

The following is a list of the winners in each of the categories.



Quinnton Cooper

Fine Arts

1st place: **Quinnton Cooper**

West Port High School

2nd place: **Joy Bleiker** *Trinity Catholic*

3rd place: **Rebekah McKoy**

West Port High School

Choice: **Quinnton Cooper**

West Port High School



Billy Corben



Heather Krause

Writer's Conference

1st place: **Heather Krause**

Homeschooled
(*"Krause Academy"*)

2nd place: **Maya Glasso**

North Marion Middle School

3rd place: **Alita Clark**

Vanguard High School

Choice: **Whitney Gomez**

Fort McCoy K-8

Edible Books

1st place: **Storm Skaggs**

Forest High School



Sarah Redheffer
and Emily Plazarin

2nd place: **Julie Marie Andrews**

Forest High School

3rd place: **Emmalisa Kaminski**

Liberty Middle School

Choice: **Storm Skaggs**

Forest High School

Filmmakers

1st place: **Alex Moy** *Homeschooled*

2nd place: **Alana Brunson**

Lake Weir High School and

Courtney Brannon

Lake Weir High School

3rd place: **Mitchell Clark,**

Drew Garland,

Hailey Garland and

Alita Clark

Vanguard High School

Choice: **Alex Moy**

Homeschooled

Talent Show

1st place: **Sarah Redheffer**

Vanguard High School and

Emilee Plazarin

Belleview High School

2nd place: **Tristan Potter**

Dunnellon High School

3rd place: **Clifford Dantzer,**

Bryan Lugo and

Tyrrel Chandler-Springer

West Port High School

Choice: **Heather Krause** and

Katrina Krause

Homeschooled

Facebook and Library Card



SIGN-UP MONTH

by Kristen Calvert



“My babies love to learn!” commented Pam James as she saw the picture of her two children proudly displaying their new library cards on the library’s Facebook page. In celebration of September’s Library Card Sign-Up Month, library staff took pictures of new cardholders and posted them on the library’s Facebook page. During the month of September, 1,068 individuals signed up for library cards and 83 new fans “liked” the library’s Facebook page, many of them new card holders or the parents of new cardholders. The pictures posted of new card holders got 333 total Facebook “likes.” What a warm welcome to the library system! Library Card Sign-Up Month may be over, but you can always get a library card. Check out our Facebook page to see the library’s new cardholders and keep up to date with your library. **W**



Headquarters-Ocala Children's Services Division staff accept plaque for Exemplary Project Recognition.

READY TO READ: ZERO TO THREE PROGRAM

Receives Exemplary Project Recognition From State

The Marion County Public Library System was recently awarded Exemplary Project Recognition by Florida Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services for its 2012 *Ready to Read: Zero to Three* program. Funded under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, *Ready to Read* provides information, materials and resources to parents and caregivers of children birth to three years of age that support early literacy development.

The Exemplary Project Recognition honors outstanding programs funded by the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), administered by the Division and implemented by Florida’s libraries. The recognition program is designed to highlight excellence in planning, implementation and evaluation, with a special emphasis on outcome measures and ability to replicate the program in other public libraries.

Between 2011 and 2012, 17,255 people were served by the *Ready to Read: Zero to Three* program. **W**

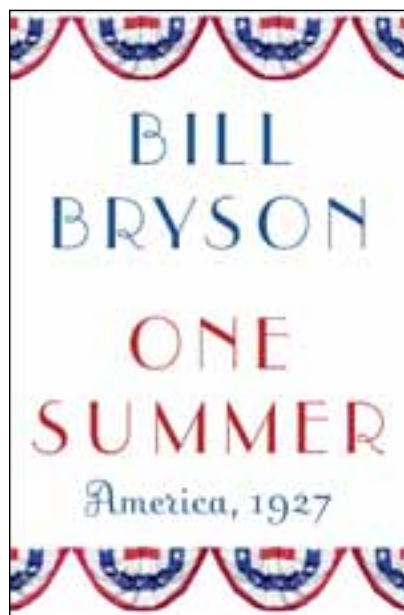
DISCOVER a Good Book!

Reviewed By Linda Porter

We all probably secretly wish we had a crystal ball and could base our decisions on real knowledge of the future. Accurate crystal balls don't actually exist, but there are authors on the topic of leadership and strategic planning who may help us, as individuals and as communities, create a vision for the future. Alan Greenspan, former Federal Reserve Board chairman, writes about economic and political matters in his new book, "The Map and the Territory: Risk, Human Nature, and the Future of Forecasting." Greenspan writes with great feeling about the difficulties of economic prediction and the many challenges facing the world today.



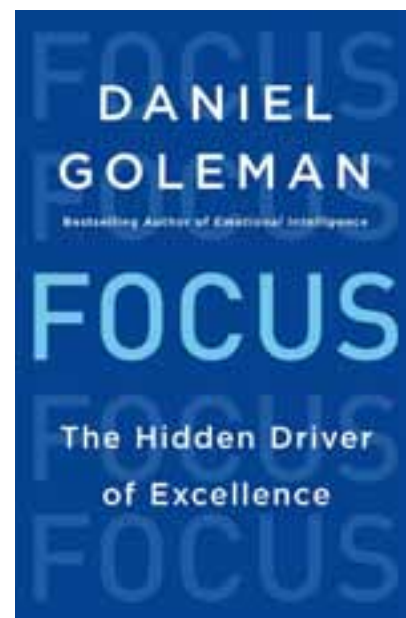
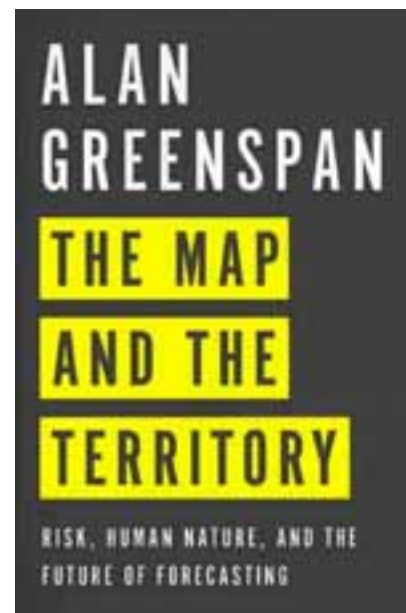
One of those challenges is the twin juggernauts of overpopulation and climate change. Alan Weisman, environmental journalist and author of the bestselling "The World Without Us," has just released his new book, "Countdown: Our Last Best Hope for a Future on Earth." He explores the difficult topic of population control as experienced in more than twenty countries and how uncontrolled growth is linked to environmental degradation. His big questions are an exploration of how many people our planet can hold without capsizing and how we can design a prosperous economy that does not rely on endless growth. This provocative book will spark many conversations worldwide.



Daniel Goleman adds to the discussion by concentrating on what's going on right now. In his new book, "Focus: The Hidden Driver of Excellence," Goleman (also the author of "Emotional Intelligence") posits that we are so distracted by tuning into the latest trending topic via the vast resources of the Internet that we are missing something important. That something is focus. Goleman investigates how individuals can improve their lives by avoiding impulsive behavior and how leaders can help their organizations avoid wasting resources by, well, focusing.

Sometimes we look to the past to help us understand the present and future. Bill Bryson's "One Summer: America, 1927," examines the celebrities, politicians, and wannabes that made their mark that pivotal summer. Think Babe Ruth and Charles Lindbergh, just for starters. Besides being a very funny guy, Bryson has a way of writing narrative history that enlightens as well as entertains. Full of marvelous stories that put the accomplishments of the era in context, Bryson offers glimpses into the

future as well. **W**



program spotlight

SPECIAL EVENTS

African American Read-In

Sunday, Feb. 23, 2 p.m.

Headquarters-Ocala

Join more than a million readers in the 25th National African American Read-In and celebrate a rich heritage in literature, film, music and art. Volunteer readers and performers of all ages are welcome! Contact the library if you are interested in being a reader.

FOR ADULTS

Orange Groves and Grass Roots

Thursday, Jan. 16, 3:30 p.m.

Bellevue Public Library

Local archaeologist Matt O'Brien presents his discoveries regarding the historical development of Ocklawaha and the Lake Weir area.

One Man Antique Roadshow

Thursday, Jan. 23, 2-4 p.m.

Dunnellon Public Library

Have a treasure in your attic? Find out when local antique and collectable expert John Sikorski does a quick examination. Limit one item per person. No guns, coins or stamps.

MEET THE AUTHORS

Kathryn Taubert

"Yevu (White Woman): My Five Weeks With the Ewe Tribe in Ghana, West Africa"



Thursday, Feb. 6,
3 p.m.

Dunnellon Public
Library

At the age of 63, Rainbow Springs resident and International Jazz Awards nominee Kathryn Taubert

triggered her adventurous spirit and set out on what would prove to be a healing journey to Ghana.

Mary Breu

"Last Letters from Attu: The True Story of Etta Jones, Alaska Pioneer and Japanese POW"

Thursday, Feb. 6,
11:30 a.m.

Freedom Public
Library

3:30 p.m.

Bellevue Public
Library

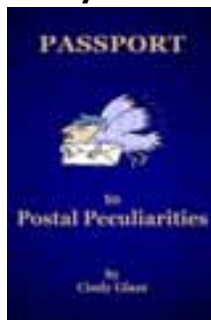
Saturday, Feb. 8,

2 p.m. Forest Public Library

Author Mary Breu relates a remarkable story of her great-aunt's courage when captured as a prisoner of war by the Japanese after the invasion of the tiny island of Attu, Alaska, on June 7, 1942.



Cindy Glaze



"Passport to Postal Peculiarities"

Tuesday, Feb. 18,
10 a.m.

Bellevue Public
Library

After 35 years in the postal service, Ms. Glaze delivers stories of the memorable, funny

and sometimes bizarre characters that frequented her office.

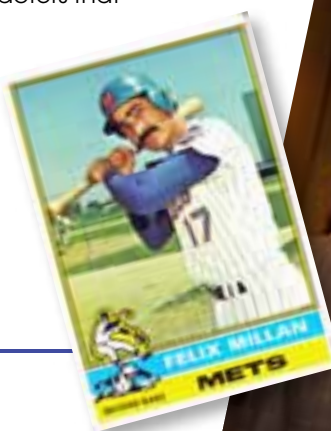
Jane Allen Quevedo and Baseball Superstar Felix Millán

"Tough Guy, Gentle Heart"

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 11 a.m.

Marion Oaks Public Library

3 p.m. Dunnellon Public Library



Thursday, Feb. 20,

11:30 a.m. Forest Public Library

3:30 p.m. Bellevue Public Library

Avid baseball fans of all ages, don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! Felix Millán, former Major League Baseball All-Star, will appear with the author of his autobiography, Jane Allen Quevedo. Millán will relate his days as a second baseman for the Atlanta Braves and New York Mets and the life lessons he learned along the way.

FOR TEENS

Y'all Come to YALLA!

Be a part of your library and make the library experience a better one for all! Join Young Adults Leading Library Awareness (YALLA) for our monthly meeting. Connect with other teens and library staff and develop the plans for future programs and services. Get in on the ground floor and make a difference. Yes! You will earn volunteer hours for service.

Wednesdays, Jan. 8 & Feb. 5

4:30 p.m. Bellevue Public Library

5 p.m. Headquarters-Ocala

Thursdays, Jan. 9 & Feb. 13

5 p.m. Freedom Public Library

Thursdays, Jan. 9 & Feb. 13

5 p.m. Forest Public Library



FOR CHILDREN

Polar Express

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 6-7:30 p.m.

Headquarters-Ocala

Don your mittens and hop aboard as the volunteers from United Way recreate the wonderland of "The Polar Express" by Chris Van Allsburg. Get into the holiday spirit with stories, crafts, cookies and more.



Perfectly Preposterous Penguin Party

Saturday, Dec. 14, 10:30 a.m.

Belleview Public Library

Penguins, penguins, everywhere! The library has been overrun by the coolest birds in the world. Enjoy frantic antics, games, crafts, treats and surprises. Professional photos for every child will be taken courtesy of Savvy Photo. Bring the whole brood and waddle over for a good time!



Happy Magical New Year With Brian LaPalme

Add dazzle to your new year with the magical arts of Brian LaPalme!

Monday, Dec. 9, 2 p.m.

Freedom Public Library

Saturday, Dec. 14, 2 p.m.

Marion Oaks Public Library

Saturday, Dec. 28, 2 p.m.

Headquarters-Ocala

Saturday, Jan. 4, 11 a.m.

Dunnellon Public Library

Saturday, Jan. 18, 12 p.m., 1 p.m.*

Belleview Public Library

*Special workshop for ages 10-12.
Registration required.

Find Your Roots

Genealogy Help Center

Whether you've just begun digging up your family roots or find yourself stumped in the midst of your search, genealogy help is here thanks to volunteer assistance from local genealogy experts.

Wednesdays, Jan. 8-Feb. 26, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Headquarters-Ocala

Thursdays, Jan. 16, Feb. 20, 1-3 p.m.

Belleview Public Library

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

Dunnellon Public Library

Tuesdays, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, 2-4 p.m.

Freedom Public Library



FOR JOB SEEKERS

Earn Your GED With CTAE

The GED bus stops at the Headquarters-Ocala library location and offers a convenient way to earn your GED. It's never too late. Call CTAE at 352-671-7200 for details.

Workforce Connection Mobile Resources Unit

Workforce Connection provides job-seeker services including assistance with job searches, resumes, online employment applications and more. Call the library for times and locations near you.

HEADQUARTERS-OCALA

2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala
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PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

African American Read-In

Sunday, Feb. 23, 2 p.m.

See Program Spotlight for details.

Volunteer readers and performers of all ages are welcome!



PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Monday Matinee

Mondays, 2 p.m.

Jan. 6-Feb. 24

Movies for adults and teens ages 13+. Anyone younger than 13 must be accompanied by a parent. Light refreshments will be served.

Co-sponsored by Golden Flake.

- Jan. 6
- Jan. 13
- Jan. 27
- Feb. 3
- Feb. 10
- Feb. 24

Wired Wednesdays

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Jan. 8-Feb. 26

Learn about computers and databases. Space is limited.

Computers for Beginners

- Jan. 8 *I Turned on My Computer, Now What?*
- Jan. 15 *Basic Internet*
- Jan. 22 *Basic Keyboarding*
- Jan. 29 *Basic Word*

Resolutions!

- Feb. 5 *Online Travel Resources*
- Feb. 12 *WebMD and Mayo Clinic*
- Feb. 19 *Online Magazines With Zinio*
- Feb. 26 *What's Going On, Ocala?*

Genealogy Help Center

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

Jan. 8-Feb. 26

Genealogy gurus from the Marion County Genealogical Society will be here to assist you.

See Program Spotlight for other locations.



Help Center for E-books and Digital Audio

Wednesdays, 2-3:30 p.m.

Jan. 8-Feb. 26

Need help getting started with e-books or digital audio? Drop in and let us assist you. Be sure to bring your devices with you. Good books are just a click away!



Ask Your Master Gardener

Second Saturdays, 2 p.m.

Learn gardening techniques from the masters!

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

- Jan. 11 *Pests in Florida*
- Feb. 8 *Butterfly Gardens*

Friends of the Ocala Public Library Monthly Board Meeting

Third Thursdays, 1 p.m.

Jan. 16, Feb. 20

Wednesday Widgets

Selected Wednesdays, 3 p.m.

Jan. 22 *Scrapbook Journaling*

Combine your family stories and memorabilia into something treasured.

Feb. 12 *Get Your Smoothie On!*

Tasty and nutritious feast for the mind and body.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Manga-licious! Teen Book Club

First Tuesdays, 4 p.m.

Jan. 7, Feb. 4

Join us for high-energy talks about all things manga and anime.

Y'all Come to YALLA!

First Wednesdays, 5 p.m.

Jan. 8, Feb. 5

Be a part of your library and make the library experience a better one for all!

See Program Spotlight for details and other locations.

Just for Teens!

Selected Tuesdays, 5 p.m.

Jan. 21 *Duct Tape Workshop*

Make functional works of art with duct tape.

Feb. 18 *Oh My Gods!*

Explore the realms of mythological Greek and Roman gods.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

B.E.A.R. Time! Be Excited About Reading!

Monday-Friday, 3:30 p.m.

Dec. 2-Feb. 28

Take a break and listen to a couple of great books and poems!

Spectacular Sundays for Tweens

Selected Sundays, 2 p.m.

Ages 10-12, registration required

Dec. 15 *The Book Is Not the End*

Create cool bookcover art.

Jan. 12 *Myth Testers*

Test your skills against the mysteries of science.

Feb. 9 *Hello, Art, Meet Science*

Design a masterpiece with robots!

Wacky Wednesdays*Selected Wednesdays, 2 p.m.*

Ages 5-12

*Dec. 11 Tinker Lab**Feb. 5 Valentine's Day Crafts***Winter Break Wonderland***Selected days, 2 p.m.*

Ages 5-12

*Monday, Dec. 23 Holiday Crafts**Thursday, Dec. 26 Wii Gaming**Friday, Dec. 27 Movie!***Polar Express***Wednesday, Dec. 4, 6-7:30 p.m.**See Program Spotlight for details.***Mother Goose on the Loose™***First Saturdays, 10:15 a.m.**Dec. 7, Jan. 4, Feb. 1*

For infants-36 months with caregivers.

Super Saturdays*Fourth Saturdays, 2 p.m.*

Ages 5-12 and their families

*Dec. 28 Happy Magical New Year
With Brian LaPalme**Jan. 25 Minds in Motion*

Discover the wonders of physics and science.

CONSTRUCTION ZONE*Feb. 22 Construction Zone*

Get ready to build!

Preschool Club*Third Saturdays, 2 p.m.**Dec. 21, Jan. 18, Feb. 15*

Enjoy fun-filled activities and games designed to boost early reading skills. For 3-5 year olds with caregivers.

STORY TIMES*Jan. 7-Feb. 13*

A variety of stories, songs and activities for children. Caregivers must accompany children.

Terrific Threes*Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.*

Program is limited to 25 children.

Fabulous 4s & 5s*Tuesdays, 1:15 p.m.***Family Storytime***Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.***Toddling Twos***Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.*

Program is limited to 20 children.

Bouncing Babies*Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.*

For babies birth-23 months. Program is limited to 15 children.

**BELLEVIEW
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

13145 SE Highway 484, Belleview

352-438-2500

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by the Friends of the Belleview Public Library.***SPECIAL PROGRAMS****Perfectly Preposterous
Penguin Party***Dec. 14, 10:30 a.m.**See Program Spotlight for details.***Author Mary Breu***"Last Letters from Attu"**Thursday, Feb. 6, 3:30 p.m.**See Program Spotlight for details and locations.***Author Cindy Glaze***"Passport to Postal Peculiarities"**Tuesday, Feb. 18, 10 a.m.**See Program Spotlight for details.***Baseball Superstar
Felix Millán and Author
Jane Allen Quevedo***Thursday, Feb. 20, 3:30 p.m.**See Program Spotlight for details and locations.***PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES****Crafts for a Cause***Wednesdays, 10 a.m.*

Create an afghan to benefit Hospice of Marion County. Lend your talents or learn a stitch or two from expert knitter Petra Trapp.

Art Before Your Eyes*First Fridays, 10 a.m.**Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 7*

Have an interactive art experience with the artists from Gallery East.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS**Ask Your Master Gardener***Selected Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.*

Learn gardening techniques from the masters!

*Presented by the UF/IFAS Marion County Master
Gardeners, UF/IFAS Marion County Extension
Service.**Dec. 5 Organic Options for Managing
Weeds**Jan. 2 Growing Vegetables in
Containers**Feb. 6 Stages of Human Romance as
Told by Florida Flowers***Friends of the Belleview
Public Library Monthly
Board Meeting***Third Tuesdays, 10 a.m.**Jan. 21 Book Nook**Feb. 18 Belleview Public Library***Tuesday Matinee***Tuesdays, 1 p.m.*

Movies for adults and teens ages 13+. Anyone younger than 13 must be accompanied by a parent. Light refreshments will be served.

*Co-sponsored by Golden Flake.**Jan. 7**Jan. 14**Jan. 21**Jan. 28**Feb. 4**Feb. 11**Feb. 18**Feb. 25***Basic Computer Classes***Thursdays, 1 p.m.**Jan. 9-Feb. 27*

Space is limited. Tickets are distributed 30 minutes prior to program.

*Computers for Beginners**Jan. 9 Introduction to the Computer**Jan. 16 Mouse Play**Jan. 23 Basic Internet**Jan. 30 Basic Email**Feb. 6 Internet Searching and Printing**Feb. 13 Staying Safe Online**Stimulate Your Brain!**Feb. 20 What an Interesting Idea**Feb. 27 Game On!***Thursday Get-Togethers***Selected Thursdays, 3:30 p.m.**See Program Spotlight for details and other
locations.**Jan. 16 Orange Groves and Grass Roots
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Third Thursdays, 1-3 p.m.

Jan. 16, Feb. 20

Whether you've just begun digging up your family roots or find yourself in the midst of your search, genealogy help is here! Genealogy gurus from the Genealogy Roundtable will assist you with your quest.

See Program Spotlight for other locations.

Native Plant Jamboree

Last Mondays, 6-8 p.m.

Jan. 27, Feb. 24

Join the discussion about Florida's native plants with the Marion Big Scrub Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society.

Happy Magical New Year With Brian LaPalme

Saturday, Jan. 18, 12 p.m.

See Program Spotlight for details and other locations.



Family Flicks: Wreck-It Ralph

Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2 p.m.

Fun for the whole family!

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

B.E.A.R. Time! Be Excited About Reading!

Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m.

Jan. 7-Feb. 25

Take a break and listen to a couple of great books and poems!

Tween Card Trick Workshop With Brian LaPalme

Saturday, Jan. 18, 1 p.m. (following magic show)

Required registration opens Jan. 2. Limited to children ages 10-12.

Meet Down on the Farm

Saturday, Feb. 15, 2 p.m.

Ages 5-12

It's barnyard fun complete with farm animals and lots of activities.

STORY TIMES

Jan. 8-Feb. 28

A variety of stories, songs and activities for children. Caregivers must accompany children.

Bouncing Babies

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

For 18 months and younger.

Toddler Time

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

For 18 months-3 years.

Preschool Adventures

Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

For 3-5 years.

DUNNELLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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SPECIAL PROGRAMS



John Sikorski

One Man Antique Roadshow

Thursday, Jan. 23, 2-4 p.m.

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Author Kathryn Taubert

Thursday, Feb. 6, 3 p.m.

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Baseball Superstar Felix Millán and Author Jane Allen Quevedo

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 3 p.m.

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PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library

First Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

Dec. 3, Jan. 7, Feb. 4



Random Tuesday Book Club

Random Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

Meet exceptional people who share a love of life and literature. Dates vary.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Y'all Come to YALLA South

First Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 8, Feb. 5

Be a part of your library and make the library experience a better one for all!

See Program Spotlight for details.

PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

Family Games Unplugged

First and Third Thursdays, 3 p.m.

Jan. 9-Feb. 20

Don't be bored! Play board games!

Friday Films

Selected Fridays, 1 p.m.

Movies for adults and teens ages 13+. Anyone younger than 13 must be accompanied by a parent. Light refreshments will be served.

Jan. 3

Feb. 7

Basic Computer Classes

Selected Mondays, Tuesdays & Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

Space is limited.

Jan. 6	Mouse
Jan. 10 & 24	Internet and Email
Jan. 13	Word 1
Jan. 27	Word 2
Feb. 3 & 18	Mouse
Feb. 7 & 21	Internet and Email
Feb. 10	Excel 1
Feb. 24	Excel 2

Genealogy Help Center

Selected Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

Jan. 17, Feb. 14

Whether you've just begun digging up your family roots or find yourself in the midst of your search, genealogy help is here!

Presented by the Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library.

Drop-In Book Club

Third Thursdays, 11 a.m.

Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 20

Everyone is welcome!

Dec. 19	<i>The Light Between Oceans</i> by M.L. Steadman
Jan. 16	<i>Behind the Beautiful Forevers</i> by Katherine Boo
Feb. 20	<i>Big Trouble</i> by Dave Barry

Let's Be Creative!

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 3 p.m.

Tired of wasting teabags? Try teabag origami and wow your friends and family!

Ask Your Master Gardener

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2 p.m.

Learn vegetable gardening techniques from Lesroy Samuel.

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

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS**Artist Trading Cards**

Selected Saturdays, 3 p.m.

Jan. 18, Feb. 15

Create and trade miniature works of art! Registration recommended.

PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES**Happy Magical New Year With Brian LaPalme**

Saturday, Jan. 4, 11 a.m.

See Program Spotlight for details and other locations.

Family Flicks

Selected Wednesdays, 3 p.m.

Jan. 15

Feb. 5

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN**B.E.A.R. Time! Be Excited About Reading!**

Mondays, 2:30 p.m.

Jan. 6-Feb. 24

Take a break and listen to a couple of great books and poems!

Imagination Station

Selected Wednesdays, 4 p.m.

Stories and crafts to fit the season!

Ages 5-12. Registration recommended.

Jan. 8	<i>Frostytyme!</i>
Jan. 29	<i>Easy Origami</i>
Feb. 12	<i>Love Is in the Air</i>

STORY TIMES

Jan. 8-Feb. 28

A variety of stories, songs and activities for children. Caregivers must accompany children.

Toddling Twos

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.

Preschool Adventures

Fridays, 11 a.m.

FOREST PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

Programs are sponsored, either in whole or part, by the Friends of the Forest Public Library.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS**Author Mary Breu "Last Letters from Attu"**

Saturday, Feb. 8, 2 p.m.

See Program Spotlight for details and other locations.

**Baseball Superstar Felix Millán and Author Jane Allen Quevedo**

Thursday, Feb. 20, 11:30 a.m.

See Program Spotlight for details and other locations.



PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Avoid Holidizy: Controlling Holiday Consumer Pitfalls

Saturday, Dec. 7, 1 p.m.

Lynda Spence provides guidance in making smart spending decisions.

Presented by UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.

Crafts for a Cause

First & third Mondays, 10 a.m.

Jan. 6 & 20, Feb. 3 & 17

Help our community! Lend your knitting and crochet talents to the group and create blankets for those in need.

Friends of the Forest Public Library Meeting

Third Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.

Dec. 18, Jan. 15, Feb. 19

New members are welcome!

Computer Confidence

Selected Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m.

Jan. 15, Feb. 5 & 19

Have your technology questions answered!

Forest Readers Book Club

Selected Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Everyone is welcome!

- Dec. 11* *History of Florida in 40 Minutes* by Michael Gannon
- Jan. 8* *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn
- Jan. 22* *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley
- Feb. 12* *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes
- Feb. 26* *Spring Fever* by Mary Kay Andrews



Women and Money: Unique Issues

Selected Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

Jan. 21, 28 & Feb. 4, 18, 25

Lynda Spence provides women with information and encouragement to successfully manage their finances.

Presented by UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.

Ask Your Master Gardener: Spring Planting

Saturday, Jan. 25, 2 p.m.

Learn gardening techniques from the masters!

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

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS & TWEENS

Bookalicious

Fridays, 2:30 p.m., Jan 10-Feb. 28

Good stories and good times for ages 10 and older.

Y'all Come to YALLA East

Selected Thursdays, 5 p.m., Jan. 16, Feb. 13

Be a part of the library and make the library experience a better one for all.

See Program Spotlight for details and other locations.

Artist Trading Cards

Friday, Jan. 17, 3:30 p.m.

Create and trade mini works of art!

PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

Super Story Saturdays

Selected Saturdays, 11 a.m.

Dec. 7, Jan. 4, Feb. 1

Take a break with a smorgasbord of stories and treats for the whole family. Light refreshments will be served.

Imagination Station

Selected Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m.

Dec. 11, Feb. 5

Stories and fun to fit the season!

STORY TIMES

Tuesdays, Jan. 7-Feb. 25

Family Time

11 a.m.

School-Age Stories & Stuff

3:30 p.m.

FORT M^cCOY PUBLIC LIBRARY

14660 NE Highway 315, Fort M^cCoy
352-438-2560

Programs are sponsored, either in whole or part, by the Friends of the Fort McCoy Public Library.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Friends of Fort McCoy Public Library Monthly Meeting

Second Thursdays, 10 a.m.

Dec. 5, Jan. 9, Feb. 13

New members are welcome!

January 8, 2014, 10:00 a.m.

Annual Meeting/Election of Officers

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Preschool Adventures

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Jan. 8-Feb. 12

A variety of stories, songs and activities for children 6 and younger with caregivers.

FREEDOM PUBLIC LIBRARY

5870 SW 95th St., Ocala
352-438-2580

Programs are sponsored, either in whole or part, by the Friends of the Freedom Public Library.

SPECIAL PROGRAM

Author Mary Breu "Last Letters from Attu"

Thursday, Feb. 6, 11:30 a.m.

See Program Spotlight for details and locations.



Social Networking Tips & Tricks

Selected Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m.

Jan. 15, Feb. 19

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

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS**Friends of Freedom Public Library Monthly Meeting***Selected Mondays, 10 a.m.**Dec. 2, Jan. 6, Feb. 3*

New members are welcome!

Saturday, Jan. 25, 1 p.m.

Annual meeting including election of officers plus entertainment and refreshments. Southwest S.R. 200 Coalition president Pat Gabriel is scheduled to speak will update us on developments in the Corridor.

Ask Arnold! Comprehensive Computer Assistance*Thursdays, 12-2 p.m.**Dec. 5-Feb. 27*

Volunteer assistants are available to help with all your computer needs, including e-readers, laptops, wireless access, and trouble-shooting your home computer. No appointment necessary.

Blockbuster Tuesdays*Selected Tuesdays, 3 p.m.**Jan. 14**Feb. 11***Basic Computer Classes***Thursdays, 2 p.m.**Jan. 9-Feb. 27*

Seating is limited. Registration begins one hour prior to class.

<i>Jan. 9, Feb. 13</i>	<i>Basics for Beginners</i>
<i>Jan. 16, Feb. 20</i>	<i>How to Search</i>
<i>Jan. 23, Feb. 27</i>	<i>Document Basics</i>
<i>Jan. 30</i>	<i>Email Basics</i>
<i>Feb. 6</i>	<i>Internet Health Information</i>

Brunch Basics With Chef Matt Ryan*Monday, Jan. 13, 11 a.m.*

Brunch is a breeze with acclaimed chef Matt Ryan! Munch samples as Chef Ryan shares his favorite brunch recipes and cooking tips.

Genealogy Help Center*Selected Tuesdays, 2-4 p.m.**Jan. 21, Feb. 18*

Whether you've just begun digging up your family roots or find yourself stumped in the midst of your search, genealogy help is here!

*See Program Spotlight for more locations.***Yoga Time***Saturday, Feb. 1, 10:30 a.m.*

Ingrid Crane offers gentle chair yoga for all skill levels.

Sweets for Your Sweetie*Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2 p.m.*

Impress the family with these easy no-bake treats. Yummers!

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS**Y'all Come to YALLA Free***Selected Thursdays, 5 p.m.*

Be a part of your library and make the library experience a better one for all!

*See Program Spotlight for details and other locations.**Jan. 9 Pin It Up With Pinterest!**Feb. 13 Icing And More!***PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES****Family Film Fest***Selected Tuesdays, 3 p.m.**Jan. 28 Despicable Me 2**Feb. 25 Monsters University***Hearts for Heroes***Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2 p.m.*

Share the love! Drop in and make Valentine's Day cards for our soldiers. A soldier deployed in South Korea will join us—with a little help from modern technology.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN**Happy Magical New Year With Brian LaPalme***Monday, Dec. 9, 2 p.m.**See Program Spotlight for details and other locations.***Arctic Adventure***Thursday, Jan. 16, 3 p.m.*

Beat the winter chill with a cup of hot chocolate and crafts! For ages 5-12.

STORY TIMES*Jan. 7-Feb. 28*

A variety of stories, songs and activities for children. Caregiver must accompany child.

Toddling Twos*Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.*

Ages 18-36 months.

Bouncing Babies*Fridays, 10:30 a.m.*

Ages 17 months and younger.

MARION OAKS PUBLIC LIBRARY

294 Marion Oaks Lane, Ocala
352-438-2570

*Programs are sponsored, either in whole or part, by the Friends of the Marion Oaks Public Library.***FAMILY STORY TIME***Selected Wednesdays, 6 p.m.*

A variety of stories, songs and activities for all ages.

*Jan. 8 Happy New Year!**Feb. 5 Love Those Valentines!***Happy Magical New Year With Brian Lapalme***Saturday, Dec. 14, 2 p.m.**See Program Spotlight for details and other locations.***Jane Allen Quevedo and Baseball Superstar Felix Millán***Wednesday, Feb. 19, 11 a.m.**See Program Spotlight for details and other locations.***Ask Your Master Gardener***Selected Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.*

Learn gardening techniques from the masters!

*Presented by the UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners, UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.**Dec. 19 Organic Options for Managing Weeds**Jan. 16, Feb. 20 TBA*



PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

**Friends of the Marion Oaks Public Library
Monthly Board Meeting**

Select Fridays 10 a.m. -Marion Oaks
Community Center
Dec. 6
Jan. 17
Feb. 21

**REDDICK
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

15150 NW Gainesville Road, Reddick
352-438-2566

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Preschool Adventures

Second Thursdays, 10 a.m.
Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 13
A variety of stories, songs and activities
for children.

EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS

Headquarters-Ocala

January **Art for Cures**

February **Art** by David D'Alessandris

Bellevue Public Library

December **Watercolor and Acrylic
Paintings** by Robin Collison

Miniature Figurines
by Tina Guthrie

January **Nature Photography**
by Norma Jean Birth

Quilts by Busy Bee Quilting

February **Silver Springs and Bellevue
History** by Tom Dann

Watercolor Paintings
by Warren Thompson

Dunnellon Public Library

December **Buttons!** by Linda
Caldwell
-February

Freedom Public Library

December **Holiday Décor** by Friends
of the Freedom Public
Library

January **Freedom Food Foolery:
Kitchen-Related
Antiques and Gadgets**

February **More Than Just Cookies:
Girl Scout Badges
& Memorabilia** by
Maribeth Wood



Archers take aim at Fairy Tale Festival



Dancing around the Maypole at the Fairy Tale Festival



Fairy Tale Festival storytellers



Ice cream lovers at Belleview library



Mirror, mirror on the wall at the Fairy Tale Festival



Larah Bleiker and "Lady May Belle" at Forest library



Paper pets at Dunnellon library storytime

Let Us Hear From You

LIBRARY SNAPSHOT DAY,

January 22, 2014



Ever really wondered what really happens on any given day in the life of a public library? Here's your chance to share input about how, when and why you use your favorite Marion County Public Library System location.

As part of the long range planning process and solicitation of public input, the public library will once again join the Florida Library Association and libraries across Florida on Wednesday,

January 22, for Library Snapshot Day.

Friends of the Library volunteers will be on hand to help you share how and why you use your public library.

On January 30, 2013, Library Snapshot Day, over 900 Marion County residents told us about how the library was useful in their lives:

- 4,922 people visited the library system
- 4,032 items were checked out

- 939 people used a computer
- 191 people were taught basic computer skills
- 2,272 people received answers to their questions
- 103 students were helped
- 33 job seekers were helped
- 38 received assistance accessing government sites
- 91 children attended programs

Stop by any Marion County Public Library System location on Wednesday, January 22, and tell us how you use your library! **W**

YALLA!

By Morgan Brickey

HEY TEENS! STILL LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO HANG OUT, DO COOL CRAFTS, AND GET COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS?

Look no farther than your local library! YALLA (Young Adults Leading Library Awareness) now has meetings at Belleview, Forest, Freedom and the Headquarters-Ocala locations. This year YALLA has been instrumental in coming up with ideas for almost all young adult programs that have happened at the library! YALLA has also designed the display board in the young adult room for every display in 2013. YALLA members get the opportunity to take home, read and keep books that have not yet been published! Every meeting offers the opportunity to talk about books you like, what you'd like to see happen for young adults at the library and a chance to enjoy excellent snacks! Give YALLA a try!

Bookmarks

Friends of the Ocala Public Library's News and Notes

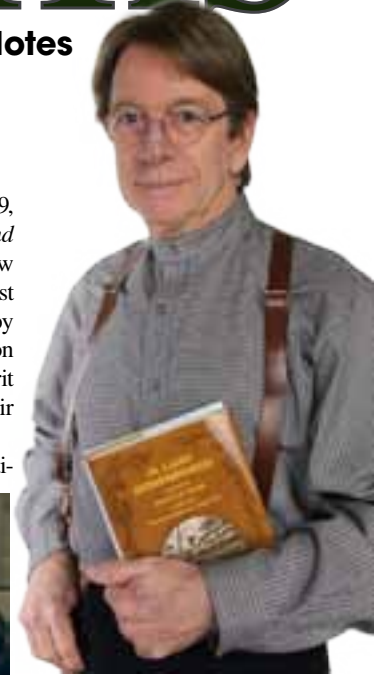
Time to Renew

January is renewal month for your Friends of the Ocala Public library membership. Visit the Book Market or check our website at friendsoftheocallibrary.org to learn how to renew or become a member. Dues continue to be just \$5 a year for individuals and \$10 a year for family memberships—or perhaps it's time to become a Benefactor or a Life Member!

A Land Remembered

Join Rick Smith, son of author Patrick Smith, on Sunday, February 9, at 2 p.m. as he journeys through the award-winning epic novel *A Land Remembered*, voted "Best Florida Book" for the 10th year in a row and winner of the Florida Historical Society Tebeau Prize as the "Most Outstanding Florida Historical Novel." The story, enjoyed and revered by all ages, is an eye-opener to people who think of Florida as only a vacation destination. Because *A Land Remembered* so accurately captures the spirit and colorful history of Florida, teachers often use the book to amplify their Florida history lessons.

Rick Smith will be presenting a high energy, multimedia and multi-sensory presentation about his famous father and discuss how his experiences led his father to writing his famous works. Whether you are a native Floridian, have moved here, or are visiting Florida, you will want to attend this memorable event. Since seating is limited, you may want to come early. This is a free program. Light refreshments will be served.



February Book Sale

Is your budget drained from the holidays? You won't want to miss our quarterly Book Sale on February 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the meeting rooms at Headquarters. This will be the perfect time to pick up inexpensive items for your family and friends. We'll have a huge selection of children's books, young adult and adult novels, history and educational books. Plus, you'll find video tapes, DVDs, games, and all sorts of other activities. Come early for the best selection!



New Board Members and Officers

In October, the Friends inducted new board members and officers. We welcome our new board members, from left to right (above), Michael Warren, Jessica McCune, Sandra Cooper, Nancy Young, Nicki Schwartz, and Nicolas Blaser. This year's officers are, from left to right (below), Yvonne Little, secretary; Carmen Maines, vice president; Darrell Riley, president; and April Adams, treasurer.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 9, 2014, 2 p.m.

Meet the Author's Son
Rick Smith
son of author Patrick Smith
A Land Remembered
Meeting Room C, Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

February 1, 2014, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Quarterly
Book Sale
Held in Meeting Rooms,
Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

profiles

By Ken Tipper

When he was a student at Osceola Middle School, Ocalan Todd Rudnianyn can recall walking to the main library downtown after school to do his homework, research, or just to find a good book. His father, John Rudnianyn, a real estate broker who would later play a major role in the donation of land for the Freedom Library, had an office that was just a short walk from the library. Todd remembers that he learned “a ton” and met some of his favorite authors during those library visits. Asked about his favorite author and book, he gave an unexpected answer – William Shakespeare’s “Taming of the Shrew.”

Todd, currently a management consultant in New York, graduated in 2000 from the second International Baccalaureate class to be held at Vanguard High School. His mentor was Sara Dassance, a former President of the Friends of the Ocala Library. His academic resume includes degrees from the Wharton School of Business and, most recently, a master’s from the Harvard Business School. Locally, he was involved in the devel-



opment of self-storage units and office space, and his community involvement included co-chair of Ocala 2035, founder and managing member of Neighborhood Thrift Store, and mem-

ber of the Downtown Development Commission.

With the Marion County Library System embarking on a new five-year plan and seeking input from the public, I posed this question to Todd: *What kind of library do you see for the future?* He notes that the world has changed a lot since he first started going to the library. “We can now access media on a variety of devices from nearly anywhere,” he says. “The goal would be to continue to increase our community’s access to knowledge, and I think the traditional library, which I view as a kind of community center, will maintain a central role in doing so, just in a completely novel way. I can imagine getting assistance online from my librarian, or checking out a book on an iPad or surface from anywhere. But nothing will quite match the feel of a physical book”. Al-

though a busy work schedule keeps him on the go, Todd still tries to come home every few months to the community and family he loves. **W**