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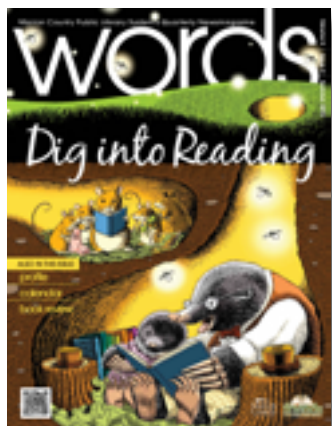
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The MCPLS invites children, teens  
and adults to attend its 2013  
Summer Library Program.



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## a word FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Julie Sieg  
Director, Marion County  
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## Hip, Hip Hoorah for Volunteers!

Last month, the Library System and various Friends of the Library groups celebrated National Volunteer Week, April 21-27. Each library and Friends group celebrated the week differently, but hopefully the message was clear: WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Our volunteers do so much to enhance the efforts of our library staff and ultimately benefit the Marion County public. Answering the telephone, shelving material, preparing story time props, editing written work, repairing damaged library material, collecting office recycling products, leading special group activities, caring for plants, filing paperwork, conducting computer training sessions, and even assisting the public with genealogy searches are just some of the many volunteer tasks that are being conducted by our faithful library volunteers. Add to that list some of the activities of our Friends of the Library volunteers (contacting the media, operating a cash register, maintaining a web page, sorting and pricing books and magazines, planning special programs, keeping track of revenue and expenditures and baking cookies) and you see the wide array of opportunities available.

Recently one of our Belleview library volunteers left a message on a display board for staff. The message read:

*I've volunteered since I was 9, even got a scholarship and was a member of Alpha Phi Omega and I have never felt more appreciated than I do here. Thank you!*

— Nick Moore

If you think you might like to volunteer at your local public library or help with the Friends of the Library, please give us a call at 352-368-4500 or check out volunteer opportunities on the library website at [library.marioncountyfl.org](http://library.marioncountyfl.org).

*Julie Sieg*

# digging for fun

*in the summer sun!*



Summer time is a perfect time for sharing lazy, barefoot days and fun, stress-free activities with the family. Are you ready to make memories? Well, you won't need to dig too deep to look for inspiration. The Marion County Public Library System has your summer checklist of events covered with this year's summer reading program, **Dig Into Reading!**

Summer reading programs encourage school-age children, teens and adults alike to maintain and improve their reading skills. This summer Marion County Public libraries are featuring exciting story times, book clubs, contests, and prizes for all ages. But **Dig Into Reading** is much more than just reading. This year the library is offering memorable programs and activities in conjunction with the **Viva Florida 500** celebration of the Spanish arrival in 1513.

Programs such as **Can You Dig It?**, **Wildlife Tree**, and **I've Been Framed**

will get your 6 to 12-year-old's creativity flowing as they spruce-up terra cotta pots, protect wildlife, and create their own picture frames to show off their summer memories. Teens are also invited to take an active role in their libraries as part of Y.A.L.L.A (Young Adults Leading Library Awareness), and they can express themselves through the **Viva Florida 500's Beneath the Surface** program.

Special guests to thrill younger children include the always entertaining JiggleMan and Bits 'N Pieces Puppet Theatre, and in keeping with the underground theme, Curious Moon Puppets will teach us how to dig a hole all the way to China. **Dig Into Reading** offers programs and activities, from Garden Gnomes to Lego Construction Zones to engage the minds of younger children.

Adults will enjoy an opportunity to **"Meet the Author"** as Connie Mann tells the story of her novel **"Angel Falls"**

## Marion County Digs Into Reading!

*June 10-July 26*  
*All library locations*

Visit any library location, check out library materials and get a chance to win prizes at the drawing July 26 at Headquarters-Ocala. Plus, for the children, reading bags and activity sheets will be distributed while supplies last.

at the Belleview Public Library. Have a family heirloom or treasure in the attic? Find out the real value from area expert **John Sikorski** at Headquarters-Ocala and Belleview Public Library locations. And for all those treasure-seekers, the Mid-Florida Historical Research and Recovery Association will tell all about metal detecting, and even where to hunt for treasures at the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library.

There really is something for everyone this summer at all Marion County Public Library System locations. Check your local branch listings for dates and times for movies, classes, story times, programs, giveaways, goodies and fun! And remember—each time you check out library materials from any Marion County Public Library branch you can register to win prizes! Call 352-671-8551 or check out our website at [library.marioncountyfl.org](http://library.marioncountyfl.org) for more information, and **Dig Into Reading** this summer! **W**

# New Library Digital Media Additions: Freegal, Freading, and Zinio

By Michelle Risko

While Freegal, Freeding and Zinio may make it sound as if Hobbits are afoot in the library, in actuality they are welcome new additions to the library's digital media catalog.

Freegal gives you access to over 3.4 million popular, current, esoteric and little known songs from Sony as well as thousands of independent recording labels. Using your library card, you are able to download music straight to your device through Freegal; the music is free, legal, and yours to keep. Your library card is also the key to over 20,000 e-books available through Freading. With Freading there is never a wait for a title, or a late fee. Download up to five books per week on your device; renew them if necessary, and when you're finished they return themselves!

Zinio is the newest addition to the library's digital media collection. Through the library, Zinio offers unlimited access to full digital copies of more than 110 magazines. Preview, read and share your favorite articles on Facebook right from your device. Zinio, like Freegal and Freading, is free to use and accessible only with your Marion County Public Library System library card. **W**



# DISCOVER a Good Book!

Reviewed By Linda Porter

The first Europeans to reach Florida discovered something the indigenous peoples already knew—Florida is a land abounding in natural resources and beauty. Ponce de León and his companions may have been the first tourists, but they were just the beginning of a parade of travelers looking to both enjoy and exploit the riches of the region.

Florida's past lies all around us, though it is sometimes partially buried by asphalt. Even densely settled areas are still yielding archaeological treasures. In his 2012 book, "Digging Miami," Robert S. Carr, Executive Director of the Archaeological and Historical Conservancy, reveals the rich 11,000-year history of the area. Carr begins with Miami's prehistory as the watery homeland of a few thousand Tequesta Indians, and covers through the current period along with a lively description of the challenges of doing archaeology in a place of constant construction and demolition.



trayal, and the World's Most Beautiful Orchid." Silver Winner of the 2012 Florida Book Award in the Florida Nonfiction category, Pittman's book is an entertaining mix of true crime and nature writing. The combination of international corruption, extreme competition, and legal shenanigans involving the protection and misappropriation of rare plants

makes for a riveting story.

Interested in exploring a little known aspect of Florida history? Take a look at "Florida Cowboys: Keepers of the Last Frontier" by Ward Carlton Jr. This fascinating and beautifully illustrated book keeps alive the rapidly disappearing tradition of cowboy life on the lush grasslands of our state, home to several endangered species as well as cattle and horses. **W**



Cover art courtesy of publishers.

## digging deeper

So many books, so little time! The Marion County Public Library System is now offering a new online service, **Next Reads**. Sign up for e-newsletters and get great book suggestions by email. The e-newsletters provide brief reviews of books in a variety of interest categories and age-appropriate reading levels, such as armchair travel, business and personal finance, historical fiction, picture books, teen scene, and many more.

You'll also be able to check immediately to determine if the items are available at your local library or they've been checked out. **W**



# program spotlight



## Marion County Digs Into Reading!

*June 10-July 26 All library locations*

Visit any library location, check out library materials and get a chance to win prizes at the drawing Friday, July 26, at Headquarters-Ocala. Plus, for the children, reading bags and activity sheets will be distributed while supplies last.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Fort McCoy Public Library Celebrates!

*Saturday, June 1, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., all ages*

*Fort McCoy Public Library*

Celebrate the past and present with a town party as we applaud the expansion of the Fort McCoy Public Library! Events will include a dedication of the new children's room, a historical

exhibit of Fort McCoy and family activities including face painting, crafts, games and more. Refreshments will be served. Fun for the whole family!

### Comic Connection!

*Saturday, June 8, 1-3 p.m., for teens, tweens and adults*

*Headquarters-Ocala*

Savvy, graphic-novel enthusiasts and newbies to the world of Gotham come together! Attend in your favorite comic-themed gear and marvel at all things comic-related.

### Dig In and Cache Out!

*June 10-July 26, all ages*

*All library locations*

Participate in a county-wide geocaching extravaganza and discover the caches concealed at the libraries. Look at the Marion County Public Library System's geocache

holdings on [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com). Find the hidden prizes!

### Stories Alive! With Windell Campbell

*Saturday, June 22, 10:30 a.m., all ages*

*Historic Reddick Gymnasium/ Reddick Public Library*

Professional storyteller Windell Campbell enchants kids and adults with his lively and hilarious tales, puppets and antics. Loads of audience participation included. Fun for all! Program will be held at the Historic Reddick Gym, 15200 NW Gainesville Road. Light refreshments will be served at the library following the performance.



## FOR FAMILIES

### Curious Moon Puppet Theatre

*Saturday, June 15*

*10:30 a.m. Dunnellon Public Library, all ages*

*2 p.m. Headquarters-Ocala, grades K-6 and families. Limited seating.*

Join Curious Moon Puppets as they dig a hole to China to unearth wonderful stories to share with you!





### Bits 'N Pieces Puppet Theatre Presents "The Selfish Giant"

Wednesday, July 17, 10:30 a.m.

Fort McCoy Public Library

The Selfish Giant finds that true happiness includes the laughter of children. A Make 'n Take puppet workshop will follow the show.

### Wildlife Tree

Saturday, July 20



11 a.m. Dunnellon Public Library, all ages  
2 p.m. Headquarters-Ocala, grades K-6 and families. Limited seating.

Go on a safari with us in search of "creatures we dig" at this live wildlife show.

### JiggleMan!

Wednesday, July 24, 2 p.m.

Freedom Public Library

Absolutely amazing performance! Laughter is guaranteed!

### FOR TEENS

#### Y'all come to Y.A.L.L.A.

Be a part of your library and

make the library experience a better one for all! Join Young Adults Leading Library Awareness (Y.A.L.L.A.)!

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.

Headquarters-Ocala (Y.A.L.L.A. 1) Selected Wednesdays, 5 p.m., June 5 and Aug. 7

Belleview Public Library (Y.A.L.L.A. SOUTH)

First Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m., June 5-Aug. 7

Freedom Public Library (Y.A.L.L.A. FREE)

Wednesdays, 1 p.m. June 5-July 24

### FOR ADULTS

#### Meet the Author: Connie Mann

Thursday, June 20, 3:30 p.m.

Belleview Public Library

A local author tells the story of her novel, "Angel Falls," and its 10-year journey to publication. She'll also offer encouragement, suggestions and practical tips for anyone chasing a creative dream. She'll answer any questions about the writing process, the life of an author and how she balances that with her "other" life as a USCG-licensed boat captain.

**YALLA!**



### John Sikorski Live!

Friday, June 21, 1 p.m.

Headquarters-Ocala

Thursday, July 18, 3:30 p.m.

Belleview Public Library

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



### Unearthing Florida History!

Friday, July 19, 1 p.m.

Headquarters-Ocala

Wonder what valuables may be right in your backyard? The Mid-Florida Historical Research and Recovery Association will tell you all about metal detecting, including where to hunt for treasures!

### FOR JOB HUNTERS

#### Job Club With Service Source

First and third Fridays, noon-1 p.m.

June 7-Aug. 16

Belleview Public Library

Network with others! Research has shown that job searchers who participate in a job club find new employment faster. Participants enjoy enhanced learning, moral support, networking, job leads and accountability.

#### Workforce Connection Mobile Resource Unit

Selected Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

June 11 and 25,

July 9 and 23, Aug. 6 and 20

Belleview Public Library

Workforce Connection's staff-supported Mobile Resource Unit provides job-seeker services including assistance with job searches, resumes, online employment applications, registration with Employ Florida Marketplace, career research and more.

### HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL DAYS

#### Independence Day

Thursday, July 4. All libraries closed.

#### Maintenance Day

Friday, Aug. 9. Headquarters-Ocala and Forest Public Libraries closed.

# HEADQUARTERS-OCALA

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

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by the Friends of the Ocala Public Library.

## PROGRAMS FOR TEENS, TWEENS AND ADULTS

### Comic Connection

Saturday, June 8, 1-3 p.m.

See Program Spotlight for details.

## PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

### Genealogy Help Center

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

June 5-June 26

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 be here to assist you with your quest.

### Help Center for E-Books and Digital Audio

Wednesdays, 2-3:30 p.m.

June 5-Aug. 28

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

### The Monday Matinee

Mondays, 2 p.m.

Movies for adults and teens ages 13 and older. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Light refreshments will be served.  
Co-sponsored by Golden Flake.

June 10

June 17

June 24

July 1

July 8

July 15

July 22

### Wired Wednesdays

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

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

### Computers for Beginners

June 12 *I Turned on My Computer, Now What?*



June 19 *Hunt and Peck:*

*Intro to Keyboarding*

June 26 *Finding It! Intro to the Internet*

July 3 *Word Up! Intro to Microsoft Word*

### Dig Deeper!

July 10 *Unearth New Languages: Transparent Language Online*

July 17 *Get Down and Dirty: Home Improvement Reference Center and Automotive and Small Engine Repair*

July 24 *Discover New Books with NoveList Plus*

### Friends of the Ocala Public Library Monthly Board Meeting

Third Thursdays, 1 p.m. June 20 and July 18

### Friday Variety Hour

Selected Fridays, 1 p.m.

Fridays are fun days at the library for adults and teens ages 13 and older!  
See Program Spotlight for details.

June 21 *John Sikorski Live!*

July 19 *Unearthing Florida History!*



### Earn Your GED With CTAE on the GED Bus

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

July 8-Aug. 31

It's never too late to get your GED. Call CTAE at 352-671-7200 for details.

### Ask Your Master Gardener about Fall Flowers and Vegetables

Saturday, July 13, 2 p.m.

Get the dirt on your fall garden with master gardener Jo Leyte.

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

## PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

### Manga-licious! Teen Book Club

Selected Tuesdays, 4 p.m.

June 4 and Aug. 6

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

### Y'all Come To Y.A.L.L.A!

Selected Wednesdays, 5 p.m., ages 13-18

June 5 and Aug. 7

Be a part of the planning team, meet other teens, and have fun while earning volunteer hours.

See Program Spotlight for details.

### Teen Summer Movie Fest

Tuesdays, 5 p.m.

Movies for teens ages 13 and older. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Light refreshments will be served.

June 11

June 18

June 25

July 2

July 9

July 16

July 23

### Zombie Prep 101

Fourth Thursdays, 2-4 p.m.

Organize before they rise! Discover disaster preparedness that works for all sorts of zombie situations!

June 27 *Zombie Preparedness*

July 25 *Zombie Apocalypse*





## Summer Writing Help

*Selected Tuesdays, 2 p.m.*

*July 16 and July 30*

Need help with a summer project? Work with library staff to find inspiration and reliable resources to get you out of the summer slump and into the new school year. Bring your summer assignments and we'll give you the extra push you need to conquer them!

## PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

### Preschool Club

*First Saturdays, 2 p.m.*

*June 1, July 6, Aug. 3*

Enjoy fun-filled books, activities and games. For ages 3-5 and caregivers.

### Super Saturdays

*Selected Saturdays, 2 p.m.*

For children in grades K-6 and their families. Limited seating. Free tickets may be picked up 30 minutes prior to the program.

*See Program Spotlight for details.*

*June 15 Curious Moon Puppet Theatre Presents "Digging to China"*

*July 20 Wildlife Tree*

## Dig Into Reading!

Mine the mind and dig into some new adventures!

### Story Miners

*Wednesdays, 2 p.m., grades K-3*

*June 19 Under the Earth*

*June 26 Dig Into Art*

*July 3 Dig Into Gaming*

*July 10 Gnome Zone*

*July 17 I Dig Building!*

*July 24 Dig Into the Past*

### READ-iologists

*Wednesdays, 2 p.m., grades 4-6.*

*June 19 Relic Hunters*

*June 26 Dig Into Art*

*July 3 Dig Into Gaming*

*July 10 Underground Worlds*

*July 17 I Dig Building!*

*July 24 Just Dig It*

## Tween Thursdays Book Club

*Thursdays, 2 p.m.*

*June 20-July 25, grades 4-6.*

*No meeting July 4.*

Dig into old and new books. Share your favorites!

## Family Friday Flicks

*Fridays, 2 p.m.*

For children in grades K-6 and their families.

*June 21*

*June 28*

*July 5*

*July 12*

*July 19*

*July 26*

## STORY TIMES

### Family Story Time

*Tuesdays, June 18-July 23, 6:30 p.m.*

*Wednesdays, June 19-July 24, 10:15 a.m.*

A variety of stories, finger plays, flannel boards and music for infants-age 5. Caregivers must accompany children.

## BELLEVUE PUBLIC LIBRARY

13145 SE Highway 484, Belleview  
352-438-2500

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## PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

### Crafts for a Cause

*Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-noon*

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

## PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

### Tuesday Movie Matinee

*Tuesdays, 1 p.m.*

For adults and teens 13, and older. Anyone under age 13 must be accompanied by a parent. Light refreshments will be served.

*Co-sponsored by Golden Flake.*

*June 4*

*June 11*

*June 18*

*June 25*

*July 2*

*July 9*

*July 16*

*July 23*

### SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders)

*Second and fourth Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.*

*June 12-Aug. 28*

Obtain free Medicare counseling through the Florida Department of Elder Affairs.

### Thursday Get-Togethers

*Third Thursdays, 3:30 p.m.*

*See Program Spotlight for details.*

*June 20 It's Always Too Soon to Quit: The Journey of Author Connie Mann*

*July 18 John Sikorski Live!*

### Genealogy Help Center

*Third Thursdays, 1-3 p.m.*

*June 20-Aug. 15*

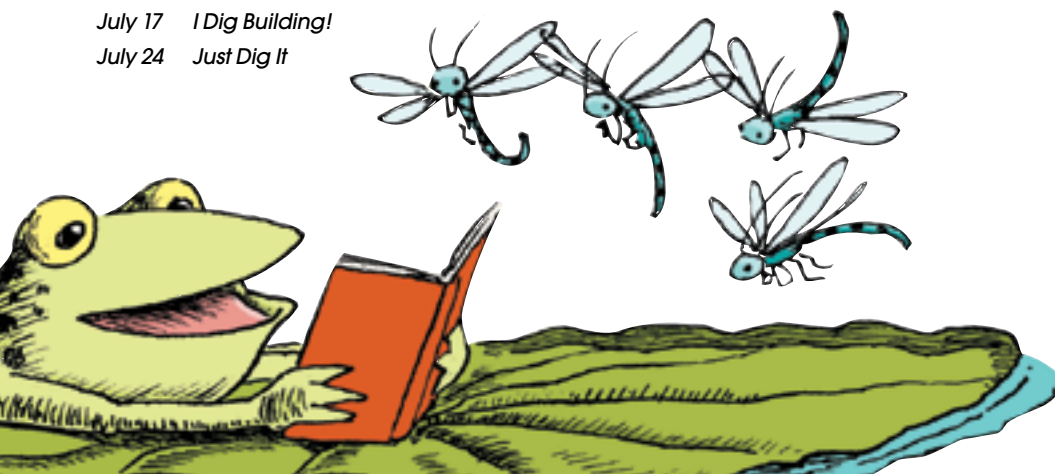
Whether you've just begun digging up your family roots or find yourself stumped in the midst of your search, genealogy help is here! Genealogy gurus from the Genealogy Roundtable will assist you with your quest.

### Native Plant Jamboree

*Last Mondays, 6-8 p.m.*

*June 24 and July 29*

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



**PROGRAMS FOR TEENS**

**Fun Fridays**

*Fridays, 2 p.m.*

A variety of fun activities for ages 13-18.

- June 14 Journaling With Connie Mann and Janet Maidment*
- June 21 Florida Native Plants With Taryn Evans*
- June 28 The Harley Olson Miniature Kite-Making Experience*
- July 12 Zombie Invasion*
- July 19 Discovering Polymer Clay With Harley Olson*
- July 26 Demystifying Geocaching With Sally Smith*

**Y'all Come To Y.A.L.L.A South**

*First Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m.*

*June 5-Aug. 7*

Be a part of the planning team, meet other teens, and have fun while earning volunteer hours.

*See Program Spotlight for details.*

**PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES**

**Family Flicks**

*Tuesdays, 10 a.m.*

Movie fun for the whole family!

- June 11*
- June 18*
- June 25*
- July 2*
- July 9*
- July 16*
- July 23*

**The Ice Cream Man Cometh Back-to-School Special!**

*Saturday, Aug. 17, 2 p.m.*

Ice cream aficionado Jim Phillips shares his collection of Americana ice cream memorabilia and scoops of his delicious ice cream.

**PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN**

**Dig Into Reading!**

*Thursdays, 10-11 a.m.*

Mine the mind and dig into some new adventures! Ages 6-12 years.

- June 13 Fun With The Florida Teaching Zoo*
- June 20 Gardening with the Florida Native Plant Society*
- June 27 Digging Ancient Egypt*
- July 11 Hot Diggity Dinosaur*
- July 18 Treasure Hunting!*
- July 25 Digging Bats With Shari Blisset-Clark*

**DUNNELLON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

20351 Robinson Road, Dunnellon  
352-438-2520

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**PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS**

**Friday at the Movies**

*First Fridays 1 p.m.*

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

*June 7*

*July 5*

**Drop-In Book Club**

*Third Thursdays, 11 a.m.*

*June 20, July 18, Aug. 15*

**Let's Be Creative!**

*Tuesday, July 23, 10:30 a.m.*

Create personalized cards. Materials will be provided for two cards. Registration required.

**PROGRAMS FOR TEENS AND TWEENS**

**Beneath the Surface!**

*Selected Tuesdays, 3 p.m., ages 12-18 years*

Tunnel into the far reaches of your brain! Registration required.

*June 25 I've Been Framed*

*July 16 Gardening: Can You Dig It?*

**PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES**

**Construction Zone**

*Thursday, June 13, 2-3:30 p.m.*

Come build with us!

**Super Saturdays**

*Selected Saturdays and times*

*See Program Spotlight for details.*

*June 15, 10:30 a.m. Curious Moon Puppets*

*July 20, 11 a.m. Wildlife Tree*

**Family Flicks**

*Friday, June 21, 2 p.m.*

**Family Story Time**

*Selected Thursdays, 11 a.m.*

*June 27 and July 11*

Reading is fun with books, music, and flannel boards for toddlers and preschoolers.

**PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN**

**Dig Into Reading!**

*Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.*

Mine the mind and dig into some new adventures! Ages 6-12 years.

*June 19 Get Gardening*

*June 26 Eat Your Veggies*

*July 3 Wiggling Worms*

*July 10 One Potato, Two Potato*

*July 17 Ants at My Picnic*

*July 24 Animals Underground*

**Arts and Crafts**

*Selected Tuesdays, 3 p.m.*

Registration required. Ages 6-12 years.

*June 18 Garden Gnomes*

*July 9 Perfect Pots for Plants*

**Kids Discover Bats**

*Friday, July 26, 11 a.m.*

Explore the world of these small mammals with Shari Blisset-Clark and Bat Belfrys, Inc.

**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.*

*June 5 and 19, July 3 and 17, Aug. 7 and 21*

Do you have questions about email, the Internet, databases, etc.? Build your confidence at these drop-in sessions and have your computer questions answered.

**Forest Readers Book Club**

*Second and fourth Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.*

Everyone is welcome to participate in these discussions. Bring a friend and join in the fun.

*June 12 The Creek by J. T. Glisson*



*June 26 What Alice Forgot by Liane Moriarty*

*July 10 Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston*



*July 24 Knit One, Kill Two by Maggie Sefton*

*Aug. 14 Homosassa Shadows by Ann Turner Cook*



*Aug. 28 The Devil in the White City by Erik Larson*

## PROGRAMS FOR TEENS AND TWEENS

### Beneath the Surface

*Selected Fridays, 2:30 p.m.*

Tunnel into the far reaches of your brain! Ages 12-18 years.

June 21 *Hobbit Hoopla*

July 12 *Steampunk Creations*

July 26 *Zombie Fest!*

## PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

### Wednesday Movie Matinee

*Selected Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m.*

June 19

July 10

July 17

### Family Fun Time

*Selected Thursdays, 2:30 p.m.*

Stay active and feed your brain! For all ages.

June 20 *It's a Hoot with OWLS-Ocala*

June 27 *Construction Zone!*

July 11 *Art Van Go*

July 18 *Tai Chi Demonstration*

July 25 *Pirate Party AARGH!*

## PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

### Dig Into Reading!

*Tuesdays, 2:30 p.m.*

Mine the mind and dig into some new adventures! Ages 6-12 years.

June 18 *Burrowers*

June 25 *Just Dig It!*

July 2 *Grown and Eaten in Florida*

July 9 *Digging Into the Past*

July 16 *Under the Earth*

July 23 *Buried Treasure*

## STORY TIMES

A variety of stories, finger plays, flannel boards and music for infants-age 5. Caregivers must accompany children.

### Mother Goose on the Loose™

*First and third Fridays, 11 a.m.*

June 7 and 21, July 5 and 19

Nursery rhyme merriment!  
Infants-3 years.

### Family Story Time

*Tuesdays, June 18-July 23, 11 a.m.*

## FORT M<sup>°</sup>COY PUBLIC LIBRARY

14660 NE Highway 315, Fort M<sup>°</sup>Coy  
352-438-2560

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## PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

### Fort McCoy Public Library Celebrates!

*Saturday, June 1, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., all ages*

A celebration, a dedication and fun for the whole family!

*See Program Spotlight for details.*

## PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

### Dig Into Reading!

*Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.*

Mine the mind and dig into some new adventures! Ages 6-12 years.

June 19 *Pirate Tales and Treasure Hunts!*

June 26 *Movie*

July 3 *We Dig Florida Music Fun*

July 10 *Random Playhouse Theatre*

July 17 *Bits 'N Pieces Puppet Theatre*

*presents "The Selfish Giant"*

*See Program Spotlight for details.*

July 24 *Dig Deep Inside Yourself Talent Show*

## FREEDOM PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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## SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR ALL AGES

### JiggleMan!

*Wednesday, July 24, 2 p.m.*

Tons of wiggly fun.

*See Program Spotlight for details.*

## PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

### Ask Arnold! Comprehensive Computer Assistance

*Thursdays, noon-2 p.m.*

June 6-Aug. 29

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

## Groundbreaking Reads!

*Selected Fridays, 10:30 a.m.*

Summer reading for adults. Light refreshments will be served.

June 14 *Bucket Books*

July 12 *Florida Cooks*

## Friends of Freedom Public Library Meeting

*Monday, Aug. 5, 10 a.m.*

New members are always welcome!

## Computer Classes

*Thursdays, 2 p.m.*

Seating is limited. Tickets are required and will be distributed starting at 1 p.m. on the day of each class.

Aug. 15 *Basics for Beginners*

Aug. 22 *How to Search*

Aug. 29 *Document Basics*

## PROGRAM FOR TEENS

### Y'all Come To Y.A.L.L.A FREE and Summer Reading Work Zone

*Wednesdays, 1 p.m. June 19-July 24*

Be a part of the planning team, meet other teens, and have fun while earning volunteer hours. Ages 13-18 years.

*See Program Spotlight for details.*



**PROGRAMS FOR TEENS AND TWEENS**

**Beneath the Surface!**

*Selected Wednesdays, 3 p.m.*  
Tunnel into the far reaches of your brain! Ages 12-18 years.

- June 19 *Art Rocks!*
- June 26 *Geocaching*
- July 10 *Explore the Subculture*
- July 17 *You Rock Pizza Party!*

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES**

**Monday Matinee!**

*Selected Mondays, 2 p.m.*  
June 10  
June 17  
June 24  
July 8  
July 15  
July 22

**Game On!**

*Saturdays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.*  
June 15-July 20  
Unplug the family! Celebrate Saturdays with board games.

**PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN**

**Pajama Party!**

*Tuesdays, 6 p.m., all ages*  
June 18-July 23. No program July 2.  
Wear your pjs, settle down and snuggle up to an evening with stories and more. Light refreshments will be served.

**Dig Into Reading!**

*Thursdays, 2 p.m.*  
Mine the mind and dig into some new adventures! Ages 6-12 years.

- June 20 *Dig Florida!*
- June 27 *Digging Up Trouble!*
- July 11 *Get Down, Get Dirty!*
- July 18 *Everyone Digs Florida!*
- July 25 *Just Dig It!*



**MARION OAKS PUBLIC LIBRARY**

294 Marion Oaks Lane, Ocala  
352-438-2570

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**PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN**

**Dig Into Reading!**

*Thursdays, 2 p.m.*  
Mine the mind and dig into some new adventures! Ages 6-12 years.

- June 6 *Green Thumbs*
- June 13 *Dinosaurs Roam*
- June 20 *Ants Go Marching*
- June 27 *Trouble With Trolls*
- July 11 *Rocks in My Socks*
- July 18 *X Marks the Spot*

**REDDICK PUBLIC LIBRARY**

15150 NW Gainesville Road, Reddick  
352-438-2566

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES**

**Stories Alive! With Windell Campbell**

*Saturday, June 22, 10:30 a.m.*  
*Historic Reddick Gymnasium/Reddick Public Library*  
Everyone is invited!

*See Program Spotlight for details.*

**PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN**

**Dig Into Reading!**

Stories, games and activities for grades K-6

*Selected Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.*

- June 20 *Under the Earth*
- June 27 *Gnome Zone*
- July 11 *Dig Into the Past*
- July 18 *Calling All Diggers*

**EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS**

**Headquarters-Ocala**

- June **International Plastic Modeling Society**
- July **Mid-Florida Historical Research and Recovery Association**
- August **College of Central Florida International Film Festival**

**Belleview**

- June **Micro-chalk sculptures** by Mauricio Dogue.
- Miniature Watercolor Paintings** by Randi Cunningham
- July **Fiber Art** by Belleview Crafts Club
- Paintings** by The Art Club of Belleview
- August **Quilting** by The Busy Bees Sewing Club
- Pottery** by Jud Spence

**Forest Public Library**

- June **Envelope Design Contest Entries**
- July **Forest Wildlife Photographs** by Robert Kain
- August **Native Florida Plants** by Friends of the Forest Public Library

**Freedom Public Library**

- June-July **Dig Into Children's Art**
- June-August **Photography** by On Top of The World Shutterbugs





## Best Buy and Young Adult Library Services Association Grant Targets the Digital Divide for Teens

by Heather Ogilvie

A check for \$2,000 from Best Buy and Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) will help expand programs and improve digital services provided to teens at the Freedom Public Library. The check was presented to library staff and Friends of the Freedom Public Library at the Grand Opening of Ocala's newest Best Buy Mobile Store on State Road 200.

The grant funding was provided by the American Library Association through the YALSA division's Best Buy program. Partnership efforts between Best Buy and YALSA are focused on

closing the digital divide for teens.

"This partnership is so important to YALSA because it helps us make strides toward fulfilling our mission of expanding and strengthening library services for and with teens," said Jack Martin, YALSA President.

Freedom Public Library teens will be introduced to the new technology, which will include gaming and film-making equipment, during summer programming on selected Wednesdays. Contact the Freedom Public Library at 352-438-2580 or check out the "WORDS" calendar listings. **W**



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.A.L.L.A. is still recruiting new members! If you are a teen between the ages of 13-18, have a desire to influence library programming, earn volunteer hours, or looking for a new place to meet people and do different things, come out and join us! In the past few meetings we designed a graphic novel-themed display board for the Young Adult room, decided on summer programming (a zombie survival program and comic book festival are both scheduled because of Y.A.L.L.A. input) and had delicious snacks! Y.A.L.L.A. meets at the Headquarters-Ocala library on the first Wednesday of every month at 5 p.m. For more information contact the library at 671-8551.



Looking for a new way to connect with your library?

Find the Marion County Public Library System on Facebook and Twitter! Experience even more access to information about library programs, events and new books. "Like" us today and enjoy every single second of fun and information at your library!

"Book Feast" at the Headquarters-Ocala library.



Getting ready to load —"Tales of the Blue and the Gray."

Getting creative with frames at Dunnellon Public Library.



"Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss" party at Headquarters-Ocala library.



2013 Marion County Citizens Academy class participants tour the library.



**NEW LIBRARY SUPERVISORS:** (L-R) Roseanne Russo, Branch Services Manager; Karen Kociemba, Collections Development Librarian; Lee Schwartz, Belleview Branch supervisor; Diane Johnson, HQ Children's Services Division Manager; Domina Daughtrey, HQ Information Services Division Manger

Aiden Landrum milks a cow "Down on the Farm" at HQ-Ocala library.



# Bookmarks

Friends of the Ocala Public Library's News and Notes



**THANK YOU,  
Book Market Volunteers!**

On April 23, 2013, the Friends honored the Book Market volunteers with a special luncheon. Without our ambitious volunteers, it would be impossible to fund many of the special library events, classes, and activities that we are currently supporting. We continue to give them a big THANK YOU. They are very special to us and our library.



What an exciting gathering of local authors we had in April!

*The Book Feast, held on April 13 at Headquarters and sponsored by the Friends, celebrated writers and readers in our community. A whirlwind of activity resulted, with authors and patrons discussing and reading books.*



Are you still finding things from spring cleaning? You can say goodbye to them easily by donating items to the "Store for Good" program. Drop off your unwanted, gently-used, and in good condition items at **Neighborhood Storage Location 1** at 310 NE 25th Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34470, during business hours between June 3 and June 12, 2013. All items donated will be sold at public auction and the proceeds will be donated to the Friends of the Library. How easy is that?! Thanks for donating and for helping us help our wonderful library. For more information, call 352-629-0325.

## Books and More!

Don't miss our **Quarterly Book Sale** on August 3, 2013, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. We'll have plenty of good novels, along with educational books, that you can enjoy reading. Are the kids bored? Join us at the Book Sale for a great selection of children's and teens' books too. We'll also have cookbooks, videos, and more. You name it; we'll probably have it. See you there!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 3-12, 2013

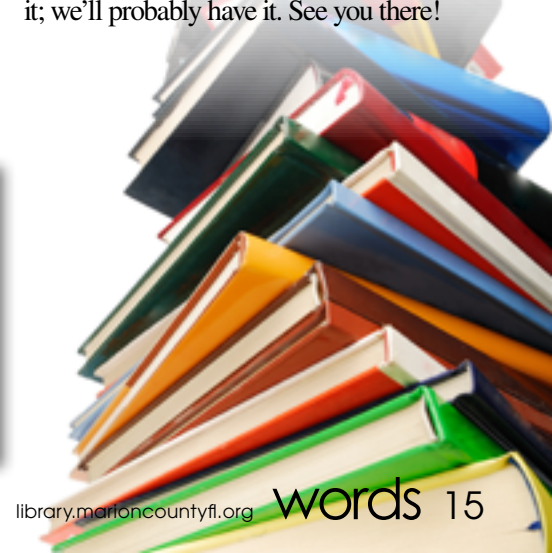
### **Store for Good**

Neighborhood Storage Location 1  
320 NE 25th Ave, Ocala  
Donations accepted  
Mon-Sat 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sun 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

August 3, 2013, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### **Quarterly Book Sale**

Held in Meeting Rooms,  
Headquarters-Ocala Public Library



# profiles

By Ken Tipper

A Marion County family has made a significant contribution to the Viva Florida 500 initiative that celebrates the many people, places and historical events that have shaped this great state. Drs. Ashley and Michelle White and their son Ethan's extensive collection of Spanish artifacts, discovered on their 700-acre White Ranch, is now on display at the Appleton Museum of Art through the end of the year.

The White collection confirms that Hernando de Soto, 700 soldiers, 200 horses, and a herd of long-legged pigs made the trek from Cuba through Marion County in 1539 on a mission to conquer what the Spanish referred to as "La Florida." The collection includes many exciting finds, such as coins dating back to 1471, lead shot from the matchlock firearm called an arquebus, and iron crossbow points (bolts). The coin collection is the largest to be found on the American mainland to date.

Drs. Ashley and Michelle White, who retired as head and neck pathology surgeons in 1998, are proud of the fact that the White Ranch is the oldest continuous ranch farmland in North America. Apart from their ongoing search for additional evidence of De Soto in Marion County, they are work-



ing to promote an improved breed of cattle and have purchased 4,200 acres of land for conservation.

Dr. Ashley White serves as a member of the College of Central Florida Advisory Board for the Appleton Museum of Art, as well as a board member and trustee for the Archaeological Institute of America. Dr. White is surprised that their find was a much bigger story in Spain, Ireland and England than here in the United States. "Maybe the general public doesn't

realize that the United States had a long history before the arrival of the Pilgrims," he surmised.

The De Soto collection is well worth seeing. Go into the Appleton Museum by a side entrance, as extensive renovations are under way in the main entrance. And don't be at all surprised if Dr. Ashley White is around to expound upon this wonderful collection that marks such a significant era in Florida's history. **W**