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discover a good book!



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a word FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Julie Sieg • Director, Marion
County Public Library System



An Honor

Florida's public libraries play an important role in the voting process, and the Marion County Public Library System is no exception. Belleview, Dunnellon, Forest, and Freedom public libraries are all host sites for early voting. During this time, the public libraries clear meeting rooms of all other activities to better accommodate the needs of early voters. In addition to hosting early voting activities, public libraries are also places where individuals can come to register to vote, change their party affiliation and update their personal voter information. Library staff receives training from the Supervisor of Election's staff, and are bound by strict legal requirements regarding when and how to offer, receive and return voter applications, as well as how to report statistics.

We all recognize that our citizens have multiple venues to register to vote. We can also acknowledge that we have easy voting access with absentee ballots, early voting and convenient hours on the actual polling day. Sadly, however, we have many who do not register to vote or do not exercise their right to vote once they are registered. I, frankly, will never understand why. I believe that registering to vote and participating in the process is a privilege, a right, a duty and an honor, not to be taken lightly. Please exercise your right, your duty, your privilege and your honor on November 6, 2012.

Julie Sieg

Did You Know?

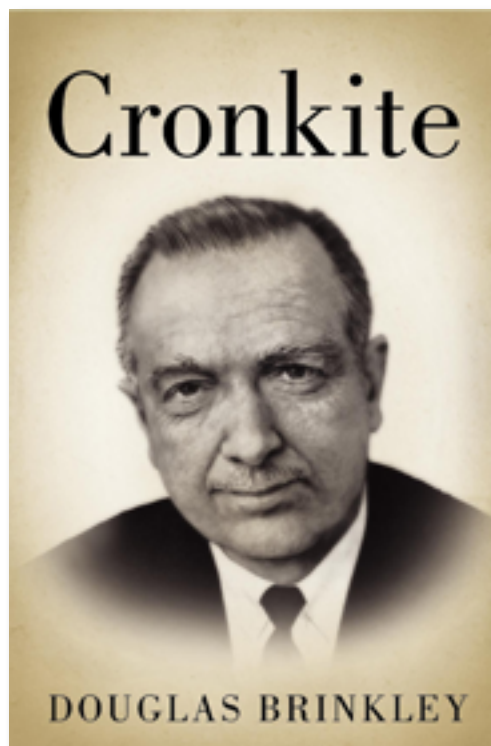
The National Voters Registration Act of 1993 established public libraries as places where citizens could go for easy access to voter forms and publications.

DISCOVER a Good Book!

Reviewed By Linda Porter

Walter Cronkite was often called “the most trusted man in America.” A new biography, “Cronkite,” by historian **Douglas Brinkley** shows why the longtime journalist was admired by so many. Cronkite began his career as a print reporter on the front lines during World War II. Later, he hosted television documentaries and served as anchor of the “CBS Evening News” from 1962 until his retirement in 1981. Cronkite covered every major event and every political convention in recent American history and did it with gravitas and integrity.

A more complicated man than many realized, Cronkite was known for his enthusiastic support of the space program, championship of civil rights,



subtle criticism of the Vietnam War, and dignified yet emotional coverage of the assassination of John F. Kennedy. In an era before social media, Cronkite was the voice millions of Americans turned to for news and reporting of breaking events.

“Cronkite” is an absorbing biography of a significant figure in American life. The many photographs of Cronkite, his family, interview subjects, and peers will bring back memories for many readers. Although Cronkite died in 2009 at age 92, his favorite tag line, “That’s the way it is” still resounds.

“Cronkite” is available at the Marion County Public Library System in regular print and as an audiobook. **W**

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digging deeper

Want to know more about political life in Florida? Try “From Yellow Dog Democrats to Red State Republicans: Florida and Its Politics Since 1940” by **David R. Colburn**, or “Reubin O’D. Askew and the Golden Age of Florida Politics” by **Martin A. Dyckman**. Another recent book of interest is “How Florida Happened: the Political Education of Buddy MacKay,” by **Buddy MacKay**. Do you prefer to do research online? Try the Florida Database, available on the Library’s website at <http://library.marioncountyfl.org>. Full text articles are available from a variety of Florida’s newspapers and magazines on topics pertinent to, well, Florida. **W**



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program spotlight



SPECIAL EVENTS FOR ALL AGES

CREATE (Colossal Reading, Entertaining, Artsy Teen Event)

Saturday, Nov. 10
Festivities begin at 10 a.m.
Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

Come for an hour or spend the day and applaud the many talents of Marion County teens during our fourth annual CREATE! Celebrate the writing, filmmaking, artistic and performing talents of our youth. Vote for your favorites in each category! **Application deadline for teens ages 13-18 is Oct. 22.** The application is available online at <http://library.marioncountycl.org>.

Call the Headquarters-Ocala library at 352-671-8551 for more information.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Presidents and Their First Ladies, dramatically speaking

Saturday, Sept. 22, 10:30 a.m.
Dunnellon Public Library

Professional presidential portrayers William and Sue Wills bring the lives of

Abraham and Mary Lincoln to the stage.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library.

Fabric Design Contest

Submission deadline: Sept. 19
Exhibition: Oct. 1-Oct. 31
Forest Public Library

Capture your creative energies in a fabric square and support the Friends of the Forest Public Library!

Rules of entry are available at the library. Squares will be exhibited throughout the month of October. Vote for your favorite!

Warm Up America: Crafts for a Cause

Crocheted squares collected through Dec. 30 at all library facilities.

Looking for a way to help people in need? Click those knitting needles and crochet hooks and help others stay warm. Visit the Headquarters-Ocala library today to pick up your patterns. Finished squares may be dropped off at any branch.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

F.I.R.S.T. Robotics Demo

Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2 p.m.
Freedom Public Library
Friday, Oct. 26, 11 a.m.
Forest Public Library

The InZombiacs are coming! Vanguard High School's F.I.R.S.T. robotics team will demonstrate their entry in this year's robot competition, bringing science, math and technology to life.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

It Came From the Library! Teen Read Week Celebrations

Meet the Muppets!

Saturday, Oct. 13, 3 p.m.
Dunnellon Public Library

Play the music! Light the lights! Meet the Muppets, play Muppet trivia, and watch the sensational "The Muppets!"

Monster Stuffies

Tuesday, Oct. 16, 4-5 p.m.
Bellevue Public Library
Make your own little monster.

Treasure Hunt and Swap Meet

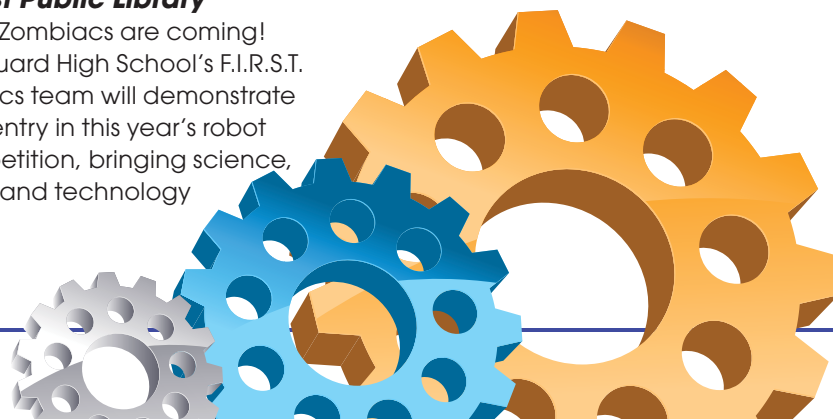
Wednesday, Oct. 17, 4 p.m.
Freedom Public Library

Create the ultimate showdown in library treasures! What did YOU find at the library?

A Paranormal Encounter

Friday, Oct. 19, 4 p.m.
(also at 1 p.m. for adults)
Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

Strange voices in the night? Cold spots in a warm room? Join Susan Smith and members of the Florida Paranormal Association for an informative introduction to the science of paranormal investigation.



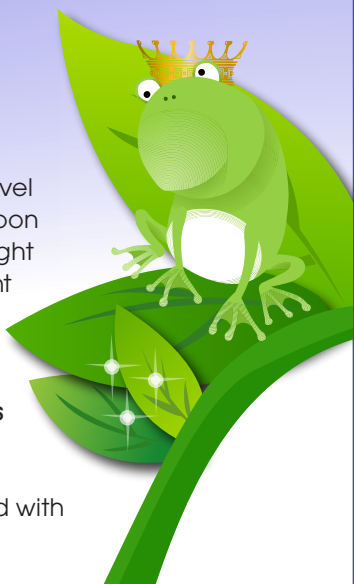
SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

Fairy Tale Festival

Saturday, Oct. 27, 1-4 p.m.

Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

Hail ye, all knights, princesses and fairy tale fans! Dress up as your favorite character and travel the Fairy Tale Trail for an afternoon of fantastic fun! Attend the Knight Training School, visit the Ancient Arcade, play chess and more! Meet new and unusual fairy tale characters through the stories of **Master Storytellers Finn & Fiona** (pictured) and frolic with the Greenwood Morris dancers. For infants-12 years old with caregivers.



HOLIDAYS & SPECIAL DAYS

Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3

All libraries closed.

Maintenance Day, Monday, Oct. 8

Headquarters-Ocala, Belleview and Dunnellon Public Libraries closed. All other library facilities remain open as scheduled.

Veteran's Day, Sunday, Nov. 11, and Veteran's Day (Observed), Monday, Nov. 12

All libraries closed.

Thanksgiving Holidays, Thursday, Nov. 22-Friday, Nov. 23

All libraries closed.

HEADQUARTERS-OCALA

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

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SPECIAL EVENT FOR ALL AGES

C.R.E.A.T.E. (Colossal, Reading, Entertaining, Artsy, Teen Event)

Saturday, Nov. 10

Festivities begin at 10 a.m.

See Program Spotlight for details.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Project Research!

Research assistance for college and high school students

Do you need to research a topic but don't know where to begin? Need citation assistance for a paper? Call the Information Services Division and reserve time with a professional librarian.

Earn Your GED on the GED Bus*

Every weekday except Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Sept. 4-Nov. 30

It's never too late to get your GED. Under state guidelines, CTAE will charge fees for this service. Call CTAE at 352-671-4133 for details.

Wired Wednesdays

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Sept. 5-Oct. 24

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

Basic Computer Classes

Sept. 5 *I Turned on My Computer, Now What?*

Sept. 12 *Finding It! Introduction to the Internet*

Sept. 19 *Get Connected! Introduction to Email*

What Can the Internet Do for Me?

Sept. 26 *What's the Weather?*

Discover authoritative and entertaining weather websites.

Oct. 3 *Where's Waldo?*

Oct. 10 *Giving Back: Volunteering and Charities*

Oct. 17 *World of Webcams*

Oct. 24 *Every Vote Counts!*

Genealogy Help Center

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

Sept. 5-Oct. 31

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 are here to assist you with your quest.

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

e-Book/Digital Audio Help Center

Wednesdays, 2-3:30 p.m., Sept. 5-Oct. 24
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!

Ask Your Master Gardener

Second Saturdays, 2 p.m.
Learn gardening techniques from Master Gardener Jo Leyte and friends!

Sept. 8 How to Fertilize Your Garden
Oct. 13 Prepare Your Fall Garden

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

The Monday Matinee

Mondays, 2 p.m., Sept. 10-Oct. 22
No movie Oct. 8.

It's ROMANCE in all the wrong places. Enjoy these movies picked by our newly formed Movie Discussion Group.

Adults and teens ages 13+. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by a parent. Refreshments will be provided. Co-sponsored by Golden Flake.

Sept. 10
Sept. 17
Sept. 24 (Movie Discussion Group will follow)

Oct. 1
Oct. 15
Oct. 22

Friends of the Ocala Public Library Monthly Board Meeting

Third Thursdays, 1 p.m.
Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15

Friday Variety Hour

Third Fridays, 1 p.m.
Fridays are fun days at the library for adults!

Sept. 21 Encaustic Meltdown

Create a fabulous piece of encaustic art using everyday crayons and a hairdryer with the guidance of world-renowned encaustic artist Ed Franklin.

Oct. 19 A Paranormal Encounter

Experience an encounter of the paranormal kind! See Program Spotlight for more information.

Movie Discussion Group

Monday, Sept. 24, 3:30 p.m.
Talk about past and upcoming films with fellow movie enthusiasts. Reviews, previews and your input will guide future Monday Matinees. Light refreshments will be provided.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Project Research! Research assistance for high school and college students

Do you need to research a topic but don't know where to begin? Need citation assistance for a paper? Call the Information Services Division and reserve time with a librarian.

Manga-licious! Teen Book Club

First Tuesdays, 4 p.m.
Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6
Join us for high-energy talks about all things manga and anime.

Chill on Fridays

Third Fridays, 4 p.m.
Chill at the library on Fridays for a variety of fun activities. Ages 13-18.

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Oct. 19 A Paranormal Encounter

Experience an encounter of the paranormal kind! See Program Spotlight for other Teen Read Week activities.

Teen Library League

Last Mondays, 5 p.m.
Sept. 24, Oct. 29, Nov. 26
Calling all teens ages 13-18! Earn volunteer hours and get involved in your library! Plan upcoming teen activities and events. Light refreshments will be provided.

SPECIAL EVENT FOR FAMILIES

Fairy Tale Festival
Saturday, Oct. 27, 1-4 p.m. Infants-12 years accompanied by caregivers.

See Program Spotlight for more information.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Preschool Club

First Saturdays, 2 p.m.
Sept. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3
Calling all 3-5 year olds and their

caregivers! Enjoy fun-filled activities and games designed to boost early reading skills.

Spectacular Sundays: Tween Time

Selected Sundays, 2 p.m.
For Grades 4-6. Registration required.

Sept. 9 iCollage

How do you see yourself? Create a collage and find out who you really are.

Oct. 14 Book Bling

Design a bookmark, alter a book and turn your pages into something new.

Mother Goose on the Loose™

Third Saturdays, 10:15 a.m.
Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17
A musical nursery rhyme romp for children ages 3 and under and their caregivers.

Wacky Wednesdays

Selected Wednesdays, 2 p.m., Grades K-6
Early release day fun!

Sept. 19 Back to School Crafts

Oct. 3 Wii Gaming

Super Saturdays

Selected Saturdays, 2 p.m.
Grades K-6 and their families

Sept. 22 Family Art Party

We'll provide the materials and you provide the creativity. Sculpture, collage, painting and more.

Nov. 24 Turkey Day Film Fest—Pocahontas

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.

It's B.E.A.R. Time!

Monday-Friday, 3:30 p.m.
Sept. 4-Nov. 30

Be Excited About Reading and join us for a couple of good books and a poem.

Terrific Three's Story Time

Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m., Sept. 11-Oct. 16

Program is limited to 25 children and their caregivers.

Fabulous 4's & 5's Story Time

Tuesdays, 1:15 p.m., Sept. 11-Oct. 16

Family Story Time

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., Sept. 11-Oct. 16

Toddlin' Two's Story Time

Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m., Sept. 12-Oct. 17

Program is limited to 20 children and their caregivers.

Bouncin' Babies Story Time

Thursdays, 10:15 a.m., Sept. 13-Oct. 18

Program is limited to 15 children, infants-23 months, and their caregivers.

All Together Now!

Tuesday, Nov. 27, 1:15 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 28, 10:15 a.m.

Infants-5 years old with caregivers.

BELLEVUE PUBLIC LIBRARY

13145 SE Hwy. 484, Belleview

352-438-2500

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

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Tuesday Movie Matinee

Tuesdays, 1 p.m., Sept. 6-Nov. 13

Movies for adults and teens 13+.

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

Sept. 4

Sept. 11

Sept. 18

Sept. 25

Oct. 2

Oct. 9

Oct. 16

Oct. 23

Nov. 6

Nov. 13

Ask Your Master Gardener

First Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

Learn gardening techniques from Master Gardener Stephen Oldham.

Sept. 6 *Fall Vegetable Gardening*

Oct. 4 *Butterfly Gardening*

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

Basic Computer Classes

Thursdays, 1 p.m.

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

Sept. 6, Oct. 18 *Introduction to the Computer*

Sept. 13, Oct. 25 *Mouse Play*

Sept. 20, Nov. 1 *Basic Internet*

Sept. 27, Nov. 8 *Get Connected!*

Introduction to Email

Oct. 4, Nov. 15 *Internet Searching and Printing*

Oct. 11 *Staying Safe Online*

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Get Crafty!

First and third Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m.

Sept. 18 *Nuts and Bolts Jewelry*

Turn hardware finds into interesting bracelets or necklaces.

Oct. 2 *Stenciled Watercolors*

Enjoy this simple technique to create an interesting art piece.

Oct. 16 *Make Monster Stuffies: a Teen Read Week Celebration*

Make your own little monster. See the Program Spotlight for other Teen Read Week activities throughout Marion County.

Nov. 6 *Creative Bookmarks*

Hold your reading place in style.

Nov. 20 *Folded Books*

Make easy books using simple folding techniques.

PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

Family Game Day

First & third Thursdays, 3 p.m.

Sept. 6 & 20, Oct. 4 & 18, Nov. 1 & 15

Large selection of board and card games for multiple players

Family Flix

Selected Wednesdays, 2 p.m.

Sept. 19

Oct. 3

Nov. 21

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Get Down. Get Out.**Get on the Phone**

Saturday, Oct. 20, 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Let the children get acquainted with real firefighters and see their equipment and trucks.

Presented by the Belleview Fire Department.

Smokey Bear and the Forest Rangers

Saturday, Oct. 20, 11:15 a.m.-noon.

Learn about extreme forest firefighting and how to prevent fires. Don't forget your cameras. For children ages 5-12 and caregivers.

Presented by the Florida Forest Service.

Star Wars Event

Saturday, Nov. 17, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Dress as your favorite character and enjoy out-of-this world games and crafts. For children ages 6-12.

Holiday Celebration Registration

Nov. 19-Dec. 5

Register now to participate in the December Holiday Celebration to be held Saturday, Dec. 8. Space is limited.

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.

It's B.E.A.R Time!

Tuesdays, 3:30-4 p.m., Sept. 11-Nov. 20

Be Excited About Reading and join us for a couple of good books and a poem.

Baby Story Time

Second & fourth Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.

Sept. 12 & 26, Oct. 10 & 24, Nov. 14

For infants-17 months old and their caregivers.

Toddler Story Time

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m., Sept. 13-Nov. 15

For toddlers 18-36 months old and their caregivers.

Preschool Story Time

Fridays, 10:30 a.m., Sept. 14-Nov. 16

For children 3-5 years old.

DUNNELLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

20351 Robinson Road, Dunnellon

352-438-2520

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PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Basic Computer Classes

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

Seating is very limited.

Sept. 4, 17; Oct. 1, 15 *Using the Mouse*

Sept. 7, 21; Oct. 5, 19 *Internet/ Email*

Sept. 10; Oct. 9 *Word*

Sept. 24, Oct. 22 *Excel*



Friday at the Movies

Selected Fridays, 1 p.m.

Movies for adults and teens 13+.

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

- Sept. 7
- Oct. 5
- Nov. 9

Friends of the Library Monthly Meeting

Tuesdays, 10 a.m., Sept. 11, Oct. 2, Nov. 6

New members are welcome.

Ask Your Master Gardener

Third Tuesdays, 2 p.m.

- Sept. 18 *Growing Deciduous Fruit Trees in Marion County*
- Oct. 16 *Gardening to Protect Your Home From Termites*
- Nov. 20 *Fall/Winter Gardening*

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

Drop-In Book Club

Third Thursdays, 11 a.m.

- Sept. 20 *Kitchen House*
by Kathleen Grissom
- Oct. 18 *The Sisters*
by Nancy Jensen
- Nov. 15 *Dandelion Wine*
by Ray Bradbury

Presidents and Their First Ladies, dramatically speaking

Saturday, Sept. 22, 10:30 a.m.

Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln, live! (Well, sorta...)

See Program Spotlight for more information.

Scrabble® at the Library

Fourth Mondays, 10:30 a.m.

Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Nov. 26

Join our new group and play for fun with other Scrabble® enthusiasts.



The Art of Flower Arranging

Wednesday, Oct. 3, 11 a.m.

Jeri Gibbs, owner of Turner House Florist, will share flower-arranging tips.

We're Making Holiday Cards!

Thursday, Oct. 25, 10:30 a.m.

Feeling creative? Here's your chance to make your own unique holiday cards. Supplies furnished. Registration required.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Meet the Muppets!

Saturday, Oct. 13, 3 p.m.

A special treat for teens.

See the Program Spotlight for this and other Teen Read Week activities.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Terrific Teddy Bears

Wednesday, Sept. 12, 4 p.m.

Do you love teddy bears? Does your teddy bear need a playmate? Join Susan "Kuka Bear" Kuka as she relates the history of our favorite stuffed toy. Craft activity will follow. Ages 5-12 years. Registration required.

The Colors of Fall

Wednesday, Sept. 19, 4 p.m.

Create a fall window display using crayons, tissue paper and wax paper. Ages 5-12 years. Registration required.

If I Only Had a Brain

Wednesday, Oct. 3, 4 p.m.

Create a scarecrow for your garden! Ages 5-12 years. Registration required.

BINGO!

Wednesday, Oct. 17, 4 p.m.

Take the afternoon off and play bingo! Everyone is a winner at the library! Ages 5-12 years. Registration required.

Polly Wants a Party

Wednesday, Nov. 7, 4 p.m.

Shiver me timbers! Sail the seven seas and celebrate pirates through books, crafts, games and songs! No parrots, please. Ages 5-12 years. Registration required.

Gobble 'Til You Waddle

Wednesday, Nov. 14, 4 p.m.

Create a turkey too handsome to carve for Thanksgiving dinner. Ages 5-12 years. Registration required.

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.

Toddler Story Time

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.

Sept. 5-Nov. 28 (No program Nov. 21)

For children ages 2-3 and their caregivers.

Preschool Story Time

Fridays, 11 a.m.

Sept. 7-Nov. 30 (No program Nov. 23)

For children ages 4-5 and their caregivers.

Baby Songs and Nursery Rhymes

Third Tuesdays, 11 a.m.

Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20

For babies 23 months and younger and their caregivers.

FOREST PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

F.I.R.S.T. Robotics Demo

Friday, Oct. 26, 11 a.m.

See Program Spotlight for more information.

Fabric Design Contest

Submission deadline: Sept. 19

Exhibition: Oct. 1-Oct. 31

See Program Spotlight for more information.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Computer Confidence

First and third Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m.

Sept. 5 & 19, Oct. 3 & 17, Nov. 7 & 21

Build your confidence at these drop-in sessions and have your computer questions answered.

Forest Readers' Book Clubs

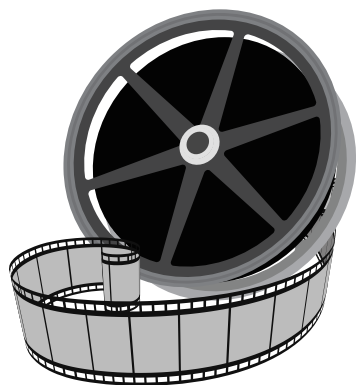
Second and fourth Tuesdays, 5-6 p.m.

Sept. 11 & 25, Oct. 9 & 23, Nov. 13 & 27

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

Sept. 12 & 26, Oct. 10 & 24, Nov. 14 & 28

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



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. 12
- Sept. 26
- Oct. 10
- Oct. 24
- Nov. 7
- Nov. 21

Friends of the Forest Public Library Monthly Meeting

Third Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
 Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21
 New members are welcome!

Forest Crafty Cut-Ups

Second Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
 Sept. 8 Zen Doodling
 Oct. 13 Scrapbook Basics
 Nov. 10 Holiday Cards
 These are make-and-take workshops.
 Come and go, or spend all day.
 Beginners welcome!



PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES

Haunting in the Forest

Wednesday, Oct. 31, 5-7 p.m.
 Trick or treat, haunted trail, games and more. Park at the Forest Community Center and cross the boardwalk for more spookiness at the Forest Public Library.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Forest Public Library and the Marion County Parks and Recreation Department.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Mother Goose on the Loose™

First and third Fridays, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 7 & 21, Oct. 5 & 19, Nov. 16
 A musical nursery rhyme romp for children age 3 and younger and their caregivers.

Family Story Time

Tuesdays, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 4-Nov. 27 (No program Oct. 30)
 A variety of stories, action rhymes, music and art for families.

Stories & Stuff Children's Book Club

Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Sept. 6-Nov. 29
 (No program Nov. 1 & Nov. 22)
 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. 7-Nov. 30
 (No program Nov. 2 & Nov. 23)
 Let's read and talk about books!
 Snacks and art included! For children in grades 4-6.

Construction Zone

Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2:30-4 p.m.
 Put on your hard hat and join us in the Construction Zone! Kids and families build with classic Legos™ and more!
 For ages 3-12 years.

Kids' Club

Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2:30-4 p.m.
 It's crafts! It's games! It's fun! Assorted activities and diversions on early release days for preschool-grade 6.

FORT M^cCOY PUBLIC LIBRARY

14660 NE Hwy 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

Thursdays, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, 10 a.m.
 New members are welcome!

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Preschool Story Time

Wednesdays, Oct. 3-31, Nov. 7, 10:30 a.m.
 For ages 3-5 years. 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

Community Invitational Art Show Reception

Thursday, Sept. 6, 5-7:30 p.m.
 Show runs Sept. 1-Oct. 31
 Gather with friends and browse the artwork of Gallery East's artists. Refreshments will be provided at the reception.
 Co-sponsored by Gallery East.

F.I.R.S.T. Robotics Demo

Wednesday, Sept. 19
 See the Program Spotlight for more information and other locations.

International Games Day

Saturday, Nov. 3, 10:30 a.m.
 Connect with others for plugged and unplugged games, including GameTable Online and Global Gossip. Players of all ages are welcome!

Wall of Thanks

Monday, Nov. 19-Wednesday, Nov. 21
 What does Thanksgiving mean to you? Create it, display it and watch our wall grow. Artists of all ages are welcome to participate!

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Study Hall

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2-6 p.m.
 Sept. 4-Nov. 20
 The library meeting room will be available for students of all ages on a walk-in basis. Students, tutors and study groups are welcome.

Friends of Freedom Public Library Fall Book Sale

Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 27-29, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Basic Computer Classes

Thursdays, 2 p.m.

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

*Sept. 6, Oct. 11, Nov. 15 Email Basics
Sept. 13, Oct. 18, Nov. 29*

*Don't Believe Everything You Read:
Health Information Online*

Sept. 20, Oct. 25 Basics for Beginners

Sept. 27, Nov. 1 How to Search

Oct. 4, Nov. 8 Document Basics



Ask Arnold! Comprehensive Computer Assistance

Thursdays, Sept. 6-Nov. 29, noon-2 p.m.

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

Friends of Freedom Public Library Monthly Meeting

Sept. 4, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, 10 a.m.

New members are always welcome!

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS AND TWEENS

Study Hall

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2-6 p.m.

Sept. 4-Nov. 20

The library meeting room will be available for students of all ages on a walk-in basis. Students, tutors and study groups are welcome.

Freedom Jelly

Wednesdays, Sept. 12-Nov. 28, 4 p.m.

Work groups have never been more inspiring! Take an active role in planning library services, including after-school programs and special

events. Volunteer opportunities are available for ages 14 and over.

Make a difference at the library and join the Jelly!

It Came From the Library Treasure Hunt and Swap Meet: A Teen Read Week Celebration

Wednesday, Oct. 17, 4 p.m.

Create the ultimate showdown in library treasures! What did YOU find at the library?

See the Program Spotlight for other Teen Read Week activities.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Whatever Wednesday

Selected Wednesdays, 2 p.m.

Gazooks! School closed early so it's time for some high-spirited fun!

Sept. 19 F.I.R.S.T. Robotics

See the Program Spotlight for more information and other locations.

Oct. 3 Freedom's Fall Festival!

Join in a traditional celebration of autumn with crafts, games and feasting.



Freaky Friday

Friday, Oct. 26, 2 p.m.

It's a party! Create tricky treats with Chef Wally and wake up, make up, dress up and freak out for the holiday.

Library Connection

Selected Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

Introduction to library services for students and families of all ages.

Sept. 21 Orientation

Oct. 19 Library Resources

Nov. 16 Art Attack!

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 Story Time

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m., Sept. 18-Nov. 27

For infants-2 years and their caregivers.

Preschool Story Time

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

Sept. 13-Nov. 29 (No program Nov. 22)

For children age 3 and older and 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 ADULTS

Ask Your Master Gardener

Third Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

Learn techniques from the Masters!

Sept. 20 Fall/Winter Gardening

Oct. 18 Butterfly Gardens

Nov. 15 Growing Deciduous Fruit Trees

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

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Preschool Story Time

Fridays, Sept. 7-Nov. 30, 10:30 a.m.

(No program Nov. 23)

For ages 3-5 years. Caregivers must accompany children.

REDDICK PUBLIC LIBRARY

15150 NW Gainesville Rd., Reddick

352-438-2566

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Preschool Story Time

Thursdays, Sept. 13-Oct. 18, 10 a.m.

For ages 3-5 years old. Caregivers must accompany children.

EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS

Headquarters-Ocala

- September **Paintings** by Brandon Scrambling
- October **Stamps of the World** by the General Francis Marion Stamp Club
- November **Learn for Life** by the College of Central Florida's Senior Learning Institute

Belleview Public Library

- September **Craft Pieces** by the Belleview Sewing Guild
- Paintings** by Hugh
- October **Hemp Jewelry** by Kayla Leubner and Justin Griggs
- Animal Mixed-Media** by Ashley Denman
- November **Hooked Rug Art** by the Ocala Rug Hooking Guild

Forest Public Library

- September **Landscape Photographs** by Norma Jean
- October **Fabric Design Contest** (see Forest Public Library Programs for details.)
- November **Native American Designs and Water Colors** by Laughing Eyes

Freedom Public Library

- September **Sewing Project** by American Sewing Guild
- September -October **Community Invitational Art Show** by Gallery East



- September -November **Photography** by the On Top of the World Shutterbugs
- October **Voyage of Discovery: The Ships of Columbus** by the International Plastic Modelers
- November **Crochet Trees** by Ann Ivone

wordup!

By Amanda Lugo

Teens with a passion for the creative arts (and a little friendly competition), it's that time of the year again. CREATE is coming to the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library, Saturday, Nov. 10, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.! An acronym for "Colossal, Reading, Entertaining, Artsy, Teen Event," CREATE has a special place for all talented teens. The deal gets even sweeter with cash prizes for winners in each art field. Even if you're not right-brained, CREATE offers you a chance to check out some fantastic talent and participate in voting for the people's choice awards.

If you want to find out about volunteer opportunities at the public library, the Teen Library League is another great idea for you to explore. It's also an opportunity for teens to share their ideas for programs and events that would be of interest to them. And Teen Library League members even receive volunteer credit for just attending the monthly meetings. **W**

A Library Card is The Smartest Card in Your Wallet!

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month, a time when the Marion County Public Library System reminds parents and caregivers that a library card is the smartest card you can own! When it comes to achieving academic success, a library card provides students with access to a world of both print and electronic resources. Students can access free databases, online homework help and attend programs, activities and clubs that add value to the educational experience.

Open the door to a world of possibilities for the student in your life and sign up for a library card today! Call 352-671-8551 to find out how to receive your smartest card. **W**



2012 Summer Library Program Sponsors

- Arby's
- Auntie Anne's Pretzels
- Barnes and Noble
- Books-a-Million
- Bruster's Real Ice Cream
- Central FL Chapter of the 501st Legion
- City of Ocala's Discovery Center
- Ocala Ghost Walks and Historical Tours
- Easy Street Family Fun Center
- Friends of the Library
- Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken
- McDonald's
- Ocala Star-Banner
- Sonic
- Sonny's Real Pit Bar-B-Q
- Subway
- Taco Bell
- TD Bank

Cassandra Nicko and Xavier Walters at HQ-Ocala Tot Spot.



Miles and Evan Tobin build a tower at the Dunnellon Public Library.



Jessica Miller at the Forest Public Library "Cowhand Cookout."



Lyndel the Magician at Dunnellon Public Library.



Samantha Lang gets the scoop at HQ-Ocala ice cream social.



Teen filmmakers at HQ-Ocala workshop.

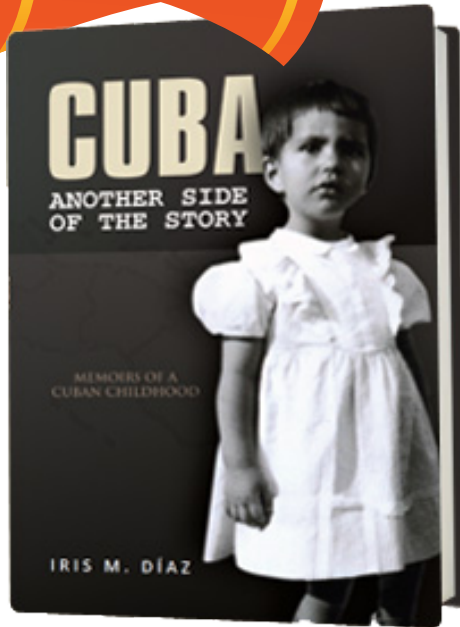


Born Learning Trail at Belleview Public Library.



Bookmarks

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MEET THE AUTHOR

Join us on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 14, at 2 p.m., as author **Iris Diaz** shares her amazing story of her youth in Cuba, her flight to the U.S. after Castro came to power, and her new life here. Fleeing the island in 1961, she spent years living with relatives, friends, boarding schools and dorms before getting her first apartment in Manhattan in 1972. She has worked as a teacher, actress, associate producer and video researcher for NBC-TV before coming to Florida and buying a small farm where she spends time with her two passions—writing and her horses. The book will be available for sale (\$15) and autographing. Refreshments will be served.

The Friends presented each County Commissioner with a poster featuring a favorite book. The posters are being displayed in the lobby of Headquarters-Ocala Library to encourage Marion County citizens to READ!



(L to R): Mike Amsden, Kathy Bryant, Charlie Stone, Jan Schorffhaar of the Friends of the Ocala Public Library, Stan McClain and Carl Zalak.

Time for Our Annual Meeting

All members of the Friends of the Ocala Public Library are asked to attend the brief annual meeting on Sunday, Oct. 14 at 2 p.m. in Headquarters-Ocala Library meeting room C, just prior to the author talk. The annual budget will be presented and the slate of officers and directors will be approved. The following have agreed to serve for 2012-2013:

President: **Darrell Riley**; Vice-President: **Carmen Maines**
Secretary: **Susan Peters**; Treasurer: **Sara Dassance**
Directors: **April Adams, Dan Andrews, LerVerle Jacobs, Yvonne Little,**
and **Diane Trexler.**

Before You Cast Your Vote...

The Florida legislature has given us 11 constitutional amendments to vote on in November. Hear the arguments for and against many changes to property taxes, state revenue limits, how state tax funds can be used, religious freedom, abortion rights and modifications to the state court system. This nonpartisan presentation by Friends member Judy Johnson is a must for all voters who want to be informed before making voting decisions. The program will be Sunday, Sept. 23 at 2 p.m. in Meeting Room C of Headquarters Library.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sept. 23, 2012, 2 PM:

What You Need to Know Before Voting
on constitutional amendments

Presented by Judy Johnson

Held in Meeting Room C, Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

Oct. 14, 2012, 2 PM:

Author **Iris M. Diaz**
discussing her new book,
Cuba: Another Side of the Story

Held in Meeting Room C, Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

(Preceded by a brief Annual Meeting)

Nov. 3, 2012, 10 AM-4 PM:

Quarterly Book Sale

Held in Meeting Rooms,
Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

profiles

By Ken Tipper

So, we wondered, how does a national election year impact Marion County Supervisor of Elections Dee Brown and her staff?

“Tremendously,” says Brown, whose 33-year tenure in office officially ends January 7, 2013. “It impacts every aspect of voter registration, since there is much more interest, and that necessitates us adding not only more poll workers, but temporary staff as well. In addition, this is a unique election year since we have to contend with reapportionment in our state, affecting where we draw precinct lines and where we have to locate our polling facilities.” Brown added that they are already training poll workers for the November election.

Dee Brown started her career with Marion County on January 2, 1979, as a deputy supervisor, with statistics keeping and updating records among her varied duties. She first ran for county supervisor in 1986, won, and has been re-elected six times. She is proud of the fact that during her tenure she has overseen more than 131 local, state, and national elections. In 1979, when she started work in the office, there were 45,000 registered voters,

in 1986 there were 73,265, and as of today there are 216,215.

The public library system has played a large part in the operation of Brown’s office. When the motor-



Marion County Supervisor
of Elections Dee Brown

voter legislation was passed in 1993, public libraries were designated as voter registration agencies. Thus, Brown’s office worked closely with the public library to ensure that they understood the process. “The state mandated that we can use public libraries for early voting, and we use

four of the branches for that purpose,” said Brown.

Recalling the 2000 election, Brown said that when the Supreme Court finally ruled on the outcome she asked a local reporter, “Does that mean that I can go home and bake Christmas cookies for my grandchildren?” This is a great segue into the fact that Dee and husband Jerry, married 48 years, have six children, 12 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, with twin “greats” on the way!

Ms. Brown is proud of her community involvement as well. She has been a member of Altrusa for 23 years, active in the United Way, an Ocala/Marion County Chamber of Commerce member, and member of St. Paul’s United Methodist Church. She also supports “Casual Friday,” that allows her staff to contribute to various charitable organizations.

“My father taught me that life’s greatest gifts are family, country and religion. In my tenure of 26 years as Supervisor of Elections I have to say that it has been an honor and a privilege to have served the citizens of Marion County,” said this long-serving servant of the people. **W**