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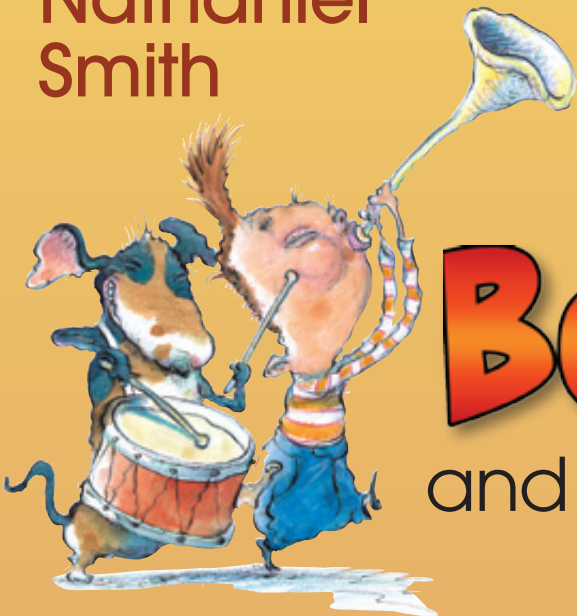
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SUMMER READING PROGRAM



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onthecover: When school's out, reading fun begins at your public library.

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A Word from the Director

Whenever I visit our Children's Services Division, I am bombarded by memories, both professional and personal. Having started my career as a Children's and Young Adult Librarian, it was so rewarding to introduce someone to a new author or series, find just the right science fair project, make children giggle, or reach for the stars through programs and books. I have seen my share of bright, smiling, inquisitive, perplexed, sad, joyous, eager and—you name it—faces. Seeing these faces was a job perk, in and of itself! Come visit. Be a perk!

Now, as a parent of an 11-year-old, my son and I are the customer or the face on the other side of the desk, as it were. The staff, programs, and collections of the Children's Services Division have been a resource beyond measure. They have been helpful at every turn, knowledgeable in recommending what to read next, enthusiastic in learning right along with us, and motivated to offer the best possible program they can offer.

And, honestly, it's not just me! I see staff helping folks with a smile at every turn. As for the collection, don't even get me started on the memories evoked by my son and me curling up with Richard Scarry, *A Fish out of Water*, *I Spy...*, the *Skippyjon Jones* series, Jean Craighead George, Gary Paulson, J.K. Rowling, the *Magic Treehouse* series and the list goes on...

I look forward to seeing you at the Library this summer creating fond memories of your own.

Sincerely,



Julie Sieg, Director
Marion County Public Library System



Getting creative



This Summer at your Library

No doubt about it, this summer is going to be fun, fabulous, and creative at our libraries!

By Amy Mangan

A hallmark of the Marion County Public Library System is the annual children and youth summer program. Past summers at the Library have captivated big and small kids alike with an exciting variety of activities. This year's calendar is no exception.

Music, theatre, arts and crafts, dance, and more will keep kids busy this summer as your Library celebrates creativity.

Children and families are in for a wonderful summer of learning and creating at our libraries. Nancy Young, our Library's Children's Division Manager, agrees.

"Our summer program really highlights the joy of reading



Frank Remkiewicz

Illustrator of *Horrible Harry* and the *Froggy* books

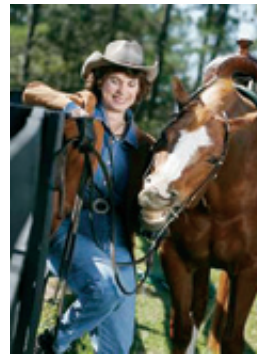
Appearing

Saturday, June 13

Children's Book Festival

because it's filled with activities, performers, games, and times for kids to foster a love of reading in libraries."

And there will be plenty of activities for teens, too! This techno-savvy generation will be thrilled with the Library's calendar of events including podcasting, movie making, and just about everything else to keep a teen interested. Roseanne Russo, Manager of Information Services, says this summer will be the best ever for young adults.



Shelley Fraser Mickle

Author of *Barbaro*

Appearing

Saturday, May 16, 2pm

at Headquarters-Ocala

"We're excited about our appeal to teen readers and tekkies alike this summer with our Tuesday Chats and Wired Wednesdays! From Manga to Movie Maker, Sports to Social Networking," says Roseanne, "We are positively energized about the possibilities that are open to the teens in our community this summer at the library."

Special events are also planned including the **Children's Book Week Celebration from May 11 - 17** and the **Children's Book Festival June 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Check out the Library Calendar on the next pages to make your summer a great one!



Suzy Kline

Author of the *Horrible Harry* books

Appearing

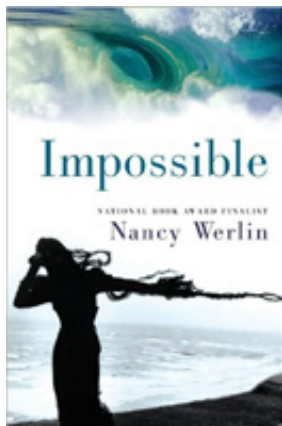
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Children's Book Festival

book review

Teen & Childrens Books are Hot for Summer Reading! By Linda Porter

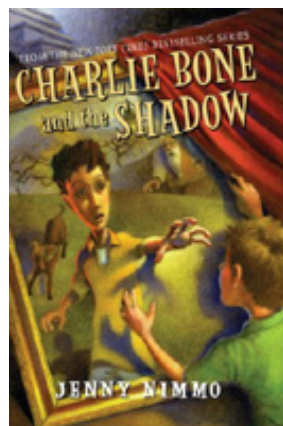
Popular author Nancy Werlin's new novel, *Impossible*, is a contemporary story for teens, with a fantasy twist. Remember the haunting melody of the folk song, *Scarborough Fair*? Seventeen-year-old Lucy Scarborough is living the ballad, trapped by an Elf Knight, as have generations of Scarborough girls before her. Lucy's mother, a deeply disturbed woman, is homeless by choice. She sporadically barges into Lucy's life, disrupting her relationship with her loving foster parents. Each



visit leaves Lucy angry and bewildered, especially when her mother insists that Lucy learn the words to *Scarborough Fair*. When her mother's diary from her own eighteenth year is found, it contains a story that is, well, impossible.

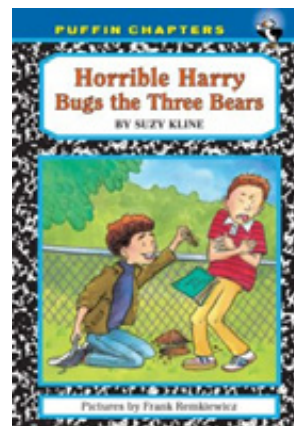
The author's gradual introduction of the fantasy element makes the story chillingly believable. Lucy's relationship with Zach, her childhood friend, will appeal to teens looking for an unusual love story and all readers will enjoy the suspense as Lucy struggles to escape her destiny.

images courtesy of respective author/publisher



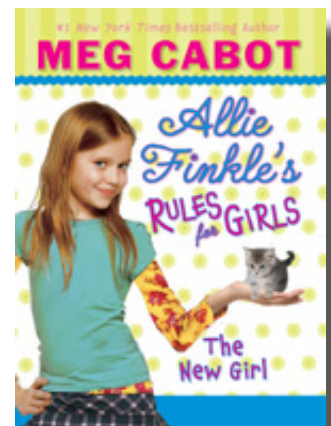
Younger readers like fantasy, too. Jenny Nimmo's *Charlie Bone* novels will appeal to the kids who just couldn't get enough Harry Potter. In the most recent, *Charlie Bone and the Shadow*, Count Hakon returns to inflict revenge on the Red King's heirs. Only Charlie and his best friend's dog, Runner Bean, can outwit the evil Count. Planning a long car trip this summer? For a special treat, take along the *Charlie Bone* stories in audiobook format.

Prefer something a little on the silly side? Try the



Horrible Harry stories by Suzy Kline. The zany fun will draw even reluctant readers into the world of books. In *Horrible Harry Bugs the Three Bears*, Harry's fascination with earwigs becomes part of a class project of acting out scenes from fairy tales.

More fun is on the way for older readers in Meg Cabot's series about nine-year-old Allie Finkle. In *The New Girl*, Allie has to adjust her rules for girls when she has to deal with a bully, though new friends, and a friendly kitten, help ease her introduction into a new school.



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For additional information about this book review, or the Marion County Public Library System, contact Collection Development Librarian Linda Porter at linda.porter@marioncountyfl.org or 368-4509. Please visit the Library's website at library.marioncountyfl.org to learn more about Library programs and services.

**HEADQUARTERS/
OCALA**
2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd.
671-8551

**Programs
for Adults**
WEEKLY PROGRAMS

**Monday Movie
Matinee 2:00 PM**
Movies for adults and teens 13+.
June 8: Quiz Show
June 15: The Hunt for Red October
June 22: Bourne Supremacy
June 29: Shadowlands
July 6: The Year of Living
Dangerously
July 13: Dr. Strangelove
July 20: Ragtime
July 27: Viewers' Choice

Mondays & Tuesdays 5:30 PM
***ESOL Class**
May 4 - June 2
Classes resume August 12
Learn English at the library.

Tuesday 10:00 AM
***English Conversation**
May 5 - June 2
Classes resume August 18
*Practice your English with others
in an informal and fun class.*

**Tuesdays & Thursdays
11:00 AM**
***GED BUS**
May 5 - May 28
Classes resume August 18
*It's never too late to get your
High School Diploma*

Wednesday 10:30 PM
Wired Wednesdays - Adults only
*No reservations required,
but seating is limited—
first come, first served.*

June 10: I Got Something to
Say! Blogging Part1
June 17: I Got Something to
Say! Blogging Part 2

Set up a web log and let
the blogging begin! Learn
how to personalize your blog
and add content to it.



June 24: Picture This: Image
Editing Part 1
July 1: Picture This: Image
Editing Part 2
Edit images using free online
software. Learn how to make
your pictures look better and
how to post them on your blog.

July 8: Listen Up.
Podcasting Part 1
July 15: Listen Up.
Podcasting Part 2

Learn how to record a podcast
using free web resources and
how to upload it on your blog.

July 22: Lights, Camera,
Action: Windows
Movie Maker Part 1
July 29: Lights, Camera,
Action: Windows
Movie Maker Part 2

Unleash your inner Steven
Spielberg and create your own
movies. Learn the ins and outs
of Windows Movie Maker.

Thursday 1:00PM
Need Computer Help?
May 14 - May 28
Program resumes September 10
Can't get your computer
to work for you? Seek
help with our highly skilled
volunteers and staff.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS
**Friends of the Ocala
Public Library Book Sale**
Saturday, August 8, 10am-4pm

**Master Gardeners
2:00 PM**
**May 2 - Flowering Shrubs &
Native Plants**
**August 1 - Preparing Your
Garden for a Fall
Vegetable Crop**

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

**Programs for
Teens ages 13-18**

**Read Any Good Books
Lately? 3:30 PM**
Teen Book Discussion

Tuesday, June 9
Manga Mania! Let's talk
about Graphic Novels

Tuesday, July 7
Game On! Sports Fiction
for teen fans.

Wednesday 2:30 PM
**Wired Wednesdays - Teens Only
(ages 13-18)**
Sharpen your searching and
computer skills as you enjoy a
different topic each week!
*No reservations required,
but seating is limited—
first come, first served.*

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Spielberg and create your own
movies. Learn the ins and outs
of Windows Movie Maker.

**Thursdays
2:30 - 4:30 PM**
June 11 - July 30
**Teen Tech Time: Open Computer
Lab for Teens ages 13-18**

Work on projects, prepare
for school, or play games in
our open (but supervised)
computer lab. Fun!

**Programs for
Children**
MONTHLY PROGRAMS

**Super Saturdays
2:00 PM**
June 20: The Unique
Entertainment of Jiggleman
June 27: "Spare Me" Wii
Bowling Tournament for Kids
July 11: Lyndell &
Company Magic Show
July 18: Library Idol Talent Show
Tickets required, call 671-8551.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Mondays 9:30 AM
**Monday Movie Madness for
Summer Day Camps**
June 15, 22, 29; July 6, 13, 20
Registration Required.
Please call 671-8551.

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

Tuesdays 10:15 AM
Family Story Connections
 0-5 yrs
 June 16, 23, 30; July 7, 14, 21

Reading Clubs 2:00 PM
 K-1st Grade
 2nd - 3rd Grade
 4th - 6th Grade
 Registration Required.
 Please Call 671-8551

Pajama Storytime
 0-3 yrs 6:30 PM

Wednesdays 2:00 PM
Be Creative @ Your Library
 June 17, 24; July 1, 8, 15, 22

Thursdays 10:15 AM
Family Story Connections 0-5 yrs
 June 18, 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23

Night Time Storytime, 4-7 yrs 6:30 PM

Fridays 2:00 PM
Friday Flicks for Kids and Family
 June 26; July 10, 17

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, June 6 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Homeschool Expo

Saturday, June 13 10AM - 2 PM
Fifth Annual Children's Book Festival.

Featured Guest Author: Suzy Kline, author of "Horrible Harry," "Song Lee," and "Herbie Jones" books

Friday, June 19 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Family Fun Day @ the Park

Silver River State Park. Free Admission with your Library Card

Friday, July 24 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Family Fun Day @ the Park

Carney Island Park. Free Admission with your Library Card

Friday, July 31 2:00 PM
Be Creative @ Your Library Grand Finale

Featuring: "Quite a Catch" Juggling Act, "Be Creative Club Cards" required for admission.

BELLEVIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY

13145 SE Hwy. 484
 438-2500

Programs for Adults

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Master Gardeners 10:30 AM
May 15: Landscaping for the Birds
June 4: Herb Gardening

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Tuesday Movies 1:00 PM
May 12: Nights in Rodanthe
May 26: Made of Honour
June 9: Field of Dreams
June 23: For the Love of the Game



A sign language interpreter—or help with other special needs—may be provided with one week's advance notice.



July 14: Hairspray
July 28: Shall We Dance
August 11: Legally Blonde I
August 25: Legally Blonde II

Thursday
Computer Classes 1:00 PM
May 14: Database Learning Express
May 21: Email Basics
May 28: Database - Learning Express
 Registration required.

Open Computer Lab 1:00-2:30 PM
 June, July, and August

Programs for Teens
WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Fridays 2:00 PM
June 12: Design It! Intro. to Web Design Part 1
June 26: Design It! Intro. to Web Design Part 2
July 10: Lights, Camera, Action!
 Windows Movie Maker Part 1
July 24: Lights, Camera, Action!
 Windows Movie Maker Part 2

No reservations are required, but seating is limited—first come, first served.

Programs for Children
WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Tuesdays 3:30 PM
May 5, 12, 19: Be a Reader

Thursdays 10:30-11:30 AM
June 11: Music
June 18: Dance with special guest instructor and extended session 10:30-12:00
June 25: Art with special guest instructors from Del Webb-Spruce Creek Arts & Crafts League
July 2: Writing/Poetry
July 9: Acting
July 16: Freeplay

Fridays 10:30 AM
Preschool Story Time
June 5: Ponies/Horses
June 12: Music
June 19: Dance
June 26: Art
July 10: Acting
July 17: Freeplay
July 24: Sun & Surf
July 31: Ocean Creatures

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, June 6 10:30 AM
One-Year Anniversary Celebration

featuring Carole Fletcher and Hercules, the world's smallest trick horse

May 1 & 2, 2009: The Friends of Belleview Library Book Sale

From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at their NEW location: The Book Nook is now located in the "old" Belleview Library building, 6007 SE Earp Rd. (behind Shepherd's Lighthouse). Thousands of books to choose from at bargain prices. Proceeds benefit the Belleview Public Library. For more information, call 438-2500 or visit friends-of-belleview-library.org.

Programs For Families

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Family Flix Tuesdays 1:00 PM
June 16: A Bug's Life
June 30: The Spiderwick Chronicles
July 7: Ella Enchanted
July 21: Bridge to Terabithia
August 4: How to Eat Fried Worms

Family Flix Wednesdays 2:00 PM
May 6: The Tale of Despereaux

DUNNELLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

20351 Robinson Road
 438-2520

Programs for Adults

May 5, 10:00 AM
 Friends of the Library Meeting
May 9, 3:00 PM
 Homeschooling Questions & Answers
May 11, 2:00 PM
 Florida Yards & Neighborhood Program

May 21, 10:30 AM
 How to Prevent Identity Theft

June 18, 1:00 PM
 Computer Class: Searching online databases

Programs for Children

Saturdays 3:00 PM
(3rd Saturday of every month)

Movie Matinee
May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug 15

May 12: Family Storytime 6:00 PM
May 6: Baby/Toddler Storytime 10:30 AM
May 1 & 8: Preschool Storytime 10:30 AM



Special Summer Storytime 10:30 AM
June 19, July 17

Tuesdays 10:30 AM
Summer Reading Program
 (For elementary age students)
June 23 - July 28

Summer Reading Program "Be Creative"

SPECIAL EVENTS
June 24: Kids ART 11:00 AM

(Registration required)

June 26: Wii Family Sports Tournament
2:00 PM (Registration required)

July 1 - "Magic" show 3:30 PM

July 9 - "Curious Moon" puppetry 11:00 AM

July 16 - Kids ART 2:00 PM

(Registration required)

July 24 - Family Game Day 3:00 PM

July 31 11:00 AM

End of the Summer Reading Club Party

Juggling program, reading
 certificates, food, and fun!

Programs for Teens

Creative Teens 2:00 PM

July 8: Mosaics

July 22: Art

FOREST PUBLIC LIBRARY

777 S CR 314A/Forest Corners
 438-2540

Programs for Adults MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Wednesdays 10:30 AM
May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12
 Friends of the Forest Public Library Meeting

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Tuesdays & Thursdays 2:00 PM

GED Bus

May 14 - May 28

Program resumes September 18

It's never too late to get your High School Diploma. Classes coincide with school calendar. Co-sponsored by CTAE/Marion County School Board

Wednesday
Forest Feature Films 2:00 PM

May 20: National Treasure

June 3: Fiddler on the Roof

July 17: Pirates of the Caribbean: The
 Curse of the Black Pearl

July 1: TBA

July 15: Pirates of the Caribbean:
 Dead Man's Chest

August 5: National Treasure: Book of Secrets

August 19: Pirates of the Caribbean:
 At World's End

Programs for Teens

Tuesdays 10:30 AM

Be Creative @ Your Library

June 23: Free Play

June 30: Dance and Move

July 7: I've Got Rhythm

July 14: Ham It Up

July 21: Now You See It

July 28: It's a Wrap

Funtime Thursdays 2:00 PM

June 25: Wii Games

July 2: "Dance Dance Revolution" Tournament

July 9: Karaoke Fever

July 16: Movie Event, "Tale of Despereaux"

July 23: Art Van Go(gh)

July 30: Talent Show, "The Forest Follies"

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Kids Klub 2:30 PM

August 12: games, crafts, stories, & fun

Programs for Tweens and Teens

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Gocks & Pocks 2:00 PM

August 13: Goth and Punk sock
 puppet workshop

Programs for Children

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Tuesdays 10:30 AM

May 5, 12, 19: Storytime

Movie Mondays 2:00PM

Harry Potter series

June 15: Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

June 22: Harry Potter and the
 Chamber of Secrets

June 29: Harry Potter and the
 Prisoner of Azkaban

July 6: Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

July 13: Harry Potter and the Order
 of the Phoenix

FORT M^cCOY PUBLIC LIBRARY

14660 NE Hwy 315/Fort McCoy

438-2560

Programs for Families

Wednesday 2:00 PM

June 17: Movie Matinee

Programs for Children

FLORIDA LIBRARY YOUTH PROGRAMS

Wednesdays 10:30 AM

June 24: Now You See It

July 1: Lyndell & Company - Magic
 and Comedy Show

July 8: I've Got Rhythm

July 15: Healthy Herb - Aka "Jiggleman"

July 22: Dance and Move

July 29: The Random Players Theatre

FREEDOM PUBLIC LIBRARY

5870 SW 95 Street

438-2580

Programs for Adults WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Thursdays at Noon

Computer Help Problems?

The Computer Coach with infinite patience
 and lots of knowledge is here to help! No
 appointment necessary.

Programs for Children and Teens WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Tuesdays 6:00-7:30 PM**

Pajama Party!

June 30: Rhythm Redux

July 7: Play It Again, Please!

July 14: Acting Up!

July 21: Have You Seen Art???

July 28: Dancing into Dreamland!

*Tuesday programs are for the entire
 family 0-99 with book-based storytimes,
 including music and art, in support of
 summer reading and lifelong literacy.*

Thursdays 2:00 - 4:00 PM**

June 25: I've Got Rhythm!

July 2: Free Play!

July 9: Ham It Up!

July 16: Now You See It!

July 23: Dance and Move!

July 30: Finale! No Contest Talent Contest!

*Thursday programs are planned for
 school-aged children, 5-11, book-
 based storytimes, including drama,
 art, and music, in the fierce fight to
 combat the dreaded summer reading
 loss and promote lifelong literacy.*





SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR EVERYONE!

Marion County Reads! Be a part of Marion County Summer Reading Program for Children, Teens, and —yes— Adults! If you're ages 5 to 500, come to any Marion County Public Library branch during June and July for lots of fun, plus chances to win prizes! So come on in and bag some books for the beach, or chill out with a cool movie, or shake, rattle, and roll to the antics of Jiggleman! Don't miss out on the fun! For more details, please contact your local branch librarian.

Stupendous Saturdays!
2:00 – 4:00 PM**
Arts, Film, and Fooling Around
June 27, July 11, July 18, July 25

Saturday programs are planned for school-aged children, 5-15, and will undoubtedly attract a wider variety of ages. We will offer a broad spectrum of possible activities including electronic gaming, film-making, and teen crafts.

*** Teens and pre-teens will assist in planning, presentation, and performance of all programs, as well as enjoy additional craft, gaming, and party opportunities.*

SPECIAL PROGRAMS 2:30PM
July 15: Jiggleman! Reappearing as Healthy Herb!

**HERMAN B. OBERMAN
 PUBLIC LIBRARY**
 4040 Deepwater Court/Rainbow
 Lakes Estates
 438-2564

Programs for Children

Wednesdays 11:00AM
June 17: Entertainer
June 26: I've Got Rhythm
July 1: Free Play
July 8: Now You See It
July 15: TBA
July 22: Entertainer or party

MARION OAKS PUBLIC LIBRARY

294 Marion Oaks Lane/
 Community Center
 438-2570

Programs for Adults

Wednesdays 10:00 AM - 11:30AM
June 10: Getting By In Uncertain Economic Times
July 8: Eating Healthy On A Budget
August 12: Fall Vegetable Gardening
County Extension Service

Programs for Children

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Fridays 10:30 AM
Preschool Story Time
May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
June 5, 12, 19, 26
July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
August 7, 14, 21, 28

FLORIDA LIBRARY YOUTH PROGRAMS

Thursdays 2:30 PM
June 25: I've Got Rhythm, Guest: Kindermusik
July 2: Free Play
July 9: Ham it Up, Guest: Curious Moon Puppets
July 16: Now You See It, Guest: Art Van Go
July 23: Dance and Move, Guest: TBA
July 30: Grand Finale-Art, Music, Dance, Guest: TBA

SPECIAL EVENTS

May 9 9:00 AM
**Marion Oaks Friends of the Library
 Annual Book Sale**

REDDICK PUBLIC LIBRARY

15150 NW Gainesville Road/Reddick
 438-2566

Programs for Children

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Thursdays 10:00 AM
June 18: The Jiggleman @ the Community Building
June 25: I've Got Rhythm (Music)
July 2: Dance and More (Dance)
July 9: Now You See I (Art)
July 16: Ham It Up (Theatre)
July 23: Talent Show



A sign language interpreter—or help with other special needs—may be provided with one week's advance notice.



Stearns Sponsors Library Mural

Congressman Clifford B. Stearns and Joan M. Stearns recently donated funds to the Friends of the Ocala Public Library to sponsor an art panel on the exterior of Library's Headquarters-Ocala. The panel—an artistic mosaic depicting science and technology — is fitting for Congressman Stearns, who has championed the advancement of science and technology in education during his many years of service in Congress.



Coffee @ The Library Series Begins

Are you part of a book club? Let us host one of your discussions at the Library. Coffee is on us! One of our expert staff will facilitate a discussion of a book. Or you may select a literary topic to talk about instead. Either way, we'll enjoy the conversation, coffee, and congeniality. Call Linda Porter at 368-4509 to find out more about this new program.



Marion County Public Library staff Quiana Vidal, Roseanne Russo, Susan Valle, Ramon Corazon, and Jamie Nogueiras, Barnes & Noble Community Relations Manager.

Barnes & Noble Donate Books and More!

Christmas may be months away, but it sure looked like the holidays thanks to the Ocala Barnes & Noble bookstore, who generously donated to the Marion County Public Library. The closing of the old Barnes & Noble meant a major clearance of materials from the old store in preparation for the move to the bookstore's current location at Market Street at Heath Brook Plaza.

So, our Library has some new additions to our collection. Look for some of the titles at the Friends of the Ocala Public Library Bookstore, too. Thank you, Barnes & Noble!

Library Volunteers— ALL ABOARD!



Volunteers are needed to lead storytimes at preschool locations throughout the county. This new program will bring the joy of library storytimes to children in the community who may not be able to attend traditional in-house offerings. Training will be provided. For more information call the Headquarters-Ocala Children's Division at 371-8551 and ask for Jenny.

Favorite Summer Reads

Library staff share their picks for great summer reading

"I like anything by Elizabeth Berg. She takes ordinary life situations and addresses them in a wonderfully realistic way."

—Judy Atkins, Circulation Manager, Marion County Public Library



Judy's Picks:

What We Keep, Pull of the Moon, and Home Safe by Elizabeth Berg

"As a relative newcomer to the state, I enjoy reading books written by Florida authors. Their perspectives provide interesting and sometimes unique insights into the history, people, and politics of our state."

—Greg Malak, Branch Manager, Forest Public Library



Greg's Picks:

Nuclear Jellyfish by Tim Dorsey, Nature Girl by Carl Hiaasen and Dead Silence by Randy Wayne White

"I liked Last Man Standing by David Baldacci. This is a book if you like high-speed rollercoaster rides. There are more twists and turns than an Oregon highway."

—Troy Ward, Public Services Assistant, Marion County Public Library



Troy's Picks:

Last Man Standing by David Baldacci

"This summer I plan to re-read Eleni, a biography that was published in 1983 and is a profoundly moving story of a woman's sacrifice and love amidst a savage war. I also like John Grisham's The Brethren which is the only book I remember having read where words were so laced as to cause me to tremble at an escape scene.."

—Lee Fanelli, Branch Manager, Reddick Public Library



Lee's Picks: Eleni by Nicholas Gage and The Brethren by John Grisham

Always a Bestseller

By Ken Tipper

Books at a bargain are just around the corner at your library!

A group of eight members of the Friends of the Ocala Public Library gathered in June 2003, at a dusty warehouse on 36th Avenue, to formulate their ideas for a book store to be located in the new library on Silver Springs Boulevard.

With Library Director Julie Sieg and her staff providing professional guidance, the group went to work on the layout, which included a children's corner, with adjacent shelves for children's books. Months of sorting had resulted in the very best books being ready for stocking, and the store was ready

when the library opened to the public in August, 2004.

The response was an immediate success, and from the outset the legions of Marion County booklovers showed their gratitude by pouring in book donations on a daily basis.

Friends member and former President Barbara West was one of the original planning group. She was selected as book store manager by unanimous consent of the FOL board of directors. To this day, Barbara is proud of the group of volunteers

she gathered together. Barbara has stepped back from the daily management of the book store, but still gives a day of her time every week.

"They came in all shapes and sizes, left brains, right brains, retired teachers, school administrators, librarians, corporate executives, business owners, college professors, secretaries, and, best of all, Moms (who never retire)," she recalled.

Barbara is particularly proud of volunteer Martha DeLong, who has been there from the beginning, and who remembers the hard work involved in getting the store up and running. At the other end of the time-served scale is retired Navy veteran



James Conrad, a regular library patron, who stopped in the store one day about two months ago and signed up. "I used to buy books here, and now I'm selling them," he said.

After only a few months, it became obvious that the store was receiving more donations from the reading public than there was room to accommodate them. And so the Quarterly Book Sale was born, also an immediate success, with lines of patrons waiting for opening time on Saturdays at 10 a.m.

Another facet of the book store operation is on-line sales of some of the more valuable or unusual books, conducted by Friends Historian Sallie Collins, who has added to the fundraising effort by e-Bay sales of books such as a set of International Music Books, an autographed book by Jimmy Stewart, a collection of Bruce Springsteen magazines, and a collection of Frank Lloyd Wright newsletters.

Pat Anderson, current store administrator and longtime board member, spends countless hours ensuring that everything runs smoothly in the store.

Friends President Marilyn Stadick sums up the book store operation thus: "Our book store proceeds allow the Friends to fund many programs and needs that the library's budget does not provide. Our goal is to attract people who share our love of books, and whose purchases in the store allow us to do that."

Quarterly Book Sale: Sat., August 8, 10am-4pm

Friends of the Ocala Public Library Bookstore, Marion County Public Library

2720 East Silver
Springs Boulevard,
Ocala, FL 34470
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Hours:

Monday-Friday
10am-6pm

Saturday
10am-5pm

Sunday Closed



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Volunteer Adds Youthful Dimension to the Library By Ken Tipper



Volunteerism is alive and well at the Marion County Public Library especially among our youth. Nathaniel Smith is a 17-year-old International Baccalaureate student who volunteers at the Library's Ocala Headquarters.

Known for his can-do attitude, Nathaniel will be sorely missed when he graduates from high school and heads to the University of Florida to attend college.

A piano player since the age of four and a poet who has participated in state poetry contests with some success, Nathaniel likes to work with Library staff in all departments and really enjoys working with children.

"Nathaniel is a fine young man who has done excellent work with some of our special projects," says Cate O'Brien, Volunteer Coordinator of the library system's 248 volunteers, "He has a wonderful attitude. We will be sorry to see him go after graduation."

I.B. Coordinator Melissa Joiner agrees, "Nathaniel has worked very hard during his four years in Vanguard High School's I.B. program and found time to volunteer at the library."

Nathaniel also volunteers at the Boys and Girls Club. His leadership skills will be well utilized as a University of Florida student. Nathaniel is wavering between majoring in radiology and physical therapy.

One thing is certain – whatever career Nathaniel will pursue, he will be a success.



Be a Library Volunteer! Call Cate O'Brien at 352-368-4502 or e-mail her at cate.obrien@marioncountyfl.org for more information.