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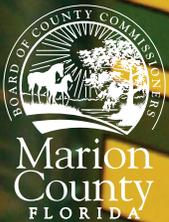
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Noah Stokes is ready to go back to school.
Photo by Steve Floethe



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a word FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Julie Sieg • Director, Marion
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Back to school! That is what so many of us are thinking about at this time of year whether we have a child starting back to school, family members who are teachers or work in retail where school supplies are sold, or simply dread the added traffic each morning. We may look forward to the routine that school can bring or we may wish for the time to sleep in late. In my case it is most of the above. I have a teenager beginning eighth grade. Wow how time flies!

One reason I look forward to the new school year and the routine it brings is our time together each morning in the car. You might wonder... teenager? An early morning ride to school? Why would anyone look forward to this? We have a 30-minute drive each morning. This is our time to listen to books together. You heard that right, we absolutely love audiobooks! We have been listening to audiobooks each morning for the last nine years. As soon as my son gets in the car, he wants to listen. Over the years we have enjoyed so many riveting stories which neither of us would likely have read on our own. For my son, listening to audiobooks has exposed him to important historical periods, advanced vocabulary, interesting interpersonal scenarios, wonderfully descriptive language, and some great literature. Listening to audiobooks has also improved his listening skills and begins his day in a calm, attentive environment.

For those of you who also have a bit of a drive each morning or for those of you who are planning a road trip, try selecting an audiobook the whole family can enjoy. If you have beginning readers, you may even want to check out the book to go along with the audiobook so that your child can read along and follow the narrator. Our library has a great selection from early readers to juvenile favorites to young adult classics and adult best sellers. Check one out and make your car ride enjoyable!

Julie Sieg

Did You Know?

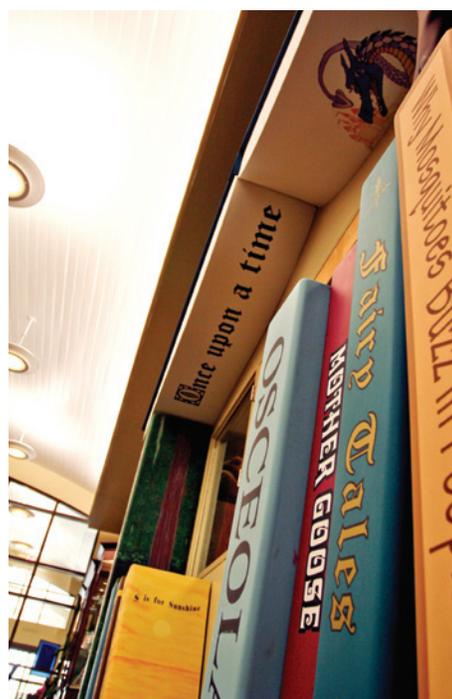
Did you know that you
can trace your family
tree at the library?

Back to School:

Reading, Writing and Databases By Michelle Risko

For folks with children, August marks the end of summer, with families returning from vacations with cooling sunburns and back-to-school expect-

ancy. The first days of a new school year loom large for nervous parents of kindergarteners and college freshmen alike.



but don't have the money for a special course? The library's online databases also include Learning Express, a test preparation and practice exam database for the FCAT, GED,



August is a time of transition for the Marion County Public Library System, too. Summer programming has ended, books from summer reading lists are back on the shelves and Library staff is gearing up to support students in their new educational endeavors. As you begin this journey, keep in mind that the librarian is your best partner and your library card your best school supply.

Did you know you're able to access your library account from your home computer? With your library card number and PIN, you can shop the library's entire catalog and use the library's databases. This will be

a great help when trying to come up with a topic for your next great school report. Research and reference is made easier with the **Marion County Public Library System Online Databases**. The database collection includes a wealth of informational and instructional resources and aids. With these databases, you will have access to information on multiple subjects, including history, pop culture, earth science, literature, and biology. It's all right there — day or night — wherever you may be.

SAT, ACT, U.S. Citizenship exams, and much more.

The library's catalog and database collection are conveniently located on the Marion County Public Library web site at <http://library.marion-countyfl.org>. For information about accessing your account online or getting a PIN number, please call the Marion County Public Library System Headquarters at 352-671-8551.

Don't let the stress of a new school year get you down! Academic assistance and success is at your library and right at your fingertips. **W**

Want to improve your test scores

Library Study Rooms

Open Future Doors

By Lucy Beebe Tobias

Marie Gerber remembers her retirement party in 1990 and being asked what happens next?

“I said I wanted to teach adults to read after I retired. I love to read. I cannot imagine someone going through life and, for whatever reason, never learning how to read.”

It took 19 years, moving from Miami to Ocala, building a house and a part time job before she joined the Marion County Literacy Council in 2009 and received a student.

Marie shares, “We needed a place to meet. We are not allowed to meet in our homes. Many people use their churches. I somehow found out about the Study Rooms at the Headquarters–Ocala Public Library and reserved one.”

Marie’s student is a family man who holds down two jobs. He finds time to persevere with his lessons. In addition to special reading workbooks and exercises provided by the Marion County Literacy Council, they work together on crossword puzzles, sentence punctuation, and word searches, and he completed the application for his first library card.

Marie likes to list the pluses of the library:

“The Study Rooms are private, quiet and well lit. And it is a wonderful thing to have the use of the whole library for researching books and magazines to help my client.”

Having a place to learn literacy without exposure to possible ridicule



from peers is a big consideration for adult clients of the Marion County Literacy Council. To know more about their work call (352) 690-7323.

Marie also visits the library for her favorite subjects including history, true stories and biographies. She discovered the Genealogy room and has been tracing her ancestry. Recently Marie started attending some of the movie showings too.

“I personally think of Headquarters–Ocala Library as a ‘full service’ library.”

From changing one adult’s future with reading lessons to finding her own past and enjoyment in the present, Marie Gerber herself is a “full service” library patron. **W**

Tell Us *Your* Library Story

Do you have a favorite library story? Contact our Library Community Liaison, Karen Jensen, at **352-368-4507**, send her an e-mail at karen.jensen@marioncountyclibrary.org or write to us at: **Marion County Public Library System, 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, FL, 34470, Attn: Karen Jensen**

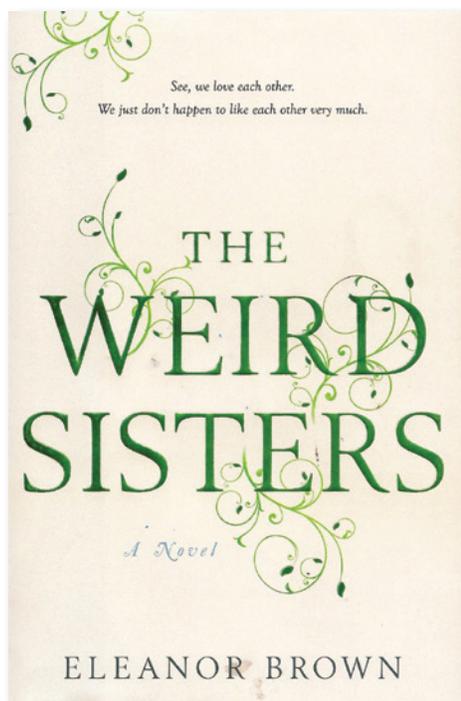
DISCOVER a Good Book!

Reviewed By Linda Porter

The academic life suits Rose, oldest of the three Andreas sisters in **Eleanor Brown's** new novel, *The Weird Sisters*. Rose, short for Rosalind, never left their little hometown, where she is now a professor of mathematics at Barnwell College. Her sisters, Bianca and Cordelia, left rural Ohio as soon as they could; Bianca to an ultimately unsatisfactory job with a big city law firm and Cordelia to a footloose life on the road. Named after Shakespearean characters by their scholarly father, the girls sometimes see themselves as the three weird witch sisters in the opening scenes of *Macbeth*. All return to the family home when their mother is diagnosed with cancer, her illness becoming the catalyst for life-changing decisions for all of them. The sisters love

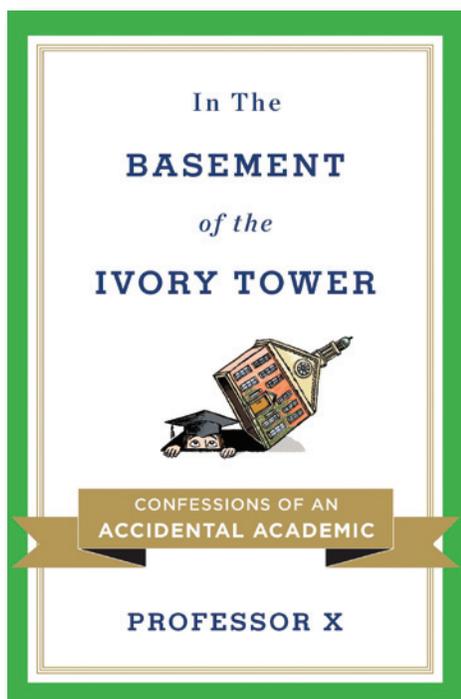
but don't always like each other, particularly during this time of forced togetherness, and their alternate sessions of bickering and warm support add sparkle to this entertaining novel.

The story is told by an omniscient narrator, who seems to combine the point of view of all three sisters, an appealing twist that is especially effective in the audiobook. Narrator Kirsten Potter skillfully brings out the bittersweet humor in the very human foibles of the Andreas family, including the father's habit of speaking in iambic pentameter and quoting the Bard at every turn. Author Eleanor Brown beautifully captures the melding of individual personalities, no matter how distinctive, into a family. Her ability to confront serious issues with a light touch makes *The Weird Sisters* a must read. **W**



digging deeper

According to “**Professor X**,” not everyone is suited to the academic life. Many students are poorly prepared for college-level work, are pushed into classes that will not advance their careers, and take on staggering student loan debt that will surely hinder their futures. His book, *In the Basement of the Ivory Tower*, is an expansion of a thought-provoking article originally published in *Atlantic Monthly* in 2008. Observers of the current state of higher education will want to take note. **W**



program spotlight



Fairy Tale Festival

Oct. 29, 1 – 4 p.m.

Headquarters-Ocala

Calling all knights, princesses, and fairy tale fans! Dress up as your favorite character and follow the Fairy Tale Trail for an afternoon of fantastic fun! The Greenwood Morris Dancers, the Bits 'N Pieces Puppet Theatre production of "Jack and the Beanstalk," and storyteller Pat Nease will add to the merriment. For children ages 0 – 12 years accompanied by a caregiver. See page 17 for more details.

create

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

Saturday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m.

Headquarters-Ocala

Mark your calendars for the 3rd annual CREATE! Celebrate the fine arts, writing, filmmaking, and performing talents of Marion County teens! **Application deadline is October 23.** See page 18 for more information.



Ready to Read: Zero to Three Make & Take Parent Workshops

Headquarters-Ocala

Make a toy for your infant or toddler while sharing ideas for positive child development. Discover endless possibilities for learning through reading, singing, and talking with your child. For parents of children ages 0 – 3 yrs. old. Register by calling 352-671-8551.

Thursday, Sept. 15, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 8, 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, Nov. 10, 6:30 p.m.

This project is funded under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, administered by the Florida Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services. Brought to you by the Marion County Board of County Commissioners.

Warm Up America: Crafts for a Cause!

Friday, Sept. 16, 1 p.m. (adults) & 4 p.m. (teens)

Headquarters-Ocala

Bring your knitting and crocheting talents and help keep Marion County warm. Help us create blankets! Beginners welcome. Pre-knitted/crocheted blanket squares may be dropped off at any branch. Call Headquarters-Ocala, Information Services for square dimensions and details.

Get Fit!

Saturday, Sept. 17, 2 p.m.

Headquarters-Ocala

Healthy (foods + minds + bodies) = SCHOOL SUCCESS! Keep the equation in balance with fitness games, demos of good and good-for-you foods, and information to make your homework less mind-boggling! For children in grades K-6.



Teen Read Week: Picture it!

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 4 p.m.

Dunnellon Public Library

Picture It! A Teen Read Week

Adventure Picture yourself as an artist and learn the simple art of Sumi-e, East Asian brush painting.

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 5 – 6 p.m.

Bellevue Public Library

Creative Books: Teen Read

Week Edition Create your own books to fill with your stories, poems, and drawings.

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 4 p.m.

Freedom Public Library

Picture It! A Teen Read Week "Join

the Jelly" Adventure It's Ultimate Showdown time featuring favorite graphic literature characters!

Friday, Oct. 21, 4 p.m.

Headquarters-Ocala

Teen Jeopardy: Teen Read Week

Edition Sharpen your mind's eye and get ready for a Battle of the Books!

TELLABRATION: An Enchanting Afternoon of Storytelling

Saturday, Nov. 19, 2 p.m.

Headquarters-Ocala

Lend an ear to the talented storytellers of the Ocali Storytelling Guild on this International Day of Storytelling for adults.

HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL DAYS

Labor Day Monday, Sept. 5 All libraries closed.

Maintenance Day Monday, Oct. 10

HQ-Ocala, Belleview and Dunnellon Public Libraries closed for maintenance. All other library facilities will operate under posted hours.

Veterans Day Friday, Nov. 11 All libraries closed.

Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday & Friday, Nov. 24 - 25 All libraries closed.

EXHIBITS & DISPLAYS

Belleview Public Library

Sept. **Sewing Creations**

Presented by Ocala Chapter of the National Sewing Guild.

Photographs by Mike Wuerl

Oct. **White Ironstone Tea Leaf Collection**

Presented by Norman Scott

Nov. **Hooked Rugs**

Presented by the Ocala Rug Hooking Guild

Freedom Public Library

Sept. - Nov. **Shutterbugs**

Presented by various photographers from On Top of the World.

Sept. **Military Memorabilia**

Presented by the Edkins Collection

Oct. **The Ships of Christopher Columbus and the Mayflower**

Presented by the Ocala Plastic Modelers

Color, Texture and Mystery

Presented by photographer Dennis Schoelerman

Nov. **Decorative Art!**

Presented by the Ocala Decorative Artists

Headquarters-Ocala

Sept. **A Tribute to Early America**

Presented by the Daughters of the American Revolution

Oct. **Collector's Corner**

Presented by the General Francis Marion Stamp Club

Nov. **Modern Treasure Hunting**

Presented by Mid Florida Historical Research and Recovery Association

Dec. **The Artist's World**

Presented by international artist Alma Lugo

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352-671-8551

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PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

English Conversation

Tuesdays, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Sept. 6 - Oct. 25

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

Earn Your GED with CTAE on the GED Bus*

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11 a.m.

Sept. 6 - Oct. 27

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.

Wired Wednesdays

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Sept. 7 - Oct. 26

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

Enrich Your Life!

Sept. 7 **What an Interesting Idea!**

Visit dynamic online communities of thinkers.

Sept. 14 **Learning — a Lifelong Process**

Use free Internet resources to further your education.

Sept. 21 **Would You Repeat that Slowly?**

Discover free resources to learn and practice languages.

Sept. 28 **Connect to the World**

Find others who share in your favorite hobby or pastime.

Oct. 5 **Get the Joke?**

Explore your humorous side through online comic strips.

Computers for Beginners Series: An Introduction to Computers

Oct. 12 **I Turned on My Computer, Now What?**

Oct. 19 **Finding it! (Introduction to the Internet)**

Oct. 26 **Get Connected (Introduction to Email)**

Genealogy Help Center

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

Sept. 7 - Oct. 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.

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

The Monday Matinee

Mondays, 2 p.m.

Sept. 12 – Oct. 24

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

Co-sponsored by Golden Flake

Sept. 12

Sept. 19

Sept. 26

Oct. 3

Oct. 17

Oct. 24

Friends of the Ocala Public Library Monthly Board Meeting

3rd Thursdays, 1 p.m.

Sept. 22, Oct. 20, Nov. 17

The Friday Variety Hour

3rd Fridays, 1 p.m.

Fridays are fun days at the library for adults!

Sept. 16 Crafts for a Cause!

Participate in Warm Up America by making handmade crocheted and knitted blankets for charity. Beginners are welcome!

Oct. 21 Retro Game Show: I've Got a Secret!

Back by popular demand! Join Chip Morris, star of radio and stage and an all around hilarious fellow, for an entertaining afternoon with local people and their amazing secrets.

Ask Your Master Gardener: Trees and Shrubs

Saturday, Oct. 8 2 p.m.

Learn gardening techniques from the masters!

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

Friends of the Ocala Public Library Quarterly Book Sale

Saturday, Nov. 5, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Find books, CDs and DVDs for sale at excellent prices! Support your public library!

Modern Treasure Hunting

Sunday, Nov. 20, 2 p.m.

Explore the history of our local "ghost towns" and see some of the amazing recoveries. Join Bill Beardsley as he presents the equipment, techniques and local treasure hunting opportunities on beaches, parks and playgrounds.

Presented by the Mid-Florida Historical Research & Recovery Association.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Manga-licious! Teen Book Club

1st Tuesdays, 4 p.m.

Sept. 6 & Oct. 4

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

Chill on Fridays

3rd Fridays, 4 p.m.

Teens, ages 13 – 18, get out of the heat and chill at the library with a variety of fun activities.

Sept. 16 Crafts for a Cause!

Participate in Warm Up America by making handmade crocheted and knitted blankets for charity. Beginners are welcome!

Oct. 21 Teen Jeopardy: Teen Read Week Edition

Sharpen your mind's eye and get ready for a Battle of the Books!

Teen Library League

Last Mondays, 5 p.m.

Sept. 26 & Oct. 31

Calling all teens age 13 – 18! Get involved in your library and help us plan upcoming teen activities and events. Light refreshments will be served.

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

Saturday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m.

See Program Spotlight and page 18 for more information.

PROGRAM FOR PARENTS

Ready to Read: Zero to Three! Make & Take Parent Workshops

See Program Spotlight for more information.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Preschool Club

1st Saturdays, 2 p.m.

Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5

Calling all 3 – 5 year olds and their caregivers! Enjoy fun-filled activities, dramatic play, and games designed to boost your child's early reading skills.

Spectacular Sundays: Tween Time

2nd Sundays, 2 p.m.

Registration required. Grades 4 – 6.

Sept. 11 Super Sundaes Sunday

Get the scoop on sundaes as you build your ice cream treat. Yummy!

Oct. 9 Bottle Cap Art

Art out of bottle caps? Awesome! Join us and create some community art.

Nov. 13 Harry Potter Potions

See what chemical brews can do! Concoct an Ice Charm or a Breathing Fungus Smell and astound your friends and family.

Wacky Wednesdays

Selected Wednesdays, 2 p.m.

School's out early so let's have fun! Grades K – 6.

Sept. 21 Snazz Up Your Stuff!

Decorate notebooks, pencils and more!

Nov. 9 Music Moves!

Be-bop to the beat and kick up your feet!



Super Saturdays

Selected Saturdays, 2 – 3 p.m.

Sept. 17 **Get Fit!**

See Program Spotlight for more information. For children in Grades K – 6.

Nov. 19 **Construction Zone**

Get ready to build with LEGOS™ and more! We've got them all. For children ages 0 – 12 accompanied by caregivers.

Fairy Tale Festival

Oct. 29, 1 – 4 p.m.

See Program Spotlight and page 17 for more information.

STORYTIMES

It's B.E.A.R Time: Be Excited About Reading!

Weekdays, 3:30 p.m.

Sept. 5 – Nov. 30

Join the Children's library staff in the Children's Program Room for a couple of good books and a poem.

Terrific Three's Storytime

Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.

Sept. 13 – Nov. 1

Enjoy a variety of picture book stories, flannel boards, action songs, and fingerplays followed by an activity. Program is limited to 25 children and their caregivers.

Fabulous 4's & 5's Storytime

Tuesdays, 1:15 p.m.

Sept. 13 – Nov. 1

Literature comes to life with a variety of stories, fingerplays, flannel boards, music and movement, followed by an activity.

Family Storytime

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 13 – Nov. 1

Enjoy a variety of stories, action rhymes and songs followed by an activity. Child must be accompanied by a caregiver.

Toddlin' Two's Storytime

Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.

Sept. 14 – Nov. 2

Enjoy a variety of stories, action rhymes and songs followed by an activity. Program is limited to 20 children and their caregivers.

Bouncin' Baby's Storytime

Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.

Sept. 15 – Nov. 3

Enjoy a variety of stories, songs, rhymes, and fingerplays for babies 0 – 23 months accompanied by their caregivers. Program is limited to 15 children and their caregivers.

BELLEVUE PUBLIC LIBRARY

13145 SE Hwy. 484, Belleview

352-438-2500

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PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Ask Your Master Gardener

1st Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

Learn gardening techniques from the masters!

Sept. 1 **Florida Lawn Care**

Oct. 6 **Garden Pests**

Nov. 3 **Citrus Gardening**

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

Tuesday Movie Matinee

Tuesdays, 1 p.m.

Sept. 6 – Nov. 29

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

Sept. 6

Sept. 13

Sept. 20

Sept. 27

Oct. 4

Oct. 11

Oct. 18

Oct. 25

Nov. 1

Nov. 8

Nov. 15

Nov. 22

Nov. 29

Basic Computer Classes

Wednesdays, 1 p.m.

Sept. 7 – Nov. 16

Seating is very limited. Tickets are distributed at 12:30 p.m.

Sept. 7 **Introduction to the Computer**

Sept. 14 **Mouse Play**

Sept. 21 **Basic Internet**

Sept. 28 **Basic Email**

Oct. 5 **Internet Searching and Printing**

Oct. 12 **Staying Safe Online**

Oct. 19 **Introduction to the Computer**

Oct. 26 **Mouse Play**

Nov. 2 **Basic Internet**

Nov. 9 **Basic Email**

Nov. 16 **Internet Searching and Printing**

A Good Yarn! Book/ Crochet/Knitting Club

3rd Wednesdays, 2:30 – 4 p.m.

Enjoy a lively discussion of a featured book while you are relaxing with your latest knitting/crochet project. Beginners are welcome.

Sept. 21 **The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society**

by Mary Ann Shaffer

Oct. 19 **The Lace Reader** by Brunonia Barry

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Get Crafty at Your Library!

Tuesdays, 5 – 6 p.m.

Sept. 20 – Nov. 15

Sept. 20 **Book Soundtracks**

Create your own soundtrack for your favorite book using free software!

Oct. 4 **Fingerloop Braided Jewelry**

Use an easy braiding technique to create jewelry.

Oct. 18 **Creative Books:**

Teen Read Week Edition

Create your own books to fill with your stories, poems and drawings.

Nov. 1 **NaNoWriMo**

Young Writers Kickoff

November is National Novel Writing Month. This is a call for all young writers to gather and start their writing adventure.

Nov. 15 **Container Gardens**

Create a simple herb garden.

PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

Family Game Day

1st and 3rd Thursdays, 3 p.m.
Sept. 15 – Nov. 17
Enjoy board and card games.

Family Bedtime Storytime

3rd Mondays, 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 19 & Oct. 17
Pleasant dreams abound with stories, poems, fingerplays and music for children of all ages and their families. Wear your PJs and bring your favorite teddy bear.

Family Flix

Wednesdays, 2 p.m.
Sept. 21
Oct. 28
Nov. 9
Dec. 7

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

A Fire Safety Saturday Duo!!

Saturday, Oct. 22
10:30 – 11:15 a.m.
Get Down, Get Out, Get On the Phone!

Join us for a fire safety presentation and an opportunity to see the fire trucks and equipment that help to keep us safe!

Presented by the Marion County Fire Department, Belleview Station.

11:15 a.m. – Noon

Smokey Bear and the Forest Rangers!

Learn about extreme forest firefighting and how to prevent forest fires. Don't forget your cameras!

Presented by the Florida Division of Forestry.

STORYTIMES

◀ **SURFS UP! It's Super Ultimate Reading Fun Time!**

Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m.
Sept. 6 – Nov. 15
Hang ten (minutes & toes) for a couple of good books & a poem. Catch the reading wave! For children of all ages.

Toddler Storytime

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.
Sept. 8 – Nov. 17
Stories, fingerplays and music for toddlers ages 17–36 months and their caregivers.

Preschool Storytime

Fridays, 10:30 a.m.
Sept. 9 – Nov. 18
Stories, songs, movement and crafts for children, ages 3–5 years old.

Baby Storytime

2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.
Sept. 14 – Nov. 9
Stories, music and fingerplays for babies up to 17 months old and their caregivers.

DUNNELLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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352-438-2520

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PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Friday at the Movies

1st Fridays, 1 p.m.
Sept. 2
Oct. 7
Nov. 4

Friends of the Library Monthly Meeting

Selected Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
Sept. 13, Oct. 4, Nov. 1
New members are welcome!

The Drop-in Book Club

3rd Wednesdays, 11 a.m.
Read the book and join us for a discussion.
Sept. 21 **I'd Know You Anywhere**
by Laura Lippman
Oct. 19 **Spoken from the Heart**
by Laura Bush
Nov. 16 **Family Tree** by Barbara Delinsky

Paradise Lost? Reflections on the Environmental History of Florida

Saturday, Nov. 5, 10:30 a.m.
Dr. Jack Davis, professor of history at the University of Florida, presents a thought-provoking look at the environmental issues facing Florida.

Ask Your Master Gardener

Call 438-2524 for dates and times.

Basic Computer Classes

Mondays or Fridays, 10:30 a.m. – 12 noon
Sept. 19 **Mouse Play**
Sept. 23 **Internet/Email**
Sept. 26 **Word**
Oct. 3 **Mouse Play**
Oct. 7 **Internet/Email**
Oct. 17 **Mouse Play**
Oct. 21 **Internet/Email**
Oct. 31 **Mouse Play**
Nov. 4 **Internet/Email**
Nov. 7 **Excel**

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Wii, Games & More

Saturday, Sept. 24, 3 p.m.
Visit your library for an afternoon of games.

Picture It! A Teen Read Week Adventure

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 4 p.m.
Picture yourself as an artist and learn the simple art of Sumi-e, East Asian brush painting.



PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

National Game Day/ Family Fun

Saturday, Nov. 12, 3 p.m.

Bring the family! All ages welcome.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

LEGO™ Creative Construction

Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2 p.m.

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

Science Exploration

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 4 p.m.

Discover science through experiments. Registration required.

◀ We Love Bugs!

Tuesday, Oct. 25, 4 p.m.

Meet our six-legged friends up close and personal with Tom Miller, a local insect collector, as our guide.

Kids Art

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 4 p.m.

Show your creative side. Registration required.

STORYTIMES

Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.

Sept. 14 – Nov. 16

Enjoy a variety of books, fingerplays and music for ages 2 - 3 and their caregivers.

Preschool Storytime

Fridays, 11 a.m.

Sept. 16 – Nov. 18

Reading is fun with books, music, flannelboards and crafts for ages 4 & 5 and their caregivers.

Baby Songs and Nursery Rhymes

3rd Tuesdays, 11 a.m.

Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15

Bounce along with songs, rhymes, books and more for babies younger than age 2 and their caregivers.

FOREST PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

An All-Ages Movie Matinee

Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2 p.m.

School's out, so come to the library for some popcorn and a movie.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Earn Your GED with CTAE on the GED Bus*

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2 p.m.

Sept. 6 – Oct. 27

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.



▲ Basic Computer Classes

Wednesdays, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

Seating is limited, pre-registration is required.

Sept. 7 **Introduction to the Computer**

Sept. 14 **The Library on the Internet**

Sept. 21 **Internet Search Engines**

Sept. 28 **Beginning Email:**

Creating an Account

Oct. 5 **Beginning Facebook:**

Creating an Account

Forest Crafty Cut-Ups

2nd Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12

Open to all who enjoy crafting. A different craft will be demonstrated each meeting. Come and go — or spend all day.

The Wednesday Matinee

Selected Wednesdays, 2 p.m.

Movies for adults and teens 13+.

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

Sept. 14

Sept. 28

Oct. 12

Oct. 26

Friends of the Forest Public Library Monthly Meeting

2nd Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9

New members are welcome!

The Friends of the Forest Public Library Annual Book Sale

Friday & Saturday, Nov. 4 – 5

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Family Storytime

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Sept. 6 – Nov. 29

Enjoy a variety of stories, action rhymes, music and art for all ages.

Stories & Stuff Children's Book Club

Thursdays, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 1 – Nov. 17. No program Nov. 3.

Let's read and talk about books!

Snacks and art included.

For children in grades K – 3.

Friday Favorites Tween Book Club

Fridays, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 2 – Oct. 21

Let's get together and share our favorite books, have a snack, and create something! For children in grades 4 – 6.

Kids' Club

Selected Wednesdays, 2:30 – 4 p.m.

Assorted activities and diversions on early release days for preschool – 6th grade.

Sept. 21 **Autumn Antics**

It's crafts! It's games! It's fun!

Nov. 9 **Construction Zone**

Put on your hard hat and get ready to build with LEGOS™ and more!

Creepy Crafts

Friday, Oct. 28, 2:30 – 4 p.m.

Make something seasonal and spooky!

Trunk or Treat with the Friends of the Forest Public Library

Monday, Oct. 31, 6 p.m.

Call for more details about this Fall tradition.

FORT M^cCOY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m., Sept. 14 – Oct. 19

Enjoy a variety of stories, fingerplays, flannel boards, music and rhythm activities. For children ages 0 - 5 and their caregivers.

FREEDOM PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

Friends of Freedom Public Library Fall Book Sale

*Thursday – Saturday, Sept. 22 – 24
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.*

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Ask Arnold! Comprehensive Computer Assistance

Thursdays, Noon – 2 p.m.

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

Basic Computer Classes

Thursdays, 2 p.m.

Tickets are required and will be distributed starting at 1 pm. on the day of each class. Seating is limited to 10 participants.

- Sept. 1 **Basics for Beginners***
- Sept. 8 **How to Search***
- Sept. 15 **Email Basics***
- Sept. 22 **Basics for Beginners***
- Sept. 29 **How to Search***
- Oct. 6 **Email Basics***
- Oct. 13 **Basics for Beginners***
- Oct. 20 **How to Search***
- Oct. 27 **Email Basics***
- Nov. 3 **Basics for Beginners***
- Nov. 10 **How to Search***
- Nov. 17 **Email Basics***

Friends of Freedom Public Library Monthly Meeting

3rd Mondays, 10 a.m., Sept. 19 – Nov. 21

New members are always welcome!

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS & TWEENS

Join the Jelly: A Casual Working (and Thinking) Event for Teens and Tweens

Wednesdays, 4 p.m., Sept. 14 – Nov. 30

Work groups have never been more fun! Bring your thoughts, talents and friends to this highly charged meeting of teen minds. For ages 12 and older. Volunteer opportunities available for ages 14 and older.

Picture It! A Teen Read Week Jelly Adventure

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 4 p.m.

It's Ultimate Showdown time featuring favorite graphic literature characters!

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Whatever Wednesday: Plugged and Unplugged!

Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2 p.m.

What's up right now at the library? Tech Talk and Crafty Capers! Early release relief for students of all grade levels at loose ends.

Freaky Friday!

Friday, Oct. 28, 2 p.m.

Dress up, create something spooky, act a fright! Enjoy tricky treats with Chef Wally! For children of all ages.

Harry Potter Party: Make Magic!

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2 p.m.

Sample the kitchen wizardry of Chef Wally and top it off with games and crafts! For children in grades K – 5.

The Story of the Feast

Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2 p.m.

Thanksgiving? What's it all about? For children 12 years and younger.

STORYTIMES

Baby and Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m., Sept. 13 – Nov. 29

A variety of stories, songs, rhymes, and fingerplays for babies 0 – 24 months accompanied by their caregivers.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m., Sept. 15 – Nov. 17

Books, music, art, playtime! For children ages 3 and up accompanied by their caregivers.

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 CHILDREN

Preschool Storytime

Fridays, 10:30 a.m. Sept. 2 – Nov. 4 & Nov. 18

Enjoy stories, poems and more for 3 – 5 year olds.

REDDICK PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

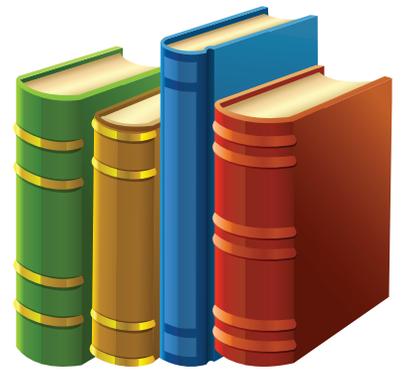
Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, 10 a.m.

Sept. 15 – Nov. 3

Enjoy stories, poems and more for 3 – 5 year olds.





Marion County Reads! 2011 Results

More than 20,000 children, teens and adults participated in the 2011 system-wide Marion Reads program. Drawings for \$50 cash prizes were held on Friday, July 29th, and the following winners were announced.

Happy Reading!

Preschool (0 - 5)

William Phillips
Angelina Buetli
Genesys Negroni
Emily Henderson
Hannah Cicalese

Children in grades K - 6

Neali Lacefield
Ian Hurst
Teagan Voldness
Hanna Farrell
Sophia Boyington

Teens in grades 7 - 12

Ayana McAllister
Zach Austin
Samrauit Tariku
Nicole Gomez
Caleb Groseclose

Adults

Nettie Miller
Sharon Crocker
Jon Whitfield
Sheila Hildreth
E. Ashcraft



Multicultural doll collection provided by Amy Roland, Media Specialist at Dunnellon Elementary School

**Did You
Know?**

Did you know that you can decide which computer to buy using a consumer guide available at the library?





HOW SMART is your wallet?

By Michelle Risko

What is the smartest, most convenient card you carry in your wallet? No, it's not the kind of card that makes you pay, and pay and pay for the privilege of using it. There is a card that offers you access to the world with no minimum monthly payment, no interest and no fees. Hint: It's not a credit card; it's your Marion County Public Library Card!

September is National Library Card Sign-up Month. If you don't already have this "smartest card" it is the perfect time to get into your local public library and apply for your "smartest card," your library card. Your library card is your all access pass to the things you need. Things like recipes, your family tree, internet training, travel guidance, homework help, databases and the ultimate search engine: your librarian!

If you already have a library card, don't keep it a secret. Tell your friends how you use the smartest card in your wallet for information and recreation, and everything in between. Oh, and be sure to mention that it's *free!* For more information call the Marion County Public Library System Headquarters at 352-671-8551. **W**

52 ways to use your library card*

(for each week of the year)

1. Get to know your librarian, the ultimate search engine @ your library.
2. Browse your favorite Web site(s).
3. Plan your next vacation.
4. Make it easy on your eyes with large-print books.
5. Learn about local government.
6. Pick up voter registration information.
7. Reserve the latest mystery.
8. Pick up a video.
9. Check out a music CD.
10. Get lost in the Old West with a western novel.
11. Find out how to navigate the Internet.
12. Prepare your resume.
13. Get new ideas for redecorating your house.
14. Find contact information for Marion County Services.
15. Attend a lecture or workshop.
16. Pick up a copy of WORDS for the latest news from the library!
17. Join a book discussion group.
18. Attend preschool story hour with your child.
19. Get homework help.
20. Look up all kinds of health information.
21. Research the purchase of a new car.
22. Trek to another planet in a Sci-Fi novel.
23. Call the reference desk if you have a question.
24. Research your term paper.
25. Learn about the history of your city or town.
26. Research the purchase of a new computer or laptop.
27. Check your stock portfolio.
28. Read a newspaper.
29. Borrow an audiobook for your next road trip.
30. Use the library's resources to start a small business.
31. See a new art exhibit.
32. Volunteer.
33. Find a new recipe.
34. Ask for a recommended reading list for your kids.
35. Make photocopies.
36. Find a new favorite author at your library.
37. Enjoy a book with your child.
38. Take a computer class.
39. Hear a poetry reading.
40. Take out the latest fashion magazine.
41. Join the English Conversation class.
42. Trace your family tree.
43. Reminisce about days gone by with books about Florida history.
44. Research environmental issues.
45. Find out how to file a consumer complaint.
46. Appreciate the displays of local collections.
47. Borrow an adaptive toy for someone with special needs.
48. Learn how to use a database or computerized catalog.
49. Find the latest romance paperback.
50. Print out tax forms.
51. Save money by using DIY databases.
52. Find a quiet spot, curl up with a book and enjoy.

*Not all services require the use of a library card.

There and Back Again: Around the World in 60 Minutes-
Ninth Period Show at Dunnellon Public Library



Jack Arnold checks out the Ready to
Read: Zero to Three Literacy Kit



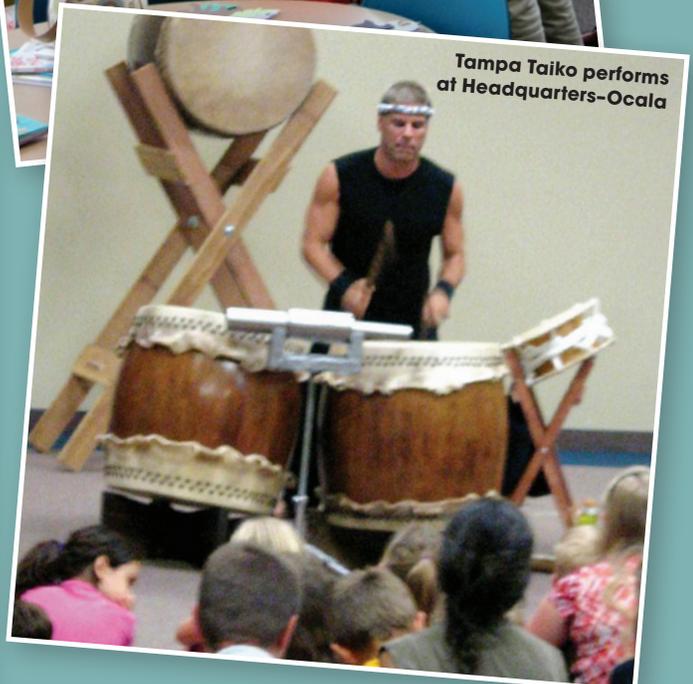
Children's computer
stays busy year round



One World/Many Stories Display



Tampa Taiko performs
at Headquarters-Ocala



The Magic Fish Puppets



* for more images, visit the library web site at library.marioncountyfl.org

Database Quiz Answers: 1: FCAT Explorer & Learning Express; 2: Auto Repair Reference Center; 3: Hobbies and Craft Reference Center; 4: Reference USA; 5: Novelist Plus & What Do I Read Next?



wordup!

By Amanda Lugo

OPERATION: STUFF THE BUS!

I'm Amanda Lugo, your *WORDS* magazine teen correspondent! Let's jump into a pretty important topic: *Operation: Stuff the Bus Program!*

Stuff the Bus is a campaign whose aim is to collect new school supplies and monetary donations to benefit homeless children in Marion County. The estimated 1,500 homeless kids in Marion County normally don't have the means to acquire new things for the next school year, so the donations from *Stuff the Bus* make a big impact!

With plenty of help, the public library collected \$1,339 for *Operation: Stuff the Bus Program*. The library even won the Marion County Cutest Bus prize for its participation. Congrats

to library teen volunteer Jennifer Vu for her creative design!

Teens, get involved within your community! Contact the Marion County Public Library volunteer coordinator at 352-368-4507, and get some needed volunteer hours for school by helping out with events like *Stuff the Bus* and other library projects.

Make certain to catch the weekly library teen programs made possible by the Teen Library League.

Missed your chance to give to *Operation: Stuff the Bus Program*, but still want to lend a hand or donate? Call the Homeless Children's Program at 352-671-6847 for more information. [W](#)

A DATABASE is a Terrible Thing to Waste

By Michelle Risko

The online databases of the Marion County Public Library System contain a huge amount of information. Whether you're looking for background for a class assignment or updating your favorite hobby, it's all there waiting to be discovered. If using databases are new to you, there is no better way to get acquainted with them than to jump right in!

See if you can answer the following five questions using the Marion County Public Library System online databases. The databases are found through our library's website at <http://library.marioncountyfl.org>. Select the picture of the book & computer and the databases are at your fingertips. Good luck! Answers can be found on page 15.

1. What databases offer help with test preparation for students of all ages? (Try a Subject Search for this one.)
2. What database provides instructions for you to fix your car?
3. What database offers hobbyists in-depth information on how to design and create almost any project from crafts and quilting to electronics and insect collecting?
4. What database is a resource for information on 14 million U.S. businesses, including executive officers, contact numbers, addresses, and more?
5. What two databases offer avid readers ideas on upcoming novels including literary awards, plot summaries, author information and back lists, and book talks?

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Fairy Tale FESTIVAL

October 29, 2011 • 1 - 4 p.m.

ROYAL MERRIMENT

"Jack and The Beanstalk"

Presented by the Bits 'N Pieces Puppet Theatre

Pat Nease, Storyteller

"A Taste of Fairies"

ages
0-12
with caregiver

Greenwood Morris Dancers

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Slay the dragon, practice your archery skills, or make a shield.

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Follow the trail of clues and
test your fairy tale knowledge.

Storybook Lane

Travel down Storybook Lane on a giant
game board to the Gingerbread Cottage.

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Help style Rapunzel's hair!

Craft Corner

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Teens, if you are 13 – 18 yrs. old and would like to participate in this spectacular event, complete and submit an application now! The third annual CREATE (Colossal, Reading, Entertaining, Artsy, Teen Event) will be held on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. This year's categories are the **Fine Arts Show**, the **Writers Conference**, the **Filmmakers Festival**, a **Talent Show** and an **Edible Books competition**. Entry forms and guidelines for teens who would like to be considered for participation will be available at all Marion County Public Library System locations and online at library.marioncountyfl.org. Deadline for entries is Sunday, October 23. Don't delay — apply today!
Sponsored by Friends of the Ocala Public Library.



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with your smartphone to
learn more about CREATE!

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Bookmarks

Friends of the Ocala Public Library's News and Notes

Meet The Author

Sunday, October 9, 2011 2 p.m. • Meeting Room C Headquarters-Ocala Library

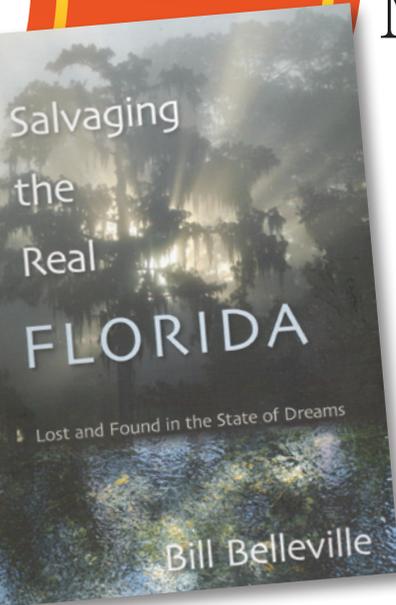
Award-winning author and documentary filmmaker Bill Belleville will give a presentation about his latest book, *Salvaging the Real Florida*, a collection of his "literary" nature essays that reflect the natural Florida. Belleville treks through swamps, dives in springs and offshore, paddles on Florida's subtropical rivers and lagoons in an effort to better understand — and connect with — our unique Florida landscape. Woven throughout is an abiding ethic that reveals Belleville's caring about these places, and an eloquent desire to share that caring with his readers. As author Carl Hiaasen has said, "Bill Belleville writes gorgeously and straight from the heart."

Belleville has written six nonfiction books, over 1,000 articles and essays, co-produced and scripted documentaries for both PBS and NPR's *Living on Earth*, and has traveled widely overseas for the Discovery Channel. An avid

paddler and hiker, he lives in Sanford, Florida. More information can

be found at www.BillBelleville.com.

Mr. Belleville's books will be available for purchase and refreshments will be served.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 9, 2011, 2PM:

Author Bill Belleville
discussing his new book,
Salvaging the Real Florida

Held in Meeting Room C, Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

November 5, 2011,

10AM-4PM:

Quarterly
Book Sale

Held in Meeting Rooms, Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

GET READY FOR SCHOOL AT THE BOOKMARKET

Remember the Book Market inside the lobby of Headquarters-Ocala Library when getting ready for school. Here are some items to consider:

- Classics that are assigned in English classes
- Cliff Notes
- Books for young readers to practice reading skills
- Textbooks and teachers' guides
- Foreign language dictionaries and books
- Magazines to cut up for reports
- DVDs, CDs and puzzles for study breaks

The Book Market is open Monday-Friday from 10-6 and Saturdays from 10-5. It is closed on Sunday.

Stay Connected to FRIENDS

There are now several ways to stay informed about Friends' activities. From upcoming programs and dates of quarterly book sales, to advocacy activities on behalf of our library, it is easy to get the latest information.

WEBSITE: Bookmark www.friendsoftheocalalibrary.org for up-to-date info.

EMAIL: We will occasionally send out emails with program and book sale information. To receive these, please put our email address, folocala@centurylink.net, in your address book.

FACEBOOK: Friend us, Friends of The Ocala Library, on Facebook for notification of our events.



profiles

By Linda Porter

Juanita Auger is the kind of person you can't help but like. Her energetic enthusiasm for the Belleview Public Library shines through her words and deeds. Over the past year Juanita has donated over 80 audiobooks to the Library as well as made generous financial contributions for the purchase of audiobooks. As you might guess, Juanita is a great fan of audio and listens constantly. She searches sources on the Internet to help the Library fill in series written by popular authors. Juanita enjoys this research and Library patrons certainly benefit from her generosity.

Like many audiophiles, Juanita has favorite narrators and will seek out their work. Some of her preferred narrative artists are George Guidall, Barbara Rosenblatt, and Anne Flosnik. She loves the storytelling aspect of audio and believes that a good narrator can bring out the nuances and emotional tone in a book in a way that supports the work of the author. Juanita has favorite authors, too, such as Christine Feehan, Julie Garwood, and Stephanie Laurens, but she is always willing to try a new author.

Juanita says that she reads (and listens!) for education, information, and of course, the pure pleasure of entertainment.



Juanita frequently purchases books and audiobooks and exchanges them with friends. She often gave her surplus items to the clubhouse library in her subdivision, but her generosity was too great for their limited shelf space. A friend suggested that she donate the items to the Belleview Public Library, beginning a wonderful relationship that has benefited the entire community. According to Branch Library Supervisor Joanne Carlock, "We are so pleased and overwhelmed

by Ms. Auger's generosity. The titles she has chosen are popular authors and are checked out as soon as they are returned from cataloging. She has given much joy to our patrons. We can't thank her enough."

The Marion County Public Library System relies on donations from people like Juanita Auger. For more information about how you can support the Library, contact Karen Jensen at 368-4507 or email her at karen.jensen@marioncountyfl.org. **W**