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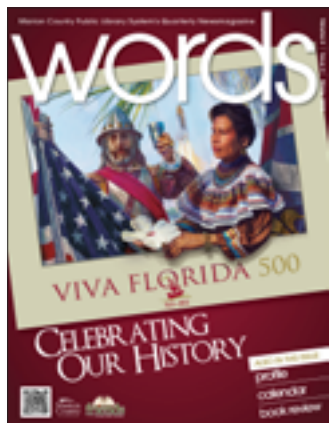
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a word FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Julie Sieg
Director, Marion County
Public Library System



Thinking about the 500th anniversary of our state, I was lead down a path of pondering and reflection of my brief time in the Sunshine State. I am proud to say I am a native Floridian. With the exception of the three years I attended Florida State University, I have called Marion County “home” for over 40 years. Unbelievably, I have been with our library system for 28 years! I have seen remarkable changes in Marion County as well as within the Marion County Public Library System. It is interesting to note how we adapt to the changes around us.

Since 1970 the Marion County population has increased from less than 70,000 to over 330,000 people. Imagine...four lane roads or roads where there had been none, the sheer number of traffic lights, the restaurants, shopping centers, banks, schools and physician offices as well as the diversity of thought and culture. Marion County has gone from a largely rural, agricultural community to a semi-urban community.

Public library services have also been impacted over the last 40 years. Those who hold a Library card have gone from less than 32,000 in 1970 to more than 211,000 currently. Improved library access has been provided with increased hours and new facilities in Belleview, Dunnellon, Forest, Ocala and Freedom areas as well as space in Fort McCoy, Reddick and Marion Oaks. We have seen the disappearance of the manual card catalog and check out system to a wonderfully enhanced capability of searching for and checking out material electronically, a wide availability of large print books and other resources for the sight impaired, electronic books, audio books and other various formats. And, we have certainly seen the increased usage of all library services.

Take a moment to reflect and ponder on the changes you have experienced during your lifetime. You will find it enlightening.

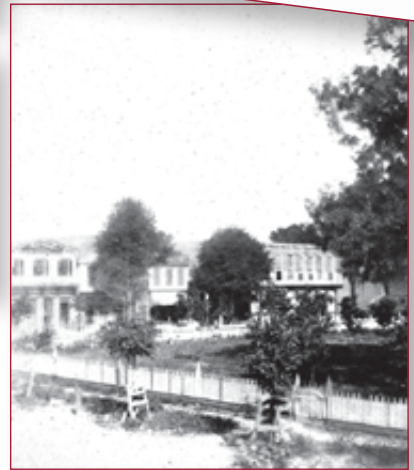
Julie Sieg

Did You Know?

The Ocala Carnegie library was built in 1916.

VIVA FLORIDA!

Story by Michelle Risko. Photos courtesy of State Archives of Florida.



Clockwise from bottom left: **Lake Weir Pavilion**, c. 1935; **Hotel Lakeside** view from Lake Weir, c. 1895, photo by Charles Harrison Colby; **Lemon Hill** near Blue Springs, c. 1890; **Ocala Public Library**, c. 1920s; **west side of Downtown Square**, c. 1880s; **Rosenwald School** in Oklawaha, date unknown.

The great state of Florida is approaching a unique historic milestone, 500 years in the making. Years before Roanoke or Jamestown, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de León and his crew landed on our eastern shore near what is now St. Augustine. They were recorded as the very first Europeans to step foot on land that would one day be part of a great nation.

Five centuries later, de León's "La Florida" has as rich and storied a history as any place in the United States. Viva Florida 500 is the year-long celebration that commemorates Florida's historical evolution. The Marion County Public Library is excited to be celebrating, not just Florida's unique history, but Marion



County's unique place in history. *Words* magazine will be your Viva Florida 500 guide for fun and educational activities and events throughout the library system.

You'll recognize Viva Florida 500 activities and events and information in future *Words* issues when you see the icon.

Celebrate with the library as we honor Florida's diverse culture, history and exceptional beauty, and rediscover all that Florida has been and all she may become. For more information, call the Marion County Public Library System Headquarters at 352-671-8551, or log onto our website at <http://library.marioncountyfl.org> **W**

Make your mark in

MARION COUNTY HISTORY

By Roseanne Russo

Viva Florida 500 marks 500 years of Florida's history. We, too, are marking Marion County's history by collecting the chronicles of our organizations, associations, clubs, businesses, churches and all! Once collected, the histories will be archived for the enjoyment of future generations. You are a part of our community's history. Save a memory for future generations!

In order to assist you with this project, a Writer's Workshop will be held in the spring of 2013. Stay tuned for more information about the date, time, and place. For more information about the project or to hold a place in the workshop, call the Information Services Division at 352-671-8551.

Submit a digital copy of your organization's history with maximum of 1,500 words and no more than three digitized photos by October 31, 2013, to Library Community Liaison, Karen Jensen, at the Headquarters-Ocala location of the Marion County Public Library System (2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala 34470). Note: all work will be edited to comply with final format. Submitted work will not be returned.

Viva Marion County! **W**

VIVA FLORIDA 500

TIME CAPSULE

By Karen Jensen

Save a
memory
for future
generations

Admit it. We've all secretly wished we could borrow Alice's looking glass for a sneak peek into the future. Whether you're a bonafide sci-fi time travel buff or a wanna-be Christopher Lloyd (*Back to the Future*), what our wonderful Marion County community will look like 20, 30 or even 50 years from now remains a mystery.

Here's your chance to give future generations a wonderful present. The Marion County Board of County Commissioners, in partnership with the Florida Department of State's Division of Library and Information Services, is launching a time capsule project in honor of Florida's 500 year anniversary.

The Marion County Public Library System will be facilitating these efforts, and we are seeking community input for the time capsule contents and other necessary information. Watch for notices regarding a community survey and event opportunities.

A committee of community leaders will make all final decisions regarding the time capsule contents. A dedication and placement ceremony commemorating this historic event will be held at the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library in December 2013. Dates and times to follow!

Save a memory—because time will tell. Let's save the here and now for tomorrow. **W**

DISCOVER a Good Book!

Reviewed By Linda Porter

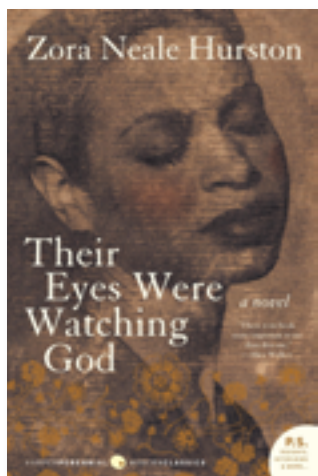
Florida has been a fertile field for literature since its earliest days. That tradition continues with the work of current bestselling authors such as Carl Hiaasen, Randy Wayne White and Tim Dorsey. The broad reach of earlier authors such as Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and Patrick Smith has left readers all over the world yearning for a little sand in their shoes. It is just about impossible to identify any one book or author that portrays what Florida is all about. Thankfully,

there are Florida topics and authors for every mood and taste. Zora Neale Hurston's "Their Eyes Were Watching God" is an enduring classic of an African-American woman's search for personal freedom. Edna Buchanan, on the other hand, captures the south Florida crime scene through her powerful novels and journalism. Authors like Heather Graham

and James Patterson make use of Florida as a thrilling background for their work.

There are so many must-read books about our state. One of the best is "A Land Remembered" by Patrick Smith. This riveting novel is the story of three generations of the MacIvey family. Their struggles to establish a home begin with their arrival before the Civil War in a raw and unsettled central Florida and go through time up to 1970. The MacIveys must fight mosquitoes, disease, hurricanes, and poor crops in a Florida most of us would not recognize. The audiobook version of this book is particularly good.

Interested specifically in Marion County? We can help! Readers will enjoy "Salty Crackers," a series of publications by Sybil Browne Bray. These delightful and often humorous stories give a real feeling of life in our area in earlier times. Another old favorite is "Ocali Country Scrapbook." This video was a Kingdom of the Sun Girl Scouts project and is available in both VHS and DVD formats. The many historic photographs and drawings in the scrapbooks are given life by an engaging narrator. **W**



Cover art courtesy of publisher.

digging deeper

The 500th anniversary of the landing of **Juan Ponce de León** on Florida's east coast is an opportunity to celebrate the cultural diversity and rich history of our state. Learn more about Florida by using the collections of the Marion County Public Library System, including the databases available through the Library's website at <http://library.marioncountyfl.org>. The truly fabulous Florida Memory Project is available through the Library's website as well. **W**



program spotlight

MARION COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM CELEBRATION!

Book Lovers Ball:

A Celebration of 20 years

Saturday, Jan. 26, 1-4 p.m.

Marion Oaks Public Library

Marion Oaks Public Library turns 20! It's a birthday party ball for Marion Oaks Public Library and everyone is invited to attend! Join this royal event complete with music, games, crafts and refreshments. For all ages.

African American Read-In

Freedom Public Library

Saturday, Feb. 2, 1-3 p.m.

Headquarters-Ocala

Sunday, Feb. 24, 2-4 p.m.

Join over a million readers in the 24th National African American Read-In as we celebrate a rich heritage in literature, film, music, art and refreshment! Volunteer readers and performers of all ages are welcome! Please contact your library if you are interested in being a reader.

Hidden Freedom: The Story of Free Blacks From pre-Revolution to the Civil War

Thursday, Feb. 21, 3:30-5 p.m.

Bellevue Public Library

Artist Charles Eady uses his own family history to tell the story of free African-Americans in the south during the period between the 1500s and the Civil War. Eady's fascinating research, based on early census records, affidavits, land grants, tax returns, wills and personal narratives drives his art and his lecture. This program is geared to adults and teens.



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SPECIAL VIVA FLORIDA 500 PROGRAMS

Where Are Those Wild Things?

Family Fun at the Appleton Art Museum

Saturday, Jan. 5, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Appleton Museum of Art

Celebrate the art of the picture book! Bring the family to the Appleton Museum of Art and tame your wild ones with the musical talents of Donna Wissinger performing *Journey into Legendary Florida*, *500 Years of Florida History*, the storytelling antics of Windell Campbell and the puppetry of Bits N' Pieces Puppet Theatre. This will be a family outing to remember! This event is cosponsored by the Friends of the Ocala Public Library.

Note: Museum admission will not be charged on the day of this event. Take this opportunity to tour the special exhibition Sendak & Co.'s Children's Book Illustrations Since *Where the Wild Things Are* and reminisce about your favorite childhood books with your children.

VIVA FLORIDA KICKOFF!

Love My Library, Love My State

Saturday, Feb. 9, 1 p.m.

All Marion County Public Library locations

Celebrate libraries and 500 years of Florida's history with a bit of cake and light refreshments. It's a great way to say "I love my Library and I love my Florida!"

Florida Cracker Days

Saturday, Feb. 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Bellevue Public Library

Dress in costume or come as you are and discover old Florida history. Learn to make butter and enjoy artifacts presented by a Rainbow Springs park ranger.

Love My Library Book Sale

Saturday, Feb. 2. Times vary.

Contact your branch library for details.

One-day-only sale! Books, magazines, etc. will be on sale at most branch facilities. Headquarters-Ocala, Bellevue, Dunnellon, Freedom and Forest libraries will have larger book sales, but all libraries will be participating. Support your library and give a few good books a new home.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Polar Express

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 6-7:30 p.m.

Headquarters-Ocala

Don your mittens and hop aboard as the volunteers from United Way recreate the wonderland of *The Polar Express* by Chris Van Allsburg. Get into the holiday spirit with stories, crafts, cookies and more. Families welcome.

Co-sponsored by the United Way of Marion County.

Holiday Cheer Family Story Time

Friday, Dec. 14, 11 a.m.

Dunnellon Public Library

Hang your stockings with care and snuggle in close for these holiday stories. Wait! Is that the tinkle of silvery bells on the roof?



Perfectly Preposterous Penguins!

Saturday, Dec. 15, 10:30 a.m.

Bellevue Public Library

Penguins, penguins, everywhere! The library has been overrun by the coolest birds in the world. Enjoy the frantic

antics, games, crafts, treats and surprises. Photos will be taken by Savvy Photo. Bring the whole brood and waddle over for a good time!

Happy Magical New Year With Brian LaPalme

Abracadabra! Start your year with an extraordinary display of the magical arts with magician Brian LaPalme. You won't believe your eyes!

Wednesday, Dec. 12, 3:30 p.m.

Freedom Public Library

Saturday, Dec. 15, 2-3 p.m.

Marion Oaks Public Library

Saturday, Dec. 29, 2 p.m.

Headquarters-Ocala

Saturday, Jan. 5, 1:30 p.m.

Forest Public Library

Thursday, Jan. 10, 11 a.m.

Dunnellon Public Library

Attendance is limited to adults only.

Saturday, Jan. 12, noon-12:45 p.m.

Bellevue Public Library

Saturday, Jan. 12, 1 p.m.

Bellevue Public Library

Registration is required and opens Dec. 21. Limited to children ages 10-12.



AARP Tax-Aide

AARP Tax-Aide is the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax assistance and preparation service assisting low and middle income taxpayers with routine tax returns and questions.

Call your nearest branch library for information about times and requirements.

HOLIDAYS & SPECIAL DAYS

Christmas Holidays

Monday, Dec. 24-Tuesday, Dec. 25. All libraries closed.

New Year's Holidays

Monday, Dec. 31-Tuesday, Jan. 1. All libraries closed.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, Jan. 21. All libraries closed.

Training/Maintenance Day

Monday, Feb. 18. All libraries closed

HEADQUARTERS-OCALA

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352-671-8551

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SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES



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African American Read-In

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PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Project Research!

Library Help for College Students

Do you need to research a topic but don't know where to begin? Call the library and reserve time with a professional librarian.

Genealogy Help Center

Wednesdays, Dec. 5-Feb. 27, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Volunteers will not be available on Dec. 26.

Genealogy help is here! Genealogy gurus from the Marion County Genealogical Society will be here to assist you with your quest.

The Monday Matinee

Mondays, Jan. 7-

Feb. 25, 2 p.m.

Experience the other side and beyond! Movies for adults and teens ages 13+. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by a parent.

Refreshments will be served. Co-sponsored by Golden Flake.

Jan. 7

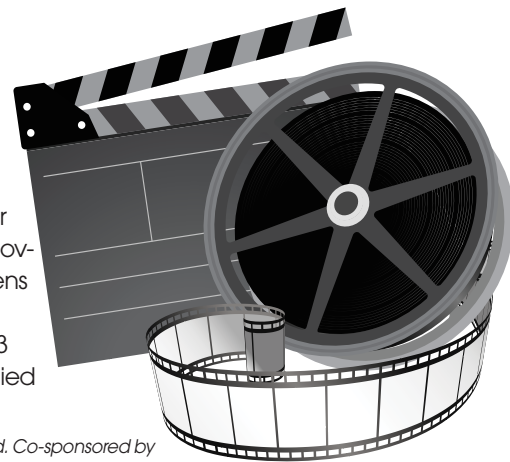
Jan. 14

Jan. 28

Feb. 4

Feb. 11

Feb. 25



Earn Your GED With CTAE on the GED Bus

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays,

Jan. 7-Feb.28, 11:30 a.m.*

It's never too late to get your GED.

Note: under state guidelines, CTAE will charge fees for this service. Call CTAE at 352-671-7200 for details. *Schedule is in accordance with Marion County schools.

Wired Wednesdays

Wednesdays, Jan. 9-Feb. 27, 10:30 a.m.
Learn about computers and databases.
Space is limited.

Computers for Beginners

- Jan. 9 *I Turned on My Computer, Now What?*
- Jan. 16 *Finding It! (Intro to the Internet)*
- Jan. 23 *Get Connected (Intro to Email)*

Level Up with Super Social Sites!

- Jan. 30 *Google Up*
- Feb. 6 *Great Pin-ups!*
- Feb. 13 *Arts, Crafts, & Hobbies*
- Feb. 20 *Homespun Crafts*
- Feb. 27 *Novel Picks*



Ask Your Master Gardener

Selected Saturdays, 2 p.m.
It's all about Florida! Learn gardening techniques from our super master gardener, Jo Leyte!

- Jan. 12 *Your Florida Garden:*
Discover the wonders you can create in our unique growing zone.
- Feb. 9 *Pests in your Landscape:*
Protect your garden from the local pests!

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

Friends of the Ocala Public Library Monthly Board Meeting

Thursdays, Jan. 17, Feb. 21, 1 p.m.

Friday Variety Hour

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

- Jan. 18 *Geocaching: Global Hide and Seek!*
Discover geocaching and join in a game with over 7 million people. The treasure is closer than you think!

- Feb. 15 *Bicycle Bonanza*
Looking for a new place to ride? Bring your questions to the representatives from the Santos Bike Trails and Ocala Mountain Biking Association as they talk about all things bike related in and around our community.

E-Book/Digital Audio Help Center

Wednesdays, Jan. 9-Feb. 27, 2-3:30 p.m.
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.

Get That Job!

Friday, Feb. 1, 2 p.m.
Create a professional resume that reflects your accomplishments and presents your best side to employers. Registration is required.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Project Research! Library Help for High School Students

Do you need to research a topic but don't know where to begin? Call the library and reserve time with a professional librarian.

Manga-licious! Teen Book Club

Selected Tuesdays, Dec. 4, Feb. 5, 4 p.m.
Join us for high-energy talks about all things manga and anime.

Y'all Come To Yalla!

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 4 p.m.
Be a part of your library and make the library experience a better one for all! Join Young Adults Leading Library Awareness (YALLA) for our first meeting. Connect with other teens and library staff and develop the plans for future programs and services. Get in on the ground floor and make a difference!

Chill on Fridays

Third Fridays, 4 p.m.
Discover Florida as you chill at the library with a variety of activities for ages 13-18.

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PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS

Parenting Classes

Second Wednesdays, 5:30-7 p.m.
Jan. 9, Feb. 13
Topics TBA. Dinner and childcare provided. Reservations required.
For more information and to register call the Early Learning Coalition at 352-369-2315. Co-sponsored by Success By 6.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

Polar Express

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 6-7:30 p.m.
See Program Spotlight for details.

Happy Magical New Year With Brian LaPalme

Saturday, Dec. 29, 2 p.m.
See Program Spotlight for details.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

B.E.A.R.

Monday - Friday, Dec. 3-Feb. 28, 3:30 p.m.
Be Excited About Reading and join us for a couple of good books and a poem.

Spectacular Sundays for Tweens

Second Sundays, 2 p.m.
An assortment of really cool activities for children in grades 4-6. Registration required.

- Dec. 9 *CSI Library:* Solve crimes like a pro and become a CSI agent.
- Jan. 13 *Quill Art:* Roll out a masterpiece.
- Feb. 10 *Junkyard Art:* Find art in your junk drawer.

Mother Goose on the Loose™

Third Saturdays, Dec. 15, Jan. 19, Feb. 16, 10:15 a.m.
A musical nursery rhyme romp for children 3 years of age and younger and their caregivers.

Holiday Fun

Tuesday-Friday, Dec. 18-21, 2 p.m.
Take a play break from the holiday rush! For children in grades K-6 and their families.

- Dec. 18 *Construction Zone*
- Dec. 19 *Holiday Crafts*
- Dec. 20 *Movie Time*
- Dec. 21 *Wii Gaming*

Super Saturdays

Selected Saturdays, 2 p.m.
Catch a movie and find some treasure! For children in grades K-6 and their families.

- Dec. 22 *Holiday Movie*
- Feb. 23 *Sunken Treasure*

Preschool Club

First Saturdays, Dec. 1, Jan. 5, Feb. 2, 2 p.m.
Enjoy fun-filled activities and games. For ages 3-5 and caregivers.

Wacky Wednesday Construction Zone

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2 p.m.

Build some fun into your afternoon! For children in grades K-6.

STORY TIMES

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

All Together Now!

Tuesday, Dec. 4, Dec 11, 1:15 & 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 5 & 12, 10:15 a.m.

A delightful reading rumpus for children 5 years of age and younger.

Terrific Three's

Tuesdays, Jan. 8-Feb. 12, 10:15 a.m.

Limited to 25 children.

Fabulous 4's & 5's

Tuesdays, Jan. 8-Feb. 12, 1:15 p.m.

Family Fun for All Ages

Tuesdays, Jan. 8-Feb. 12, 6:30 p.m.

Toddlin' Two's

Wednesdays, Jan. 9-Feb. 13, 10:15 a.m.

Limited to 20 children.

Bouncin' Babies

Thursdays, Jan. 10-Feb. 14, 10:15 a.m.

For infants-23 months. Limited to 15 children.

BELLEVUE PUBLIC LIBRARY

13145 SE Hwy. 484, Belleview
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SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES



VIVA FLORIDA KICKOFF!

Love My Library, Love My State

Saturday, Feb. 9, 1 p.m.

See Program Spotlight for details.

Florida Cracker Days

Saturday, Feb. 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

See Program Spotlight for details.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Ask Your Master Gardener

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

It's all about Florida! Learn gardening techniques from the masters.

Dec. 6 Composting

Jan. 3 Fertilizer: What's Good,
What's Bad

Feb. 7 Weeds: The Unwanted Plants

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

Basic Computer Classes

Thursdays, Jan. 3-Feb. 28, 1 p.m.

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

Computers for Beginners

Jan. 3 Introduction to the Computer

Jan. 10 Mouse Play

Jan. 17 Basic Internet

Jan. 24 Basic Email

Jan. 31 Internet Searching and

Printing

Feb. 7 Staying Safe Online

Level Up With Super Social Sites!

Feb. 14 Introduction to Social

Networking

Feb. 21 Great Pin-ups!

Feb. 28 Music & More Galore!

Tuesday Movie Matinee

Tuesdays, Jan. 8-Feb. 26, 1 p.m.

For adults and teens 13+. Anyone under age 13 must be accompanied by a parent. Light refreshments will be served. Co-sponsored by Golden Flake.

Jan. 8

Jan. 15

Jan. 22

Jan. 29

Feb. 5

Feb. 12

Feb. 19

Feb. 26

Friends of the Belleview Public Library Monthly Meeting

Tuesdays, Jan. 15 & Feb. 19, 10 a.m.

Thursday Get-Togethers

Third Thursdays, 3:30-5 p.m.

Fill your afternoon with thoughts of Florida.

Jan. 17 Spectacular Silver Springs

Mermaids and Hollywood stars!

Underwater photography legend

Bruce Mozart recounts the heyday of

Silver Springs through photos, films and

his highly colorful experiences.

Feb. 21 Hidden Freedom: The Story
of Free Blacks from pre-
Revolution to the Civil War.
See Program Spotlight for details.

Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Plate?

Wednesday, Jan. 30, 10:30 a.m.

Transferring ownership of much-loved items can be so difficult. Let Lynda Spence provide guidance to help manage these decisions. Register in advance to receive take-home materials.

Presented by the IFAS Marion County Extension Service.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Freeform Clay Play Day

Friday, Dec. 7, 4 p.m.

Artist Harley Olson leads this inspired workshop to introduce techniques and possibilities of polymer clay sculpting.

Chill on Tuesday

Third Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m.

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

Jan. 15 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.

Feb. 19 3-D Book Sculptures

Turn unused books into stunning visual works of art.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

Perfectly Preposterous Penguins!

Saturday, Dec. 15, 10:30 a.m.

See Program Spotlight for details.

PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

Family Flicks

Selected days, 2 p.m.

Dec. 21

Feb. 6

Family Game Days

First and third Thursdays, Jan. 3-Feb. 21, 3-5 p.m.

Make time and enjoy an assortment of some of the most loved, non electronic games of our time.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

B.E.A.R.

Tuesdays, Jan. 8-Feb. 26, 3:30-4 p.m.

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Happy Magical New Year With Brian LaPalme

Saturday, Jan. 12,

noon-12:45 p.m.

See Program Spotlight for details.



Magic Workshop for Tweens

Saturday, Jan. 12, 1 p.m.

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STORY TIMES

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Babies! Babies! Babies!

Wednesdays, Jan. 9-Feb. 27, 11:30 a.m.

For children 18 months and younger.

Toddler Time

Thursdays, Jan. 10-Feb. 28, 10:30 a.m.

For children 18 months-3 years old.

Preschool Adventures

Fridays, Jan. 11-Feb. 22, 10:30 a.m.

For children 3-5 years old.

DUNNELLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR ALL AGES



VIVA FLORIDA KICKOFF!

Love My Library,
Love My State

Saturday, Feb. 9, 1 p.m.

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PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Friday at the Movies

Selected Fridays, 1 p.m.

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

Dec. 7

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Tuesday, Dec. 4, Jan. 8, Feb. 5, 10 a.m.

Ask Your Master Gardener

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Dec. 18 Caring for Holiday Plants

Jan. 15, Feb 19 TBA

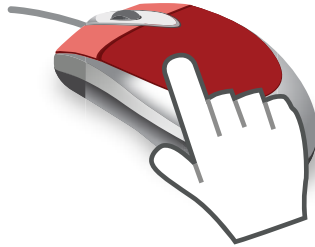
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Drop-In Book Club

Thursdays, Dec. 20, Jan. 17, Feb. 21, 11 a.m.

All are welcome to join.

- Dec. 20 Saving CeeCee Honeycutt by Beth Hoffman
- Jan. 17 Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- Feb. 21 Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh



Computers for Beginners

Selected Mondays, Tuesdays & Fridays, Jan. 7-Feb. 25, 10:30 a.m.

Seating is limited.

- Jan. 7 & 22, Feb. 4 Mouse Play
- Jan. 11 & 25, Feb. 8 & 22 Internet/Email
- Jan. 14, Feb. 11 Intro to Word
- Jan. 28, Feb. 25 Intro to Excel

Happy Magical New Year With Brian LaPalme

Thursday, Jan. 10, 11 a.m.

See Program Spotlight for details.

Photographing Florida Birds

Saturday, Jan. 12, 3 p.m.

Want to improve your photography skills? Nature photographer Pete Gumaskas shares his tips for photographing birds and other wildlife found in our local area.

Sumi-e Art

Thursday, Feb. 14, 11 a.m.

Learn the simple art of Sumi-e, East Asian brush painting. Supplies furnished. Registration required.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Crafty Kids

Selected Wednesdays, 4 p.m.

Seasonal adventures for the creative! For children in grades K-5. Registration required.

- Dec. 5 Frosty the Snowman
- Jan. 23 Orange You Glad You Live in Florida?
- Feb. 13 Lollipop Butterfly Card

Holiday Cheer Family Story Time

Friday, Dec. 14, 11 a.m.

Hang your stockings with care and snuggle in close for these holiday stories.

Dragon Dance

Wednesday, Jan. 9, 4 p.m.

Usher in the New Year with a roar! Explore the Chinese New Year with dragon puppets and a dragon dance. For children in grades K-5. Registration required.

Groundhog Party!

Tuesday, Jan. 29, 4 p.m.

Will we have an early spring or six more weeks of winter? Only Punxsutawney Phil can answer that question! For children in grades K-5. 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 Time

Selected Wednesdays, Dec. 5 & Jan. 9-Feb. 27, 11 a.m.

For children ages 2-3.

Preschool Adventures

Selected Fridays, Dec. 7 & Jan. 11-Feb. 22, 11 a.m.

For children ages 4-5.

Baby Songs and Nursery Rhymes

Tuesday, Jan. 15 & Feb. 19, 11 a.m.

For children 23 months and younger.

FOREST PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

Our Holiday Traditions

Throughout the month of December

Share your family traditions, customs and memories. Drop off typed short stories and holiday photographs for our community display.



VIVA FLORIDA KICKOFF!

Love My Library,
Love My State

Saturday, Feb. 9, 1 p.m.

See Program Spotlight for details.

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES**Holiday Movie Matinee***Dec. 19, 2 p.m.***PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS****Computer Confidence***Wednesdays, Dec. 5 & 19, Jan. 2 & 16, Feb. 6 & 20, 10-11:30 a.m.*

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

The Wednesday Matinee*Selected Wednesdays, 2 p.m.*

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

*Dec. 5
Jan. 9
Jan. 23
Feb. 13
Feb. 27*

Forest Crafty Cut-Ups*Second Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.*

Make-and-take workshop is at 10:30 a.m. Stay longer or come later to work on your own project.

*Dec. 8 Holiday Plate Wall Hangings
 and Holiday Cards
Jan. 12 Beginner's Scrapbooking
Feb. 9 Three-Layered Greeting Card*

SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders)*Mondays, Dec. 10, Jan. 14 & 28, Feb. 11 & 25, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.*

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

Forest Readers Book Clubs*2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 5-6 p.m.**2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.*

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

*Dec. 11 & 12 Minding Frankie
 by Maeve Binchy
Jan. 8 & 9 Deep Shadow
 by Randy Wayne White
Jan. 22 & 23 Night Road by Kristin Hannah
Feb. 12 & 13 The Watchman
 by Robert Crais
Feb. 26 & 27 The Postmistress
 by Sarah Blake*

Friends of the Forest Public Library Monthly Meeting*Dec. 19, Jan. 16 & Feb. 20, 10:30 a.m.***SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES****Happy Magical New Year With Brian LaPalme***Saturday, Jan. 5, 1:30 p.m.**See Program Spotlight for details.***PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN****Kids' Club:***Florida Postcard Art**Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2:30-4 p.m.*

It's crafts! It's games! It's fun! For pre-school-grade 6.

**BOOK CLUBS****Stories & Stuff***Thursdays, Dec. 6-Feb. 28, 3:30-4:30 p.m.*

For children in grades K-3.

Friday Favorites for Tweens*Fridays, Dec. 7-Feb. 22, 3:30-4:30 p.m.*

For children in grades 4-6.

STORY TIMES

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

Family Time*Tuesdays, Dec. 4-Feb. 26, 11 a.m.*

No program Dec. 25 & Jan. 1

Mother Goose on the Loose™*First and third Fridays, Dec. 7 & 21, Jan. 4 & 18, Feb. 1 & 15, 11 a.m.*

A musical nursery rhyme romp for children 3 years of age and younger and their caregivers.

**FORT M^cCOY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

14660 NE Hwy 315, Fort McCoy

352-438-2560

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

SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR ALL AGES**VIVA FLORIDA KICKOFF!***Love My Library,
Love My State**Saturday, Feb. 9, 1 p.m.**See Program Spotlight for details.***PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS****Friends of the Fort McCoy Public Library Monthly Meeting***Thursday, Dec. 13, Jan. 10 & Feb. 14, 10 a.m.***PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN****STORY TIME**

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

Preschool Adventures*Wednesdays, Feb. 6-Feb. 27, 10:30 a.m.*

For children 3-5 years old.

FREEDOM PUBLIC LIBRARY

5870 SW 95th St., Ocala

352-438-2580

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

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES**African American Read-In***Saturday, Feb. 2, 1-3 p.m.**See Program Spotlight for details.***VIVA FLORIDA KICKOFF!***Love My Library,
Love My State**Saturday, Feb. 9, 1 p.m.**See Program Spotlight for details.*

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

Happy New Year With Brian LaPalme

Wednesday, Dec. 12, 3:30 p.m.

See Program Spotlight for details.

Light Up the Library!

Tuesday, Dec. 18, 3:30 p.m.

Celebrate the winter holiday season with a musical performance by Ocala Harmony! Refreshments will be served.

Day One! Florida Now and Then

Thursday, Jan. 17, 2 p.m.

Explore Florida through history, food, art and books! All ages are welcome!

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Friends of Freedom Public Library Monthly Meeting

Mondays, Dec. 3, Jan. 7 & Feb. 4, 10 a.m.

Theater Thursdays

Thursdays, 2 p.m.

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

Dec. 6

Jan. 3

Feb. 7



Yoga Time

Saturdays, Jan. 5-26, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Ingrid Crane offers gentle yoga for all, using chair or mat.

Icons, Myths and Legends Exhibit Reception

Thursday, Jan. 10, 5-7:30 p.m.

Meet artist John Massey and enjoy the exhibit of his paintings. Light refreshments will be served.

Computer Classes

Thursdays, 2 p.m., Jan. 10-Feb. 28

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

Jan. 10 & Feb. 14 Basics for Beginners

Jan. 17 & Feb. 21 How to Search

Jan. 24 & Feb. 28 Document Basics

Jan. 31 Email Basics

Feb. 7 Internet Health

Information

Ask Arnold! Comprehensive Computer Assistance

Thursdays, Jan. 10-Feb. 28, noon-2 p.m.

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

Friends of Freedom Public Library Annual Meeting

Saturday, Jan. 12, 1 p.m.

Includes a business meeting, election of officers plus entertainment and refreshments.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Teen Think Tank

Wednesdays, Dec. 5-Feb. 27, 4 p.m.

Take an active role in planning library services, including after-school programs and special events. Volunteer opportunities for ages 14-18.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

Library Connection!

Selected Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

Broaden your library knowledge with these topical programs. For children in grades K-12.

Dec. 14 Winter Holiday Crafting

Jan. 18 Viva Florida 500 Expo

Feb. 15 African American History

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Whatever Wednesday: Be My Valentine Party!

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2 p.m.

Gadzooks! School's closed early so it's time for some high-spirited Valentine's Day fun! For children in grades K-5.

STORY TIMES

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The Best Winter Holiday Pageant Ever

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 10:30 a.m.

Celebrate winter holidays around the world! For infants-5 years old.

Baby & Toddler Time

Tuesdays, Jan. 8-Feb. 26, 10:30 a.m.

For infants-2 years old.

Preschool Adventures

Thursdays, Jan. 10-Feb. 28, 10:30 a.m.

For children ages 3-4 years old.

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.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

Happy Magical New Year With Brian LaPalme

Saturday, Dec. 15, 2-3 p.m.

See Program Spotlight for details.

Book Lovers Ball at Marion Oaks

Saturday, Jan. 26, 1-4 p.m.

See Program Spotlight for details.



VIVA FLORIDA KICKOFF!

Love My Library,

Love My State

Saturday, Feb. 9, 1 p.m.

See Program Spotlight for details.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Friends of Marion Oaks Public Library Meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 18, Jan. 15 & Feb. 19, 11 a.m.

Ask Your Master Gardener

Third Thursdays, 10:30-11:30

It's all about Florida! Learn gardening techniques from the master.

Dec. 20 Composting

Jan. 17 Fertilizer: What's Good,

What's Bad

Feb 21: Weeds: The Unwanted Plants

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

PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

STORY TIME

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

Preschool Adventures

Fridays, Dec. 7-Feb. 22, 10:30 a.m.

REDDICK PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR ALL AGES



VIVA FLORIDA KICKOFF!

*Love My Library,
Love My State*

Saturday, Feb. 9, 1 p.m.

See Program Spotlight for details.

PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

STORY TIME

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Preschool Adventures

Thursdays, Jan. 10-Feb. 14, 10 a.m.

EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS

Headquarters-Ocala

December **Holidays Around the World**

January **The Middle Ages** presented
by The Society for Creative
Anachronism

February **Cracker Woodworking**
by James Parker

Forest Public Library

December **Our Holiday Traditions** (See
Forest Public Library Programs
for details.)

January **Viva Florida 500:
A Visual History**

February **Viva Marion County**

Freedom Public Library

December **Winter Wonderland** by The
Friends of Freedom Public
Library

January **Icons, Myths and Legends**
by John Massey (See
Freedom Public Library
Programs for reception
details.)

January **Teapot Collection**

February **African American History in
Florida**

December **Photography** by the On Top
-February of the World Shutterbugs



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(Colossal, Reading, Entertaining, Artsy, Teen Event) winners:

Edible Book Festival:

First place: Abbey Koller, *The Hobbit*

Second place: Storm Skaggs, *Crime Brulee*

Third place: Julie Marie Andrews, *Alice in Wonderland*

People's Choice: Abbey Koller, *The Hobbit*

Fine Arts Show:

First place: Quinnton Cooper

Second place: Nathan Osborne

Third place: Caela Gangler

People's Choice: Nathan Osbourne

Teen Writer's Conference:

First place: Conni Wayne

Second place: Mark Force

Third place: Janisse Hope

Judges' award: Alita Clark

Filmmaker's Festival:

First place: Brendon Wade, *Stick vs. Stick*

Second place: Kaylee Nauth, *A Hindu Wedding*

Third place: Jessica Harden, *The Edge*

People's choice: Kaylee Nauth, *A Hindu Wedding*

Talent Show:

First place: Brianna Bologña and Nicholas Rodriguez

Second place: Haley Schroeder

Third place: Andrew Hurst

People's choice: *Good Time Cloggers* (Heather Krause, Hannah Krause,
Katrina Krause, Rachel Parent and Nicole Parent)

**Congratulations
to the 2012
CREATE winners
and participants!**

Jerovie Harrell, 3, hits bubbles with a play sword at the Fairy Tale Festival.



Jackson Ryan, 6, plays chess with a witch at the Fairy Tale Festival.



Gentle Carousel Miniature Therapy Horses paid a visit during the Fairy Tale Festival.



Fiona visits with Kaydin Crews, 3, at the Fairy Tale Festival.



CREATE Edible cake contestant Mary Green.



CREATE mentor and student writers.



CREATE upper level seats

Ariel Buchko



Bookmarks

Friends of the Ocala Public Library's News and Notes

*Have you been to
the Book Market lately?*

MEET THE AUTHOR

Just in time for holiday gift giving, the Friends of the Ocala Public Library will welcome **Steve Rajtar** to speak Sunday, Dec. 2, at 2 p.m. at the Library Headquarters in meeting room C. Steve has created 25 books of historic photographs and captions featuring Florida towns and attractions. Some of his titles include *Remembering the University of Florida*, *A Guide to Historic St. Augustine*, *Historic Photos of Florida's Tourist Attractions*, and *Historic Photos of Florida's Ghost Towns*.

Steve will give a Power Point illustrated talk on "how a nonauthor sort of accidentally fell into a hobby I love." Afterward he will sell and autograph his books. To purchase his books, please bring cash or checks. These books make great gifts for those hard-to-buy-for folks on your list. Refreshments will be served.

Every day we have "new" slightly used books available for purchase. You'll like our prices too. If you especially liked reading a book from the Library and want your own copy, or if you can't find a book from the Library, why not check the Book Market? Remember that all of our proceeds are returned to the Library for new books, materials and programs.

If you are interested in helping the Book Market, we are in need of volunteers. There are openings available to suit your schedule, both permanent and substitute openings. If you would like to help occasionally, we would sincerely appreciate your assistance. Please contact Pat Anderson at 352-598-8218.

BELOW: Elected as board members at the annual meeting of the Friends of the Ocala Public Library, Inc. on October 14 were (l-r) April Adams, Carmen Maines, Dan Andrews, LerVerne Jacobs and Diane Trexler. Missing: Yvonne Little.

Love My Library Book Sale

On Saturday, February 2, the Friends groups at most of the Marion County library branches will be holding book sales. At the Headquarters-Ocala Library, the quarterly book sale will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the meeting rooms. Check your local branches for their book sale times.

Treasures and bargains will be at most library branches. Join us in the first-ever All Marion County Library Book Sale!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dec. 2, 2012, 2 p.m.

Meet The Author

Steve Rajtar

Discussing his books of historic photos featuring Florida towns and attractions.

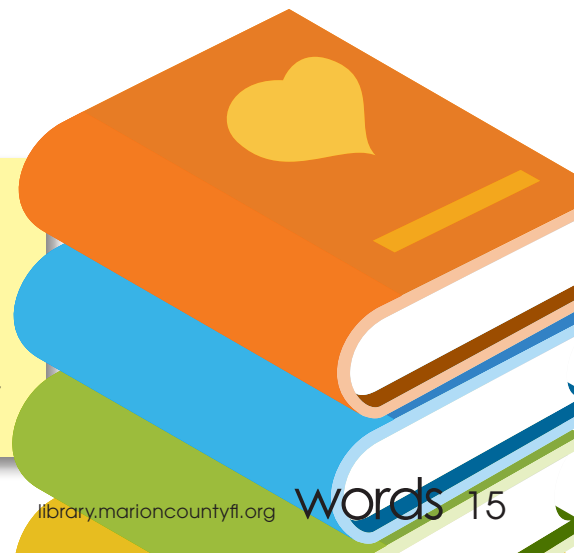
Held in Meeting Room C, Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

Feb. 2, 2012, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Quarterly
Book Sale**

Held in Meeting Rooms, Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Sales are also in other Marion County libraries.

Check your local branch for times.



profiles

By Ken Tipper

Readers of the Sunday Ocala *Star-Banner* newspaper can be sure of one constant; they'll find an in-depth look at the history of our area on page two of the local section written by historian David Cook.

Cook, who has contributed some 2,000 articles since he began writing his column in 1979, actually started his research into the history of Ocala/Marion County when he was a student at Ocala High School (now Osceola Middle School). Over the years, he has amassed a collection that he says provides him with an inexhaustible supply of historical reference and local lore.

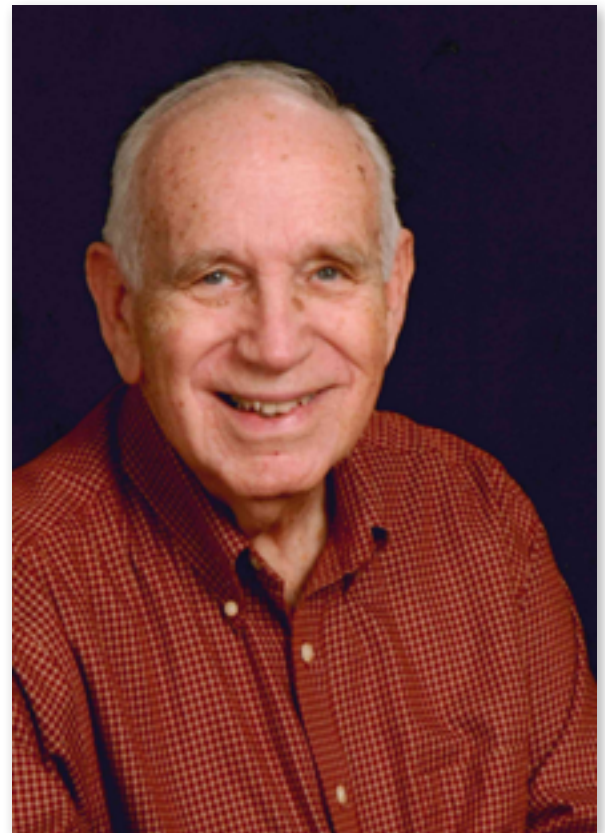
An Ocala resident since the age of four, David was born in Delray Beach. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1945. His on-the-job training was in Iceland. He recounted one incident when, as part of the crew of a B17 bomber, flying over the icy wastes of the Arctic, he discovered that there were no parachutes in the plane! David later enrolled at the University of Georgia on the G.I. Bill, and graduated from the School of Journalism.

His first newspaper job was with the Moultrie *Observer* where he did "everything." He learned that the Ocala *Star-Banner* was looking for a sports editor,

was hired, and began an association with the publication that lasted 30 years. He became editor in 1962 and retired in 1995 as associate editor.

When asked what he believes to be the most significant event in our area's history, Cook's immediate response is the advent of the Cross-Florida Ship Canal in 1935. He describes the project as having a powerful impact on the local economy, as people literally poured into the county looking for work in the middle of the Great Depression. Although Cook recalls the project generating extensive digging, in mid-1936 Congress cut off funding for the project, and the area was devastated. Later, efforts made to restart the project as the Barge Canal met a similar fate.

David and his wife Mariam, a former teacher at Ocala High School, live on the family's Shady Road area 400-acre farm. Three of their four daughters and families live on the property as well. The Cooks have seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



With the advent of Viva Florida 500, which celebrates the arrival of the Spanish in the state, David Cook can lay claim to having made a valuable contribution to the lore of Florida by his vast knowledge of one vital part of the Sunshine State—Ocala and Marion County. **W**