

Marion County Public Library System's Quarterly Newsmagazine

Volume 5 | Issue 1 | Spring 2013

Words

ALSO IN THIS ISSUE:

profile

calendar

book review



Satisfy your hunger at this year's

Book Feast!

Readers and writers of all ages are invited to attend!

words

Marion County Public Library's
Quarterly Newsmagazine

Volume 5 | Issue 1 | Spring 2013

Marion County Public Library
2720 East Silver Springs Blvd.
Ocala, Florida 34470
352-368-4507

email: karen.jensen@marioncountyfl.org

website: <http://library.marioncountyfl.org>

Library Director: Julie Sieg

NEWSMAGAZINE STAFF:

Publisher: Friends of The
Ocala Public Library

Editor: Karen Jensen
Library Community Liaison

Writers: Morgan Brickey, Linda
Porter, Michelle Risko, Ken Tipper

Photos: Pat Lakin

Concept Team: Pat Anderson,
Karen Costello, Domina
Daughtrey, Michelle Risko,
Roseanne Russo, Lee Schwartz,
Susan Valle, Nancy Young

Distribution: Susan Valle

on the cover:

Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings at her
home in Cross Creek.

Image courtesy of the State Archives of
Florida, *Florida Memory Project*.



The Marion County Public Library System is a
department of the Marion County Board of County
Commissioners and is funded by them through
general funds. The WORDS newsmagazine is funded
by the Friends of the Ocala Public Library, Inc.

a word FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Julie Sieg
Director, Marion County
Public Library System



With this issue of *WORDS* we are playing up the food theme a bit in recognition of the upcoming program, *Book Feast!*, which is a celebration of local authors. I thought, “Why not take that food theme a little further and share with you an exciting, new, FREE service and support the food theme too!”

All of you already know that the Marion County Public Library System offers an outstanding smorgasbord of cookbooks which can be checked out to find that special recipe, explore ethnic and regional cuisine or learn helpful tips to make your favorite dish just that much better. Did you also know that we have a feast of recipes, articles, healthy living, and food related travel information — online? Our online offerings are available through an awesome online magazine service called ZINIO.

For those of you with an iPad, iPhone, PC, Mac, Android, Kindle Fire or Blackberry Playbook this new service is for you! You can download magazines or eZines for free and in many cases you can even print from the magazine. If you are interested in healthy eating or healthy living, peruse *Weight Watchers*, *Whole Living*, *Clean Eating* or *Vegetarian Times*. Do you want luscious, down-home recipes? I suggest you download *Taste of Home*. Do you want to imagine all the wonderful donut offerings around the country? *Saveur* magazine has a mouth watering article in the March 2013 issue which shares the 50 best donut shops in the United States. You can learn more about preparing food, sometimes quick and easy and sometimes complex and detailed, with *Food Network Magazine* or *Everyday Eating with Rachel Ray*.

To find these, and other, interesting online magazines go to <http://library.marioncountyfl.org> and click on the “Digital Media” tab at the top of the page. Scroll down until you see the ZINIO icon. Enjoy, what will surely become, your new-found fascination!

Julie Sieg

Did You
Know?

You can download
online magazines from
the library website. (free)

BOOK FEAST

To Whet Appetites of Readers and Writers Alike

Combine local authors, interested readers and the public library and you have a recipe for success! Kick off National Library Week (April 14-20) with a visit to the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library's "Book Feast" event (2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd.). The tasting will be held Saturday, April 13, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. with a celebration of talented writers and authors who have made Marion County central to their creative careers. What better place than Marion County Public Library to bring out the flavors of local Florida writers; the creators of prose and poetry, fiction and non-fiction, dreams and realities?



Iris Diaz (far right), author of "Cuba: Another Side of the Story," speaks with a visitor at last year's event.

The upcoming "Book Feast" is truly a smorgasbord of brain food that will fill your cravings for the craft of writing. May we suggest you taste a short story, consume a novel, drink in a biography or indulge in poetry? Whatever your menu choice, the feast is calorie free, but rich in style and infused with ideas and imagination.

As the name aptly describes, this upcoming "Book Feast" is also a Marion County Public Library salute to the local readers who support these homegrown writers. With every page you turn, you complete the

2012 AUTHOR EXPO PARTICIPANTS

Allan E. Ansonge
Kate Barnes and Sally Morrison
Carol Bartolet
Marguerite Cavanaugh
Kathryn Charles
Sheryl Cohn
Doreen Cox
Ray Cunningham
Mark Damohn
Claudine Dervaes
Iris M. Díaz
Gregory L. Didaleusky
J. David Fowler
Betty E. Gilbert
James Grady
Judy Haisten
William Hatfield
Jan H. Hitchcock
Marlene Matias Jacobowitz
Ernest H. Jernigan
Carol Jones
Evelyn B. Kelly, PhD
Kenn C. Kincaid
David Koller
M.K. Landstein
Annie Kate Gaskins Laws
Karen Estes Lowry
Don Lubov
Maritza Manresa
Madge Mason (Gunia)
John Mataya
Angelia Vernon Menchan
David Carl Mielke
Joyce Elson Moore
Jessica Nelson
Connie Neumann (Connie Mann)
Sylvia R. Norfleet
Galeigh Parkin
Randy Patton

Robert M. Pendleton
 Florise C. Pfeiffer
 R.M. Prioleau
 Maqbool Qurashi
 Tara Rae
 Gwen Rollings
 Steven L. Schrader
 Maity Schrecengost
 Joel Seaton
 Suzanne Smith
 Audrey Springer
 Tyler M. Stentiford
 M. James Strickland
 David Tegeger
 Robin Thomas
 Lucy Tobias
 Kenneth Vickery
 Carrie Yonge

writing process; you bring the work to life.

Marion, Lake, Levy, Citrus, Alachua and Sumter county area writers wishing to participate must complete and submit an application by Friday, March 15, 2013. In lieu of a percentage of book sales, there is a \$10 charge per table. A jury will review the written work of each author applicant. Notification of selection will be submitted to all authors by March 31, 2013. To obtain an application, visit the public library website at <http://library.marioncountyfl.org> or call 352-671-8551.

In 2012, 61 authors participated in the first Marion County Public Library System “book feast,” networked and shared information with the public about the field of writing. Iris Diaz, author of “Cuba: Another Side of the Story” who

attended in 2012 said, “I sold some books, but was mainly intrigued by those who stopped by the table. Some were Cubans who shared their experiences, some were elderly and had visited the pre-Castro Cuba and were eager to share memories of their visit. A couple wanted some writing tips, they had stories to tell but were unsure of how to go about the book they wanted to write. Writers are storytellers, entertainers, and catching the attention of the audience is important.”

The “Book Feast” is sponsored by the Friends of the Ocala Public Library and part of the public library’s 2013 National Library Week celebration. For more information about the “Book Feast,” visit the public library’s website at <http://library.marioncountyfl.org> or call 352-671-8551. **W**

Marion County Public Library System

Celebrates Service

National Volunteer Week will be celebrated April 21-27. This year’s theme, “Celebrate Service,” reminds us to recognize the volunteer efforts of the many teens and adults who generously share their time and talents with the Marion County Public Library System. Last year, 260 regular volunteers provided 13,874 hours of service system wide. According to the Independent Sector, Florida’s hourly value for volunteer service is \$18.66. That translates to an estimated \$258,889 worth of service to Marion County Public Library System.

How do volunteers serve their public libraries? Lots of ways. On any given day, you’ll find teens and adults shelving books and shelf reading. Volunteers help with administrative duties including data entry and provide clerical support. They read to young children through the Library Express program. And they are literally the backbone of each and every special event that the library conducts, including the Fairy Tale Festival, CREATE and many, many others.

The Marion County Public Library System salutes the men, women and teens who help enhance the efforts of library staff and enrich our lives on a daily basis. **W**



(Young Adults Leading Library Awareness)

Looking for Recruits

By Morgan Brickey

Calling all Marion County teens! If you’re a teen age 13-18, and would like to have a voice in the planning of public library teen activities, meet other teens, earn volunteer hours and just have fun, YALLA is for you! YALLA meets at the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library on the first Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m. and provides an opportunity for teens to express their opinions regarding teen library programming, suggested teen books and volunteer opportunities. For more information, contact the library at 352-671-8551. **W**

DISCOVER a Good Book!

Reviewed By Linda Porter

At his birth in a dreary upstate New York town, no one would have predicted that Richard Russo would become a bestselling novelist. Russo's mother was emotionally troubled and his father absent. While his grandparents were supportive, they could not see any future for him beyond a job in the town's staggeringly toxic leather-processing industry, just like everyone else in the family.



In his new memoir "Elsewhere," Russo gives a bitter-sweet rendition of his escape from Gloversville. Urged on and accompanied by his mother, he moved to Arizona to

attend college with the idea of becoming a writer and an academic. Their journey across the United States in a jalopy aptly named "Gray Death" is an epic itself. Russo's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, "Empire Falls," marked his success as an author, but he continued to struggle with his mother's mental illness throughout her long life. "Elsewhere" is the story of a mother's ambitions for her son and his attempts to live up to her expectations while forging a writing life of his own.

Melancholy at times, with touches of bitter-sweet humor, "Elsewhere" defines a time, a place, a family, and one man's evolution as an author. It is available at the Marion County Public Library System in regular print, large print, and as an audiobook. **W**

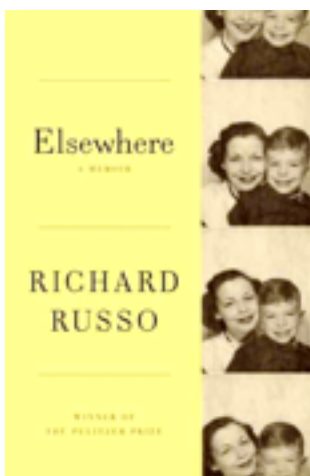
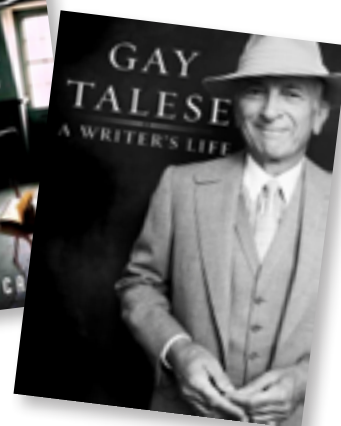


Photo by Elena Seibert. Cover art courtesy of publisher.

digging deeper

Do you have writerly ambitions? The Marion County Public Library System has memoirs by authors such as Stephen King's "On Writing" and "A Writer's Life" by Gay Talese. There are many books on developing your skills as an author in a variety of genres and styles. Guides to getting published like "The Writer's Market" are invaluable, as are magazines like "The Writer" and "The Writer's Digest." "The Writer" is available on the Library's new Zinio digital magazine collection. Check it out! **W**



program spotlight

Book Feast: An Event for Readers and Writers of All Ages!

Saturday, April 13, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Headquarters-Ocala

Kick off National Library Week with a visit to the library and meet authors from Marion County and beyond. Feast your eyes on a banquet of history, romance, personal triumphs and more! Authors will have books available for sale and personal signings.



VIVA FLORIDA 500

Down on the Old Florida Farm!

Saturday, May 4, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Headquarters-Ocala

Join in the barnyard fun and celebrate Florida agriculture — complete with chickens, ducklings and rabbits! All families welcome.

Presented by Farmland Awareness Alliance and Crone's Cradle Conserve.



The Yearling: A Special Saturday Movie Matinee

Saturday, May 4, 1 p.m.
Fort McCoy Public Library

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

Make Your Mark! A Workshop for Writers

Wednesday, May 15, 11 a.m.
Headquarters-Ocala

Planning to submit your organization's history for inclusion in the library? Having trouble honing your history to meet the 1,500 word limit? Bring your history with you and let us help with editing. Reservations are required.

MEET THE AUTHORS

Jim Strickland

"322 1/2 Whitehall Street"

Accomplished gospel singer and former member of the Oak Ridge Boys, Jim Strickland recounts his colorful early childhood when he was raised by his grandmother in a downtown Atlanta hotel.

Tuesday, March 19, 10:30 a.m.,
Bellevue Public Library

Bob Grau

"Five Million Steps on the Journey of Hope: Thru-Hiking the Appalachian Trail"



Bob Grau, a retired professor with no hiking experience or equipment, decided to attempt to thru-hike the entire length of the Appalachian Trail, a distance of 2,181 miles. Hear the tales of his 6-month journey through some of the most majestic terrain in North America!

Tuesday, March 26

10:30 a.m. Bellevue Public Library
2 p.m. Dunnellon Public Library



Tales of the Blue and Gray

Saturday, March 23, 2 p.m.
Headquarters-Ocala

Visit with Union and Confederate reenactors and come into contact with the uniforms, gear, tents and stories of that stormy period in our history.

BLURT It Out! Bellevue Library's Unique Reader's Theater

Thursday, April 18, 3:30 p.m.
Bellevue Public Library

Be part of an afternoon of live theater with Community Theater director and actor Bill Collings.

Poetry Out Loud!

Sunday, April 21, 2 p.m., Headquarters-Ocala

Celebrate life through poetry with the poets of Poetry Ocala, including Marion County's remarkable bard, Lena Lewin. Bring your favorite poem and join in!



Presidents and Their First Ladies, Dramatically Speaking

Saturday, April 27, 10:30 a.m., Dunnellon Public Library

Professional presidential portrayers William and Sue Wills bring the lives of Franklin D. and Eleanor Roosevelt to the stage.

AARP Tax-Aide

Find help with the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax assistance and preparation service assisting low- and middle-income taxpayers with routine tax returns and questions. Contact the library for information.

SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders)

Obtain free Medicare counseling through the Florida Department of Elder Affairs. Available at Forest and Belleview Public Libraries. Call for information.

HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL DAYS

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31. All libraries closed.

Maintenance Day

Friday, May 3. Headquarters-Ocala and Freedom Public Libraries closed.

Memorial Day

Monday, May 27. All libraries closed.

HEADQUARTERS-OCALA

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

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

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

Tales of the Blue and Gray

Saturday, March 23, 2 p.m.

See Program Spotlight for more information.

Book Feast: An Event for Readers and Writers of All Ages

Saturday, April 13, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

See Program Spotlight for more information.

Poetry Out Loud!

Sunday, April 21, 2 p.m.

See Program Spotlight for more information.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

The Monday Matinee

Mondays, 2 p.m., March 4-April 22

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

Co-sponsored by Golden Flake.

March 4

March 11

March 18

March 25

April 1

April 8

April 15

April 22

Earn Your GED With CTAE on the GED Bus

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 11:30 a.m.*

March 4-May 31

It's never too late to get your GED. Note: under new state guidelines, CTAE will charge fees for this service. Call CTAE at 352-671-7200 for details.

(*Schedule is in accordance with Marion County schools.)

Wired Wednesdays

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

March 6-April 24

Learn about computers and databases in these classes for adults. Space is limited.

Computers for Beginners

March 6 Intro to Computers

March 13 Basic Keyboarding

March 20 Basic Internet

Good for You!

March 27 Music From Freegal and Pandora

April 3 Online Recipe Sources

- April 10 *Reliable Medical Information*
- April 17 *Online News Sources*
- April 24 *Viral Videos*

Genealogy Help Center

*Wednesdays, 12:30-3:30 p.m.
March 6-May 29*

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

Ask Your Master Gardener About Your Florida Spring Garden

Saturday, March 9, 2 p.m.

Learn gardening techniques from our super master gardener, Jo Leyte, and make your spring garden bloom!

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

Friends of the Ocala Public Library Monthly Board Meeting

*Third Thursdays,
1 p.m.
March 21 and
April 18*

No meeting in May.

Friday Variety Hour

*Third Fridays, 1 p.m.
March 22 and April 19*

Fridays are fun days at the library for adults!

March 22 International Goof-Off Day!

April 19 Bookish Paper Crafts for Earth Day

Advanced Amaryllis Secrets With Bill Warren

*Thursday,
April 18, 11 a.m.*

Bill Warren shares his top-secret amaryllis bloom-extending techniques!

Social Security Q and A With Steven F. Libby

Wednesday, April 24, 1 p.m.

Get money smart and make Social Security work for you! Financial planner Steven F. Libby, CPA, will explain the Social Security system. Bring questions and topics of concern.

Financial Planning and Investing 101

Wednesday, April 24, 4 p.m.

Financial planner and investment guru Steven F. Libby, CPA, offers strategies for budgeting, investing and saving while still having fun.



Make Your Mark! A Workshop for Writers

Wednesday, May 15, 11 a.m.

Reservations are required. See Program Spotlight for more information.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Programs are for ages 13-18.

Manga-licious! Teen Book Club

First Tuesdays, 4 p.m., March 5 and April 2

Join in high-energy discussions about all things manga and anime.

Y'all Come to Yalla!

*First Wednesdays, 5 p.m.
March 6, April 3, May 8*

Young Adults Leading Library Awareness (YALLA) plans for future programs and services. Make the library experience a better one for all!

Bring Your Own Device Party

Wednesday, March 13, 4 p.m.

Discover the awesome services available in your virtual library including e-books, free music and audio books. Check in to the party and check out your library!

Chill on Fridays

Third Fridays, 4 p.m.

Chill at the library on Fridays this spring for a variety of fun activities.

March 22 International Goof-Off Day! Relax with games, movies and books!

April 19 Bookish Paper Crafts for Earth Day Make beautiful things out of well-used books and magazines.

Financial Planning and Investing 101

Wednesday, April 24, 4 p.m.

Get money smart! Start saving for college now! Financial planner Steven F. Libby, CPA, offers strategies for budgeting, investing and saving while still having fun.

PROGRAM FOR PARENTS

Parenting Classes

*Second Wednesdays, 5:30-7 p.m.
March 13, April 10, May 8*

Topics TBA. To register, call the Early Learning Coalition at 352-369-2315.

Co-sponsored by Success by 6.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Be Excited About Reading!

Monday-Friday, March 1-May 31, 3:30 p.m.

Spectacular Sundays for Tweens

Second Sundays, 2 p.m.

For grades 4-6. Registration required.

March 10 Time Travelers

April 14 Hoot for Hiaasen

Wacky Wednesday Make and Take for Mom

Wednesday, May 1, 2 p.m.

Surprise mom with the perfect handmade gift. For grades K-6.



Spring Break Fun

Tuesday-Friday, March 26-29, 2 p.m.

Fun and games for grades K-6 and their families.

March 26 *Movie Time*
 March 27 *Spring Crafts*
 March 28 *Wii Gaming*
 March 29 *Construction Zone*

Super Saturdays

Selected Saturdays, times vary

For grades K-6 and their families.

March 2, 10 a.m.-noon
Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss

Co-sponsored by the Marion Education Association.

April 27, 2 p.m. **Orange Festival**



May 4, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Down on the Old Florida Farm

See Program Spotlight for more information.

El día de los niños/ El día de los libros

Many Children/Many Cultures/
 Many Books

Tuesday, April 30, 3:30 p.m.

Commemorate Children's Day with books! Light refreshments will be provided.

Preschool Club

Saturday, April 6, 2 p.m.

For 3-5-year-olds and caregivers.

STORY TIMES

Each story time contains a variety of stories, finger plays, flannel boards and music often followed by hands-on activities. Caregivers must accompany children.

Terrific Three's

Tuesdays, March 12-April 23, 10:15 a.m.

Limited to 25 children.

Fabulous 4's and 5's

Tuesdays, March 12-April 23, 1:15 p.m.

Family Story Time

Tuesdays, March 12-April 23, 6:30 p.m.

For infants-age 5 with caregivers.

Toddling Two's

Wednesdays, March 13-April 24, 10:15 a.m.

Limited to 20 children.

Bouncing Babies

Thursdays, March 14-April 25, 10:15 a.m.

For infants-23 months.

Limited to 15 children.

Mother Goose on the Loose™

Third Saturdays, March 16

and April 20, 10:15 a.m.

For infants and toddlers up to 36 mo. old.

BELLEVUE PUBLIC LIBRARY

13145 SE Highway 484, Bellevue
 352-438-2500

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

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Basic Computer Classes

Thursdays, 1 p.m. March 7-April 25

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

Computers for Beginners

March 7 *Intro to Computers*

March 14 *Mouse Play*

March 21 *Basic Internet*

March 28 *Basic Email*

April 4 *Internet Searching and Printing*

April 11 *Staying Safe Online*

Level Up With Super Social Sites!

April 18 *YouTube*

April 25 *Flickr and WikiMedia*

Tuesday Movie Matinee

Tuesdays, 1 p.m., March 5-April 30

For adults and teens 13+. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by a parent. Light refreshments will be served.

Co-sponsored by Golden Flake.

March 5

March 12

March 19

March 26

April 2

April 9

April 16

April 23

April 30

Thursday Get-Togethers

Third Thursdays, 3:30 p.m.

March 21 *Amaryllis Secrets with amaryllis expert Bill Warren*

April 18 *BLURT It Out! Bellevue Library Unique Reader's Theater. See Program Spotlight for more information.*



Ask Your Master Gardener

First Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

Learn gardening techniques from the masters.

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

March 7 *Right Plant, Right Place*

April 4 *Growing Roses in Florida*

May 2 *The Potato: The Plant that Changed the World*

Friends of the Bellevue Public Library Monthly Meeting

Tuesdays, March 19, April 16, May 21, 10 a.m.

Meet the Author

Selected Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

See Program Spotlight for more information.

March 19 *Jim Strickland*

March 26 *Bob Grau*

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Chill on Tuesdays

Third Tuesdays, 4 p.m.

Chill at the library with a variety of fun activities for ages 13-18.

March 19 *Get Ready for Earth Day!*

April 16 *Poetry Unbound!*

PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES



Family Games Unplugged

First and third Thursdays, 3 p.m.

March 7-April 18

Don't be bored! Play board games!

Family Flicks

Selected Wednesdays, 2 p.m.
 March 27
 May 1

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Be Excited About Reading!

Tuesdays, March 5-April 23, 3:30-4 p.m.

Super Saturdays

Selected Saturdays, 2 p.m.
 For grades K-6 and caregivers.

March 9 Tremendous Tea Party
 April 20 Construction Zone

STORY TIMES

Each story time contains a variety of stories, finger plays, flannel boards and music often followed by hands-on activities. Caregivers must accompany children.

Babies! Babies! Babies!

Wednesdays, March 6-April 24, 11:30 a.m.
 For infants-18 months old.

Toddler Time

Thursdays, March 7-April 25, 10:30 a.m.
 For 18 months-3 years old.

Preschool Adventures

Fridays, March 8-April 26, 10:30 a.m.
 For ages 3-5.

DUNNELLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

20351 Robinson Road, Dunnellon
 352-438-2520
Programs are sponsored, either in whole or part, by the Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Friday Movie

First Fridays, 1 p.m.
 March 1, April 6, May 3
 Movies for adults and teens ages 13+. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by a parent. Refreshments will be served.
 March 1
 April 6
 May 3

Basic Computer Classes

Selected Mondays and Fridays, 10:30 a.m.-noon, March 4-April 22
 Seating is limited. Registration required.

March 4 Mouse Play
 March 8 Internet/Email
 March 11 Intro to Word
 March 18 Mouse Play
 March 22 Internet/Email
 March 25 Intro to Excel
 April 1 Mouse Play
 April 5 Internet/Email
 April 8 Intro to Word
 April 15 Mouse Play
 April 19 Internet/Email
 April 22 Intro to Excel

Friends of the Library Meetings

First Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
 March 5, April 2, May 7

Ask Your Master Gardener

Third Tuesdays, 2 p.m.
 March 19-May 21
 Learn gardening techniques from the masters! Program topics to be announced.

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

Drop-In Book Club

Third Thursdays, 11 a.m. March 21-May 16
 March 21 *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival Resilience, and Redemption* by Laura Hillenbrand
 April 18 *Cat's Table* by Michael Ondaatje
 May 16 *Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox* by Maggie O'Farrell

Meet the Author: Bob Grau and Thru-Hiking the Appalachian Trail

Tuesday, March 26, 2 p.m.
 See Program Spotlight for more information and other library presentations.

Genealogy Classes

Selected Fridays, 10:30 a.m.
 March 29, April 12, May 10
 Whether you've just begun digging up your family roots or find yourself stumped in the midst of your search, genealogy help is here in the guise of genealogist Madeleine Mitchell. Registration required.

Presidents and Their First Ladies, Dramatically Speaking

Saturday, April 27, 10:30 a.m.
 See Program Spotlight for more information.

Let's Be Creative

Tuesday, April 23, 10:30 a.m.
 Turn old picture frames into unique and fabulous jewelry holders. Registration required.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Chill on Saturdays

Selected Saturdays, 3 p.m.
 Chill at the library with a variety of fun activities for ages 13-18. Registration required.

April 27 *Games Unplugged!* Don't be bored! Play board games and other nonelectronic diversions.
 May 11 *Paper Mosaic Masterpieces* Create a paper masterpiece.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Imagination Station

Selected Wednesdays and Thursdays, 4 p.m.
 March 6-May 15
 Stories, games and crafts for children in grades K-5. Registration required.

March 6 *Tickled Pink by Pigs!*
 March 13 *Lucky Leprechauns!*
 April 11 *Where Is Peter Rabbit?*
 April 24 *Let's Go Green!*
 May 1 *Alligators All Around!*
 May 15 *Bookmark Bonanza!*

STORY TIMES

Each story time contains a variety of stories, finger plays, flannel boards and music often followed by hands-on activities. Caregivers must accompany children.

Baby Songs and Nursery Rhymes

Tuesdays, March 5-April 23, 11 a.m.
 For infants-23 months old.

Toddler Story Time

Wednesdays, March 6-May 15, 11 a.m.
 For ages 2-3.

Preschool Story Time

Fridays, March 8-May 17, 11 a.m.
 For ages 4-5.



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.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Computer Confidence

Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m.

March 6 and 20, April 3 and 17, May 1 and 15

Find answers to your
computer questions.

Forest Readers' Book Club

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

March 13-May 22

Everyone is welcome.

March 13 *Echo Park* by Michael Connelly

March 27 *The Guernsey Literary and
Potato Peel Pie Society*
by Mary Ann Shaffer

April 10 *The Rope* by Nevada Barr

April 24 *The Curious Incident of
the Dog In The Night-
time* by Mark Haddon

May 8 *The Camel Club* by
David Baldacci

May 22 *Dreamers, Schemers and
Scalawags* by Stuart B. McIver

Friends of the Forest Public Library Monthly Meeting

Third Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

March 20, April 17, May 15

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Imagination Station

Wednesday, May 1, 2:30 p.m.

For preschool-grade 6.

Friday Favorites Tween Book Club

Fridays, 3:30 p.m.

March 1-May 24 (No
program March 29)

For grades 4-6.



STORY TIMES

Each story time contains a variety of stories,
finger plays, flannel boards and music
often followed by hands-on activities.
Caregivers must accompany children.

Mother Goose on the Loose™

Selected Fridays, 11 a.m.

March 1 and 15, April 5 and 19, May 3 and 17

For infants-age 3

Family Story Time

Tuesdays, March 5-May 21, 11 a.m.

(No program March 26)

Stories and Stuff

Thursdays, March 7-May 23, 3:30 p.m.

(No program March 28)

For grades K-6.

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 the Fort McCoy Public Library Monthly Meeting

Second Thursdays, 10 a.m.

March 14, April 11, May 9

New members are welcome!



Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Yearling*

Saturday, May 4, 1 p.m.

For adults and teens ages 13+.

Anyone younger than age 13 must
be accompanied by a parent.

Light refreshments will be served.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Preschool Adventures

Selected Wednesdays,

March 6 and 13, 10:30 a.m.

Each story time contains a variety of stories,
finger plays, flannel boards and music
often followed by hands-on activities.
Caregivers must accompany children.

FREEDOM PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

Poetry on Parade!

April 1-30

Read, write, paint and love poetry
during this month-long interactive
experience. Don't miss the parade!

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Tea and Talk

Selected Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

March 22 *Florida, Read All About It!*

April 19 *The Civil War in Florida*

May 10 *Women's Health*

Friends of Freedom Public Library Monthly Meeting

First Mondays, 10 a.m.

March 4, April 1, May 6

Book Sale Thursday-Saturday,
March 28-30, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Ask Arnold! Comprehensive Computer Assistance

Thursdays, noon-2 p.m. March 7-May 30

Volunteers are available to help
with all your computer needs.

Theater Thursdays

First Thursdays, 2 p.m.

Movie matinee for adults and teens
13+. Anyone younger than age 13
must be accompanied by a parent.

March 7 *Hope Springs*

April 4 *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*

May 2 *Mommy Dearest*

Basic Computer Classes

Thursdays, 2 p.m., March 7-April 18

Tickets will be distributed
one hour prior to class.

March 7 *Email Basics*

March 14 *Internet Health Information*

March 21 *Basics for Beginners*

March 28 *How to Search*

April 4 *Document Basics*

April 11 *Email Basics*

April 18 *Internet Health Information*



PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Teen Think Tank

*Wednesdays, 4 p.m.
March 6-May 29*

Take an active role in planning library services!

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Bunny Brunch

Friday, March 15, Time TBA
In partnership with Marion County Parks and Recreation.



Library Connection!

Selected Fridays, 10:30 a.m.
Assorted activities for grades K-12.
April 12 Poetry Rocks!
May 17 Library Orientation

Florida Fiction Factory

Monday-Friday, May 13-18
A hands-on writing experience for all!

Spring Fling!

Tuesday, March 26, 2 p.m.
Games and crafts for grades K-5.

Fooling Around on April Fools!

Monday, April 1, 2 p.m.
Funny stuff and funnier food for grades K-5.

Whatever Wednesday: May Baskets!

Wednesday, May 1, 2 p.m.
Celebrate May Day! For grades K-5.

STORY TIMES

Each story time contains a variety of stories, finger plays, flannel boards and music often followed by hands-on activities. Caregivers must accompany children.

Baby and Toddler Time

Tuesdays, March 5-April 30, 10:30 a.m.
For infants-age 2.

Preschool Adventures

Thursdays, March 7-April 25, 10:30 a.m.
For ages 3-4.

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.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Ask Your Master Gardener

Third Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.
Learn gardening techniques from the masters.
Presented by UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners; UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.

March 21 Right Plant, Right Place
April 18 Growing Roses in Florida
May 16 The Potato: The Plant that Changed the World

Friends of Marion Oaks Public Library Monthly Meeting

Third Tuesdays, 11 a.m.
March 19, April 16, May 21

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss

Saturday, March 2, 2 p.m.
Tip your hat to the author of that scamp of a cat! Light refreshments will be served.

Preschool Adventures

Fridays, March 1-April 26, 10:30 a.m.
Each story time contains a variety of stories, finger plays, flannel boards and music often followed by hands-on activities. Caregivers must accompany children.

REDDICK PUBLIC LIBRARY

15150 NW Gainesville Road, Reddick
352-438-2566

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Preschool Adventures

Thursdays, March 14-April 25, 10 a.m.
Each story time contains a variety of stories, finger plays, flannel boards and music often followed by hands-on activities. Caregivers must accompany children.

EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS

Headquarters-Ocala

March Oil Paintings
by Hugh Patrick Philly
April Geometrics! presented by Ron Nelson
May Paintings by Lauren Manera

Belleview Public Library

March Making Jams and Jellies presented by Patty Grantham
Natural Scenic Photography by Norma Jean Birth
April Sons of the Confederate Veterans presented by Chuck Kadel
Paintings by Deyanira Zarate
May Postcard Collection presented by Patty Grantham
Oil Paintings by Hugh Patrick Phillip

Forest Public Library

March Vintage Florida Postcards presented by Bob Van Scotter
April Marion County History and Artifacts presented by the Marion County Museum of History and Archaeology
May Marion County Ghost Towns Photos and stories about abandoned communities from Marion County's past presented by the Friends of the Forest Public Library.

Freedom Public Library

March Ocala Art Group Selected Works Opening Reception Tuesday, March 5, 5-7 p.m.
Shell Craft by The Art of Retirement
March-May Photography by the On Top of the World Shutterbugs
April Trains presented by the Ocala Model Railroad Historical Preservation Society
May Adventures in Continuing Education presented by the Senior Learning Institute.



SNAPSHOT:

A Day in the Life of Marion County Public Library System

On January 30, 2013, the Marion County Public Library System joined hundreds of Florida libraries participating in “Snapshot: A Day in the Life of Florida Libraries.” An initiative of the Florida Library Association, the goal of “Snapshot” is to tell the story of local libraries and to showcase what happens during one day of providing services to the community.

Nine hundred thirty-seven public library visitors completed a survey stating how they use their library. Various Friends of the Library volunteers assisted with the effort of collecting surveys, taking photos and greeting the public. The following information is a compilation of the results and selected comments received that day.



“I have received my B.A. and Master’s solely because I have been able to utilize the study rooms. I am currently working on my Ph.D.”

“I come to the library to search for employment, or during the day, check DVDs VHS tapes, documentaries, online computer classes, technology books. Online nationwide job search.

“Provides a service I would not be able to have if not for the Library — I found a job thru the service.”

“I do scholastic community service hours for my high school.”

“The library is very helpful in my daily life since I constantly receive homework that only the internet can help me solve. I seriously enjoy reading, but don’t usually go to the bookstore so the library really helps with that.”

“The library helps me with homework and has helped me to help a friend learn to read.”



4,922

people visited the library

4,032

items were checked out

939

people used a computer

191

were taught computer skills

2,272

received answers to their questions

103

students were helped

33

job seekers received help

38

received help with government sites

91

children attended a program

Coming through the door to Marion Oaks Public Library's "Book Lovers' Ball."



Everyone makes crafts at the Marion Oaks Public Library's "Book Lovers' Ball."



Silver Springs photographer **Bruce Mozert** speaks at Belleview Public Library.



Children's Services manager **Nancy Young** retirement party.

Decorated Christmas tree at Headquarters-Ocala library donated by **Dr. Paul and Joyce Urban**.



Mercedes Ramirez, Damonie Jackson and Caryeon Bright at the "Book Lovers' Ball"



Carol Jenkins Barnett reading the "Polar Express" at Headquarters-Ocala.



Groundhog Day crafts at **Dunnellon Public Library**.



Bookmarks

Friends of the Ocala Public Library's News and Notes

MEET THE AUTHOR



You'll want to attend the Friends' May 5 program with author, essayist, and columnist **Jeff Klinkenberg**. As a reporter, he interviewed Marjory Stoneman Douglas and the original girl pictured on the Coppertone ads. He's also written about the The Highwaymen and the 1928 Okeechobee hurricane. He has written for the *St. Petersburg Times* (now the *Tampa Bay Times*) since 1977, and has authored a



collection of essays entitled *Pilgrim in the Land of Alligators* and an anthology called *Seasons of Real Florida*. Klinkenberg writes about Florida history and culture, weaving in stories about Florida's people. Carl Hiaasen says about Klinkenberg, "He has a rare eye for marvelous detail, and an affectionate ear for those small, wise, bittersweet voices that tell the true story of Florida." Join us as we welcome Jeff Klinkenberg on May 5.



A very special "Thank you" goes to all of the volunteers who work in our Book Market. Every day they greet and answer questions from customers, shelve books, sort and clean them, prepare for quarterly book sales, and carry out many more jobs in

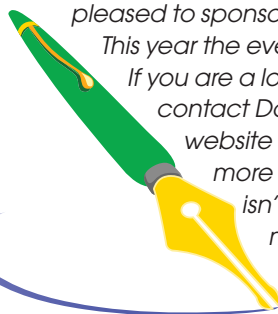
making our Book Market a marvelous success. During Volunteer Appreciation Week in April, the Friends of the Library will be hosting a luncheon for these hard-working volunteers. We thank them again for all they do for the Book Market and our library.

CALLING ALL LOCAL AUTHORS

In celebration of National Library Week, the Friends of the Ocala Library are pleased to sponsor the **Book Feast**, formerly known as the Author Expo.

This year the event will be on Saturday, April 13, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If you are a local author and would like to participate in this event, contact Domina Daughtrey at 352-671-8551 or visit the library website at library.marioncountyfl.org for an application and more information. If you are interested in books (and who isn't?), drop by during the Book Feast. You'll be treated to mysteries, novels, biographies, and all sorts of different books to keep your interest. Plus, you'll be supporting local authors. We look forward to seeing you there.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 13, 2013, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Book Feast

(formerly Author Expo)

Celebrating local authors and their books
Headquarters–Ocala Public Library

May 4, 2013, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Quarterly Book Sale

Held in Meeting Rooms,
Headquarters–Ocala Public Library

May 5, 2013, 2 p.m.

Author Jeff Klinkenberg

Telling stories of Florida's culture and people
Held in Meeting Room C, Headquarters–Ocala Public Library

Photo courtesy of jeffklinkenberg.com. Cover art courtesy of publisher.

profiles

By Ken Tipper

For more than three decades in the political arena, Kenneth Hood “Buddy” MacKay ably represented Marion County and Ocala, the town where he was born in 1933. But, retirement from politics did not mean a retreat to the proverbial rocking chair, because MacKay was then appointed by former President Bill Clinton to serve as his Special Envoy to the Americas. To this day, MacKay firmly believes that Florida should seek more trade with South American countries. He is convinced that Marion County could play a vital role in a burgeoning trade with this area, given its close proximity to I-75, and potentially making it an ideal location for an inland port. “Our future lies south—I feel that more strongly than ever,” said MacKay.

Native son MacKay was delighted with the news that the state Division of Recreation and Parks was approved for the buyout of Silver Springs. He envisions Marion County becoming a center for eco-tourism at its best, with the Greenway, the Horse Park, the Ocala National Forest, the Ocklawaha River, and the Water Management District

lands all coming together to attract nature lovers from all over the country.

As Florida launches its “Viva Florida 500” anniversary of the Spanish



occupation, MacKay had some interesting facts to relate as well. A research project undertaken by former Governor Lawton Childs’s wife Rhea revealed that Florida had more Span-

ish governors than any other state in the U.S. Mrs. Childs also unearthed a copy of a letter from the Bishop of St. Augustine to the Archbishop of Cuba about a charity opera to support Catholic hospitals in Florida. “So much Florida history was never recorded because, under Spanish rule, the state was primarily Catholic and the Protestants wrote the history books.”

Five generations of MacKays have lived and are currently living in Ocala. His grandfather came from Scotland in 1880 and made his way to Ocala where he developed the first commercial rock crusher to separate phosphate from flint rock. Buddy and his wife Anne currently reside in their home on Lake Weir. Once a familiar occupant of the Halls of Congress and in the State Capitol, MacKay keeps it simple these days. “I had a great career, but I am happy to be a private citizen again,” he said. We talked for a long time—after all, my Florida history dates back to

when Leroy Collins was governor and should at least make me an honorary Floridian? This is a title Buddy was happy to bestow upon me. **W**