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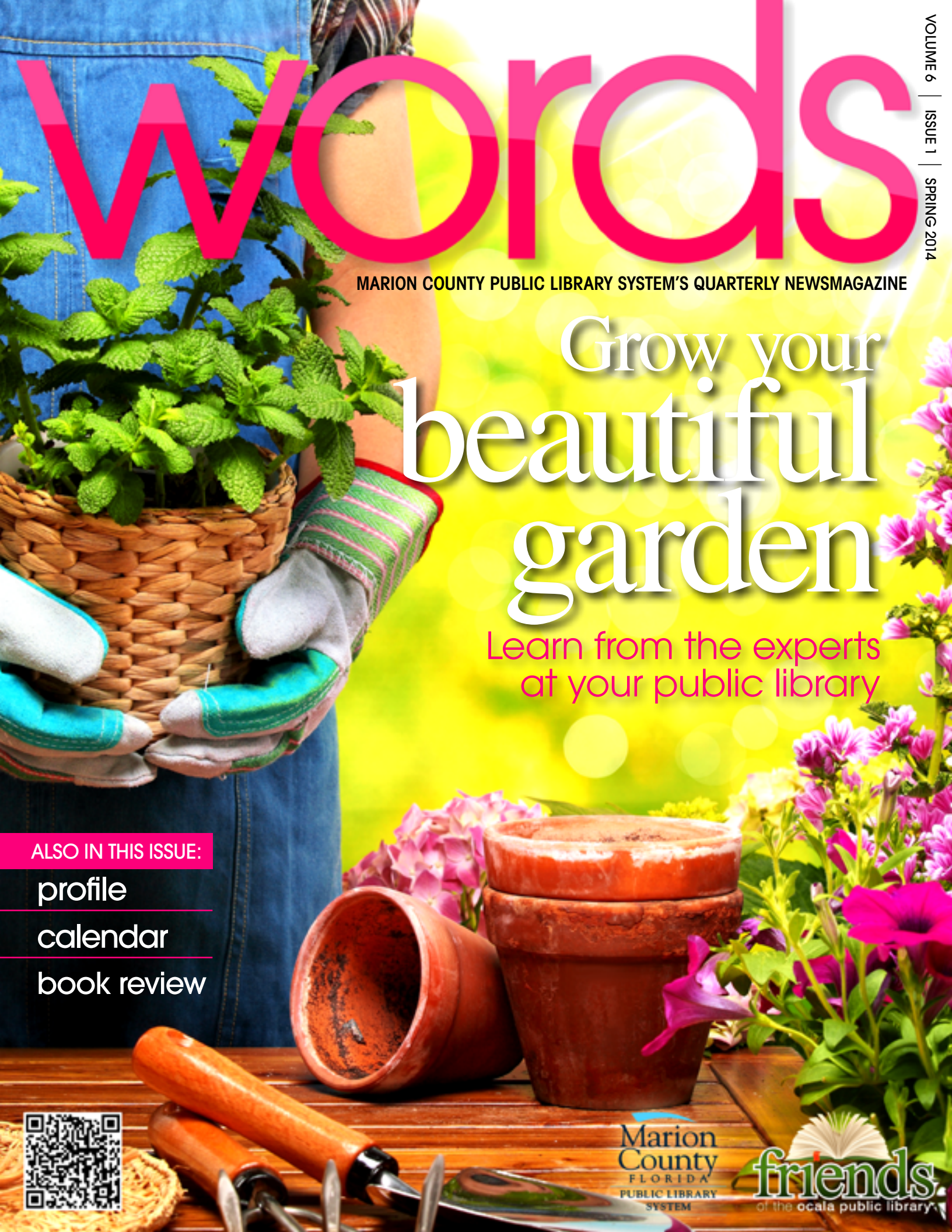
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## a word FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Julie Sieg  
Director, Marion County  
Public Library System



## Looking to the future

Over the past two months, we have been seeking your opinions as they relate to the library programs and services you receive from the Marion County Public Library System. We will use your feedback to help inform us so that we can better articulate our 5-year strategic plan, 2015-2020. Additionally, we are looking at national survey results, trends in libraries, technological advances and the feasibility and need to translate other successful technologies and practices into our strategic plan.

Nationally, the Pew Research Center's *Internet and American Life* study provided some interesting research over a two-year period that pertains to public libraries. A few of their survey results include:

- E-book reading is growing, but printed books still dominate the reading world. Still, 69% read a printed book, up 4% from last year. Only 4% of readers are "e-book only" readers.
- The rise of e-book reading is tied to the steady increase in ownership of tablet computers and e-readers.
- Access to books, media, and quiet, safe reading places top the list of favorite library services, followed by librarian assistance (76%), having a quiet and safe place to read (75%) and research resources (72%).

One challenge libraries face is simply making people aware of all the services they offer.

Stay tuned as we continue to research, plan, write and communicate the upcoming 2015-2020 Marion County Public Library System strategic plan.

*Julie Sieg*



# Experts Extend Experience and Excellence to the Citizens of Marion County

By Karen M. Jensen

Thoughts of spring seem to infuse most of us with renewed energy and enthusiasm. Aspiring gardeners scurry off in search of the perfect plants that will withstand both the impending hot and remaining cool central Florida temperatures. For others, spring may provide the necessary inspiration to tackle those remaining New Year's resolutions. When you want reliable answers and the best advice on these or a variety of other lifestyle subjects, the experts in these areas are the go-to people with whom you want to speak.

Thanks to a long-standing, collaborative partnership between Marion Coun-

ty UF/IFAS (University of Florida/ Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences) Extension Service and the Marion County Public Library System, many of these go-to experts will actually come to you — at your local public library.

Marion County UF/IFAS Extension Service is a diverse and unique department of Marion County government. Extension Service staff is composed of agents who are experts in the fields of agriculture, horticulture, livestock and equines, youth development, nutrition and wellness, as well as family and consumer topics. These agents provide Marion County residents with every-



Extension Service agent Lynda Spence provides information for women interested in becoming financially self-sufficient.



thing from classes about gardening to actual farm visits, help with 4-H projects and even wellness education. Extension agents and volunteers often provide programs for the public at the various Marion County Public Library System locations.

Consistently popular with public library patrons, the Extension Service Master Gardener programs cover topics such as “Florida-Friendly Landscaping” and even an “Ask Your Master Gardener” session (see Spotlight calendar sec-

tion for details about dates, times and library locations). Agent Kathy Patterson’s, as well as other Master Gardener’s presentations, are well-received additions to the public library system line-up of programs.

Ask retired librarian Linda Porter how she spends her leisure time these days and you’ll receive more than a passing reference to the Master Gardener program. Linda, a lifelong lover of all things related to gardening, remembers one of her great delights as a librar-

ian being a constant exposure to books, magazines, audiobooks and videos that promoted the interests of a gardener. So it was no surprise that becoming a Master Gardener was on the top of her “what-to-do-once-retired” checklist.

Since retiring in 2013, she has completed the 13-week classroom education period and is considered a Master Gardener in training. Linda talks enthusiastically about her future Master Gardener speaking engagements that will likely include presentations at Marion County Public Library System locations.

For women interested in becoming financially self-sufficient, Extension Service agent Lynda Spence’s “Women and Money: Unique Issues” is back by popular demand (see Spotlight calendar section for details about dates, times and library locations). No stranger to library programming, Lynda offers helpful tips and information on a variety of other topics, including “Fraud, Identity Theft and Scams.”

Check out the calendar Spotlight pages for highlights on other Extension Service programs offered at various library locations and learn face-to-face from the experts! **W**

# LIVES change @your library®

Sponsored by the American Library Association, National Library Week is a national observance that highlights the value of public libraries, librarians and library staff.



Public libraries are much more than just a repository for books and other resources. They are the heart of the community and deeply committed to the places where their patrons live, work and study. Libraries are places where everyone in the community can gather to reconnect and reengage in activities that are enriching and informative.



Visit one of the Marion County Public Library System locations near you to explore, learn and grow.

For more information about library locations, visit the website at [library.marioncountyfl.org](http://library.marioncountyfl.org). **W**

## Freegal Offers Options for Music Lovers of All Ages

by Temayla Vishudanand

Greetings teens and music-lovers!

I'm Temayla Vishudanand, a senior at Lake Weir High School. I want to tell you about a wonderful library resource. Did you know that you can download a track from Daft Punk's Grammy-winning album of the year – for FREE?

Freegal is a music resource available to all library card holders through the Marion County Public Library System's website. With Freegal, not only can you download three songs a week for free, but it's almost any song or songwriter you listen to and enjoy.

Here are just a few of the artists you'll certainly recognize whose music is available on Freegal: Sara Bareilles, Pink, Justin Timberlake and John Legend. The music stays in your personal collection for you to listen to over and over again.

I find Freegal to be a more efficient and practical way of using mobile music to survive everyday life. **W**

Photos by Temayla Vishudanand and Annalise Walgrath



Temayla Vishudanand (left) is a teen volunteer with the Belleview Public Library. She, along with Annalise Walgrath (center) and Clay Stillwell (right), is a member of the Teen Media Team, a group that provides opportunities for teens to utilize their skills in writing, filmmaking and other creative efforts. She likes Indian food, chicken waffles, traveling, laughing (*because it's healthier than crying*), cooking, listening to music (*especially with Freegal*) and having fun volunteering at the library. Her favorite college is University of Florida and her favorite football team is, of course, the Gators.

# Help for Florida Gardeners at your public library

by Kristen Calvert



**D**o you envy people with a green thumb? Have you found your gardening efforts to not be quite the second nature you wish it were? With the help of the Marion County Public Library System, this can all change! The library has numerous resources that will contribute to your success as a gardener.

The library has an extensive collection of books that are sure to assist you in creating a flourishing garden, many written specifically for Florida gardeners. Do you dream of growing the most luscious vegetables? Now you can! “Florida Gardening on the Go” offers tips for those with little time, space or expertise. “How to Grow Food” provides a step-by-step guide to growing fruits, vegetables, herbs and more.

Maybe vegetables aren’t your thing, but how about tips to plant stunning flowers to attract butterflies? Get some help from “The 20-Minute Gardener,” which promises “the garden of your dreams without giving up your life,

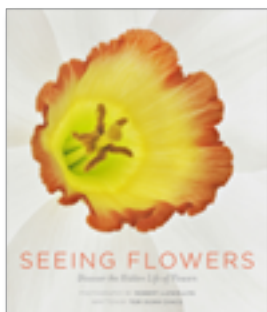
your job or your sanity.” Need something more specific? Give “Gardening and Landscaping in Central Florida” a try. It offers a “low maintenance, environmentally friendly, personalized approach.” Still unconvinced you can make your garden grow? Check out “Tough Plants for Florida Gardens.” The author claims that if he can’t kill it, it must be a tough plant.

As always, many other resources are available at your library as well. The Garden, Landscape and Horticulture e-collection offers “a fertile and growing collection” of journals focused on key issues in gardening and landscaping. The Home Improvement Reference Center offers step-by-step instructions for thousands of projects, as well as articles from magazines and reference books sure to help you on your way to gardening glory.

Whether you’re a new gardener or someone with expertise, your library is sure to have a resource to assist you on your way to gardener stardom! **W**

# DISCOVER a Good Book!

Reviewed By Linda Porter



Florida's year-round growing season creates both challenges and opportunities for gardeners. Northern transplants who are not attuned to the vagaries of central Florida's climate often feel overwhelmed by what they need to learn about our area's growing conditions. What to plant? When? How much fertilizer? What's that bug?

The first principle of the University of Florida's Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program is putting the right plant in the right place. Both the Library and the UF/IFAS Extension Service can help gardeners identify that right plant and solve problems in the landscape. The Library has a terrific collection of books with information on all types of gardening pursuits with a special focus on Florida's environment. Many of the excellent books published by the University Press of Florida are available for checkout. Books are available to encourage young plant lovers as well.

Need more than a book or digital resource? Sometimes you really want to speak to an experienced gardener with that distressed plant or unknown bug in hand. Call or visit the Marion County UF/IFAS Extension Service and speak to a Master Gardener for personalized advice. The Master Gardeners Spring Festival is another wonderful educational opportunity. The festival will be held on March 8 and 9 this year.

Looking for an out-of-the-ordinary book celebrating the fascination of plants? Try "Seeing Trees" by Nancy Ross Hugo. This gorgeous book from Timber Press, along with a companion volume, "Seeing Flowers," by Teri Dunn Chace, reveals the astonishing complexity and splendor of common plants. The University Press of Florida has recently released an update on a classic work, "Florida Wildflowers: A Comprehensive Guide," by Walter Kingsley Taylor. This outstanding book will give you a new appreciation for the beauties native to our own state. **W**

## digging deeper

When we enter the humid depths of summer, all but the most dedicated gardeners are likely to prefer reading a good gardening story while enjoying a cold drink on the porch. If you've always suspected that gardens are magical places, you'll enjoy Sarah Addison Allen's novel, "Garden Spells." Two sisters living in a small southern town grow apples so special the tree must be kept behind a locked fence. The meals they make with edible flowers have a curious, though beneficial, effect on the eater and on their community. Happy gardening! **W**





# program spotlight

## SPECIAL EVENT

### Comic Connection, Vol. 2

*Saturday, May 10, 1 p.m.*

*Headquarters-Ocala*

*For teens, tweens and adults*

Savvy graphic-novel enthusiasts and newbies to the world of Gotham, come together! Join in the fun with interactive games, a comic-themed costume contest and a visit from characters from the 501st Legion. The celebrated and spunky Sequential Artists Workshop will be on-hand to demonstrate how to write, illustrate and print sequential art. Don't miss this opportunity to discover how comics are created! In celebration of Free Comic Book Day, comics will be distributed while supplies last, courtesy of Diamond Comic Distributors.

## FOR ALL AGES

### Jeremy Evans, Homegrown Raconteur

*Thursday, April 17, 3:30 p.m.*

*Bellevue Public Library*

Stories are meant to be told and Jeremy Evans has travelled the country telling them for more than 25 years. As the winner of the 2004 National Youth Storytelling Olympics, he has entertained thousands with his repertoire of world folk tales, humorous tall tales and spine-tingling adventures. Get your ears ready for an unforgettable afternoon of storytelling and yarn-spinning.

### Marion County Springs Festival Student Art Contest

*Headquarters-Ocala*

*Sunday, April 13, 1-5 p.m.*

*Monday, April 14, Noon-6 p.m.*

*Dunnellon Public Library*

*Friday, April 18, 3-6 p.m.*

*Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.*

Enjoy the art work created by Marion County youth for the 2014 Springs Festival and get your votes in! The festival will be held at Silver Springs State Park Saturday, April 26.

## FOR ADULTS

### John Sikorski Live!

*Thursday, March 6, 3 p.m.*

*Freedom Public Library*

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

### Betty Jean Steinshouer Presents Florida History Through Literature

*Thursday, April 3, 1 p.m.*

*Dunnellon Public Library*

History comes to life as Betty Jean Steinshouer, literary scholar and Chautauqua performer, portrays Harriet Beecher Stowe, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, and Marjory Stoneman Douglas. Presented through the Florida Humanities Council.

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## MEET THE AUTHORS

### Oral History Class With Dr. Rosalie Riegle

*Friday, March 14, 1 p.m.*

*Dunnellon Public Library*

Rosalie G. Riegle, noted author, social reformer and professor emerita of English at Saginaw Valley State University, Michigan, presents a writing seminar about preparing questions

and interviewing for the writing of an oral biography. She has published four oral histories, including her most recent work, "Doing Time for Peace: Resistance, Family, and Community" and "Crossing the Line: Nonviolent Resisters Speak Out for Peace."

### Carrie Yonge

"Carbon"

*Thursday, March 20, 3:30 p.m.*

*Bellevue Public Library*

Carrie Yonge, author of the fast-paced, espionage-filled, conspiracy adventures "Carbon" and "Carbon 2, Redemption," discusses her journey as a writer and the creation of these highly imaginative science fiction novels.

### Sharon Colvin and Terri Borkgren

"Murder at Whispering Key"

*Monday, April 28, 10:30 a.m.*

*Freedom Public Library*

Sisters Colvin and Borkgren share their collaborative story of siblings plunged into mystery when they board a Florida tour bus bound for adventure and romance.

## LIBRARY BOOK CLUBS

Gather with exceptional people who share a love of life and literature.

### As the Page Turns Book Club

*First Tuesdays, 2:30 p.m.*

*Freedom Public Library*

### Tuesday Morning Book Club

*Second Tuesdays, 10 a.m.*

*Bellevue Public Library*

### Tuesday Night Book Club

*Second Tuesdays, 6 p.m.*

*Headquarters-Ocala*



**Drop-In Book Club**

Third Thursdays, 11 a.m.  
Dunnellon Public Library

**Forest Readers' Book Club**

Second and fourth Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.  
Forest Public Library

**Find Your Roots***Genealogy Help Centers*

Whether you've just begun digging up your family roots or find yourself stumped in the midst of your search, genealogy help is here thanks to volunteer assistance from local genealogy experts.

Wednesdays, March 5-April 23  
12:30-3:30 p.m.

Headquarters-Ocala

Tuesdays, March 18, April 15, 2-4 p.m.  
Freedom Public Library

Thursdays, March 20, April 17, May 15 1-3 p.m.  
Bellevue Public Library

Friday, March 14, 10:30 a.m.  
Dunnellon Public Library

**E-book Help**

Need help getting started with e-books or digital audio? Bring your e-book device and we will assist you!

Wednesdays, March 5-April 23, 2-3:30 p.m.  
Headquarters-Ocala

Thursdays, March 6-May 29, Noon-2 p.m.  
Freedom Public Library

Wednesdays, March 5 & 19,  
April 2 & 16, 10-11:30 a.m.  
Forest Public Library

Our Community Partner:

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**Learn Face-to-Face  
From the Experts***Florida-Friendly Landscaping*

Thursdays, March 6-27, 10:30 a.m.  
Dunnellon Public Library

Make your yard Florida friendly with this four-week course! Registration is required. Fees apply. Contact Kathleen Patterson, Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program Coordinator, Marion County UF/IFAS Extension Service at 352-671-8412 for more information.

**Women and Money:  
Unique Issues**

Fridays, March 7-April 4, 10 a.m.  
Dunnellon Public Library

Become financially self-sufficient!  
Create a more stable future and

protect your assets in this five-part series by Marion County Extension agent, Food and Consumer Sciences, Lynda Spence. A University of Florida Certificate of Completion will be issued to participants attending the series in its entirety. Registration recommended. Check library listing for weekly topics.

**Ask Your Master Gardener**

Learn gardening techniques from the masters! Check specific library listing for topics.

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

March 8, April 12, 2 p.m.  
Headquarters-Ocala

March 14, April 3, May 1, 10:30 a.m.  
Bellevue Public Library

March 18, April 15, 2 p.m.  
Dunnellon Public Library

March 20, April 17, May 15, 10:30 a.m.  
Marion Oaks Public Library

March 22, 2 p.m.  
Forest Public Library

**Who Gets Grandma's  
Yellow Plate?**

Tuesday, March 18, 6 p.m.  
Forest Public Library

Transferring ownership of much-loved items can be so difficult. Marion County Extension agent, Food and Consumer Sciences, Lynda Spence provides guidance to help manage these decisions. Registration recommended.

**Small Steps...Big Rewards**

Monday, April 21 & 28, 11 a.m. Part I and II  
Forest Public Library

Are you one of the 79 million U.S. adults with pre-diabetes? Marion County Extension Agent, Food and Consumer Sciences, Nancy Gal presents the necessity of eating healthful foods and increasing your physical activity to keep diabetes at bay. These small steps reap big rewards! Registration recommended.

**FOR TEENS****YALLA**

Be a part of your library and make the library experience a better one for all! Join Young Adults Leading Library Awareness. Connect with other teens and develop plans for future programs and services. Yes! You will earn volunteer hours for service. Note: All clubs meet at 5 p.m.

Tuesdays, March 4, April 1, May 6  
Bellevue Public Library

Wednesdays, March 5, April 2, May 7  
Headquarters-Ocala  
Dunnellon Public Library

Wednesdays, March 12, April 16, May 14  
Marion Oaks Public Library

Thursdays, March 13, April 10, May 8  
Forest Public Library  
Freedom Public Library

**FOR CHILDREN**

Unless otherwise noted, children's programs are open to ages 12 and younger.

**Seuss-a-palooza!***Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!*

Celebrate with stories, crafts and more!

Saturday, March 1,

10 a.m.-noon Headquarters-Ocala  
11 a.m. Forest Public Library

2 p.m. Freedom Public Library  
Marion Oaks Public Library

Wednesday, March 26,  
4 p.m. Dunnellon Public Library

**Down on the Farm**

Saturday, March 22, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Headquarters-Ocala

Quack, cluck and dance in this barnyard jamboree! Celebrate Florida agriculture with farm animals and a special appearance by folk musician and storyteller Kate Carpenter. For ages 5-12 and their families.

Presented by the Farmland Awareness Alliance  
and Crone's Cradle Conserve.

**Structure Junction Club  
Grand Opening**

Saturday, March 22, 2 p.m.  
Bellevue Public Library

LEGO® architects unite! Whether you're a master builder or a new recruit, put your imagination in gear and find out how far your creativity can take you.

**Reading Is Magic!**

Saturday, April 26, 2 p.m.  
Headquarters-Ocala

Books come to life with Gentle Carousel's miniature therapy horses and their award-winning literacy program. For ages 5-12 and their families.

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## SPECIAL EVENT

### Comic Connection Vol. 2

Saturday, May 10, 1 p.m.

For teens, tweens and adults

Attend in your favorite comic-themed gear and marvel at all things comic related. See Program Spotlight for details.

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## PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

### The Monday Matinee

Mondays, 2 p.m.

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

March 3  
March 10  
March 17  
March 24  
March 31  
April 7  
April 14  
April 21

### Genealogy Help Center

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

Headquarters-Ocala

March 5-April 23

Genealogy gurus from the Marion County Genealogical Society will assist with your search. See Program Spotlight for other locations.

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

Wednesdays, 2-3:30 p.m.

March 5-April 23

Need help getting started with e-books or digital audio? Bring your e-book device and we will assist you!

See Program Spotlight for other locations.

### Wired Wednesdays

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Learn about computers and databases. Space is limited.

#### Computers for Beginners

March 5 *I Turned on My Computer, Now What?*

March 12 *Basic Internet*

March 19 *Basic Keyboarding*

March 26 *Basic Word*

#### Online Potpourri

April 2 *Phishing and Other Online Scams*

April 9 *Netiquette*

April 16 *Dazzling Databases*

April 23 *Puzzling Brain Exercises*

### Ask Your Master Gardener

Selected Saturdays, 2 p.m.

See Program Spotlight for other locations.

March 8 *How to Grow Tomatoes*

April 12 *Herbs*



### Tuesday Night Book Club

Selected Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

A lively book discussion, treats and coffee! Who could ask for anything more? See Program Spotlight for other locations.

March 11 "The Devil Wears Prada" by Lauren Weisberger

April 8 "Angels" by Marian Keyes

May 13 "Fly Away Home" by Jennifer Weiner

### Wednesday Widgets

Selected Wednesdays, 3 p.m.

Surprise your mind with these creative and quirky amusements!

March 12 From Holidays Past Comes Whimsical Art!

April 16 Blooming Books: Treasured Keepsakes From Tattered Tomes

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## PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

### Manga-licious! Teen Book Club

First Tuesdays, 4 p.m.

March 4, April 1, May 6

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

# YALLA!

### Y'all Come to YALLA!

First Wednesdays, 5 p.m.

March 5, April 2, May 7

Be part of your library and make the library experience a better one for all!

See Program Spotlight for other locations.

### Just for Teens: Recycled Art!

Tuesday, April 22, 5 p.m.

Give old books new life! Bring a much loved book and create a treasure. See Program Spotlight for other locations.

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## PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Unless otherwise noted, children's programs are open to ages 12 and younger.

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### Seuss-a-palooza!

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

Saturday, March 1, 10 a.m.-noon

It's a celebration! Co-sponsored by the Marion Education Association. See Program Spotlight for other locations.

### B.E.A.R. Time!

Be Excited About Reading!

Monday-Friday, 3:30 p.m.

March 3-May 30

Take a break and listen to a few great books and poems.

### Spectacular Sundays for Tweens

Selected Sundays, 2 p.m.

Fire up your imagination with stories, crafts and treats! Registration required. For ages 10-12.

March 9 *Artist Trading Cards*

April 13 *Come, Sit, Stay, Read: Stories About Dogs*

May 11 *Super Sunday Sundae*

**Wacky Wednesdays***Selected Wednesdays, 2 p.m.*

Fun in the afternoon for ages 5-12!

March 5 *Stamp Quest: Letterboxing*  
 April 9 *Tinker Lab*

**Preschool Club***Third Saturdays, 2 p.m.*

March 15, April 19, May 17

Learn and play together. For ages 3-5 with caregivers.

**Spring Break Fun***Tuesday-Friday, March 25-28, 2 p.m.*

Fun and games for ages 5-12.

March 25 *Movie Time*  
 March 26 *Make and Take*  
 March 27 *Dance Party*  
 March 28 *Construction Zone*

**Mother Goose on the Loose™***Selected Saturdays, 10:15 a.m.*

April 5, May 3

A musical nursery rhyme romp for infants-36 months with caregivers.

**Super Saturdays***Fourth Saturdays*Fill your day with fun! For children ages 5-12 and their families. *See Program Spotlight for details.*

March 22, 10 a.m. *Down on the Farm*  
 April 26, 2 p.m. *Reading Is Magic*  
 May 24, 2 p.m. *Art Party*

**Día de los niños/  
Día de los libros***Wednesday, April 30, 3:30 p.m.*

Celebrate many children, many cultures and many books with a special multicultural story and cake!

**STORY TIMES***March 11-April 24*

A variety of stories, songs and activities for young children with caregivers.

**Terrific Threes***Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.*

Program is limited to 25 children.

**Fabulous Fours & Fives***Tuesdays, 1:15 p.m.***Family Story Time***Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.*

For infants-5 years.

**Toddling Twos***Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.*

Program is limited to 20 children.

**Bouncing Babies***Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.*

For infants-23 months. Program is limited to 15 children.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY**13145 SE Highway 484, Belleview  
352-438-2500*Programs are sponsored, either in whole or part, by the Friends of the Belleview Public Library.***SPECIAL PROGRAMS****Author Carrie Yonge**

"Carbon"

*Thursday, March 20,  
3:30 p.m.**See Program Spotlight for details.***Storyteller  
Jeremy Evans***Thursday, April 17, 3:30 p.m.**See Program Spotlight for details.***PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES****Crafts for a Cause***Wednesdays, 10 a.m.*

Create an afghan to benefit Hospice of Marion County.

**Art Before Your Eyes***First Fridays, 10 a.m.*

See the creative side of life with the artists from Gallery East.

**PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS****Tuesday Movie Matinee***Tuesdays, 1 p.m.*For adults and teens 13+. Anyone younger must be accompanied by a parent. Light refreshments will be served. *Co-sponsored by Golden Flake.*

March 4  
 March 11  
 March 18  
 March 25  
 April 1  
 April 8  
 April 15  
 April 22  
 April 29

**Basic Computer Classes***Thursdays, 1 p.m.*

March 6-April 24

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

**Computers for Beginners**

March 6 *Introduction to the Computer*  
 March 13 *Mouse Play*  
 March 20 *Basic Internet*  
 March 27 *Basic Email*  
 April 3 *Internet Searching and Printing*  
 April 10 *Staying Safe Online*

**Be Your Own Project Manager!**

April 17 *Discovering and Saving Crafty Ideas*  
 April 24 *Do It Yourself!*

**Tuesday Morning Book Club***Second Tuesdays, 10 a.m.*

March 11, April 8, May 13

Gather with exceptional people who share a love of life and literature.

*See Program Spotlight for other locations.***Ask Your Master Gardeners***Selected days, 10:30 a.m.**See Program Spotlight for other locations.*

Friday, March 14 *Soil*  
 Thursday, April 3 *Environmental Benefits of Native Plants*  
 Thursday, May 1 *Pests in the Florida Garden*

**Thursday Get-Togethers***Selected Thursdays, 3:30 p.m.*

Get informed, get inspired, get together for a variety of conversations and performances.

*See Program Spotlight for details.*

March 20 *Carrie Yonge*  
 April 17 *Jeremy Evans,  
Homegrown Raconteur*

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First Tuesdays, 5 p.m.  
 March 4, April 1, May 6

Be part of your library and make the library experience a better one for all! See Program Spotlight for details and other locations.

**Spring Break Tech Time!**

Tuesday-Thursday, 4 p.m.  
 Don't suffer brain waste: Feed the mind!

- March 25 Coding
- March 26 Optimizing Gmail
- March 27 Freegoal/Zinio

**PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES**

**Family Flicks**

Wednesdays, 2 p.m.  
 Movie fun for the whole family!

- March 5 Dr. Seuss' The Lorax
- April 9 Planes

**Family Games Unplugged**

First & third Thursdays, 3 p.m.  
 March 6-April 17  
 Don't be bored! Play board games!

**PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN**

Unless otherwise noted, children's programs are open to ages 12 and younger.

**B.E.A.R. Time!**

Be Excited About Reading!  
 Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m.

March 4-April 29  
 Take a break and listen to a few great books and poems.

**STORY TIMES**

March 6-April 25  
 A variety of stories, songs and activities for young children with caregivers.

**Toddler Time**

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.  
 For infants-age 2.

**Preschool Adventures**

Fridays, 10:30 a.m.  
 For ages 3-5.

**DUNNELLON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

20351 Robinson Road, Dunnellon  
 352-438-2520  
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**SPECIAL PROGRAMS**



**Oral History Class With Dr. Rosalie Riegle**

Friday, March 14, 1 p.m.  
 Dr. Rosalie Riegle presents a writing seminar on preparing questions and interviewing for an oral biography. See Program Spotlight for details.

**Betty Jean Steinshouer Presents Florida History Through Literature**

Thursday, April 3, 1 p.m.  
 Experience history as Harriet Beecher Stowe, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and Marjory Stoneman Douglas come to life! See Program Spotlight for details.

**PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS**

**Friday Movies**

Selected Fridays, 1 p.m.  
 For adults and teens 13+. Anyone younger must be accompanied by a parent. Light refreshments will be served.

- March 7
- April 4
- May 2

**Computer Classes**

Monday & Fridays, 10:30 a.m.  
 March 3-April 21  
 Learn basic skills with beginning computer classes.

- March 3, 17, 31 Mouse
- March 7, 21 Internet and Email
- March 10 Word 1
- March 24 Excel 1
- April 4, 18 Internet and Email
- April 7 Word 2
- April 14 Mouse
- April 21 Excel 2

**Genealogy Help Center**

Friday, March 14, 10:30 a.m.  
 Genealogy gurus will assist with your search. See Program Spotlight for other locations.



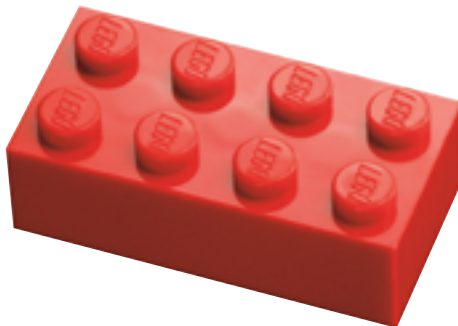
**Ask Your Master Gardener**

Selected Tuesdays, 2 p.m.  
 Learn gardening techniques from Master Gardener Linda Porter! See Program Spotlight for other locations.

- March 18 Your Spring Garden
- April 15 Butterfly Gardening in Your Central Florida Yard

**Florida-Friendly Landscaping**

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.  
 March 6-27  
 See Program Spotlight for details.



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**Structure Junction Club Grand Opening**

Saturday, March 22, 2 p.m.  
 Belleview Public Library  
 LEGO® architects unite! Whether you're a master builder or a new recruit, put your imagination in gear and find out how far your creativity can take you.

## Women and Money: Unique Issues

Fridays, 10 a.m.  
March 7-April 4

See Program Spotlight for details.

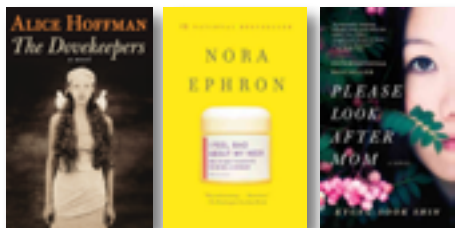
- March 7 *Developing Your Spending and Saving Plan*  
March 14 *Protecting Your Assets*  
March 21 *Understanding Credit and Your Credit Score*  
March 28 *Investing Basics*  
April 4 *Looking to Your Future*

## Drop-In Book Club

Selected Thursdays, 11 a.m.

Gather with exceptional people who share a love of life and literature.

See Program Spotlight for other locations.



- March 20 "The Dovekeepers"  
by Alice Hoffman  
April 17 "I Feel Bad About My Neck"  
by Nora Ephron  
May 15 "Please Look After Mom"  
by Kyung-Sook Shin

## Let's Be Creative!

Selected Mondays

Inspire your imagination!

- March 17, 10:30 a.m. *Handmade Greeting Cards*  
April 7, 14, 3 p.m. *Watercolors With Jackie Nash*

## PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

### Artist Trading Cards

Selected Saturdays, 3 p.m.

March 15, April 12

Create and trade miniature works of art! Registration recommended.

### Y'all Come to YALLA West!

First Wednesdays, 5 p.m.

March 5, April 2, May 7

Be part of your library and make the library experience a better one for all!

See Program Spotlight for details and other locations.

## PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

### Movie: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory

Wednesday, March 5, 2 p.m.

## PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Unless otherwise noted, children's programs are open to ages 12 and younger.

### B.E.A.R. Time!

*Be Excited About Reading!*

Mondays, 4-6 p.m.

Take a break and listen to a few great books and poems.

### Imagination Station

Selected Wednesdays, 4 p.m.

Stories and crafts to fit the season!  
Ages 5-12. Registration recommended.

See Program Spotlight for other locations.

- March 12 *Luck o' the Irish*  
March 26 *Seuss-a-palooza!*  
*Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!*  
April 9 *Too Sweet!*  
April 23 *Polly Wants a Pirate Party!*

### Seuss-a-palooza!

*Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!*

Wednesday, March 26, 4 p.m.

It's a celebration!

See Program Spotlight for other locations.

## STORY TIMES

March 5-May 2

A variety of stories, songs and activities for young children with caregivers.

### Toddling Twos

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.

For infants- age 2.

### Preschool Adventures

Fridays, 11 a.m.

For ages 3-5.

## FOREST PUBLIC LIBRARY

905 S. Highway 314A, Ocklawaha  
352-438-2540

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## PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

### Crafts for a Cause

First and third Mondays, 10 a.m.

March 3 & 17, April 7 & 21

Help our community! Lend your crafting talents and create items for those in need.

## PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

### Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Plate?

Tuesday, March 18, 6 p.m.

Lynda Spence, Marion County Extension agent, Food and Consumer Sciences, provides strategies to help with the stress of distributing items of sentimental value. Registration recommended.

See Program Spotlight for details.

### Small Steps...Big Rewards

Monday, April 21 & 28, 11 a.m. Part I and II

Nancy Gal, Marion County Extension agent, Food and Consumer Sciences, imparts tactics to keep diabetes at bay. Registration recommended.

See Program Spotlight for details.

### Computer Confidence

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

March 5 & 19, April 2 & 16

Help is here for your computer questions!

### Forest Readers' Book Club

Second & fourth Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Gather with exceptional people who share a love of life and literature.

See Program Spotlight for other locations.

- March 12 "Seaside Knitters Mysteries" (series) by Sally Goldenbaum  
March 26 "Sweet Tooth" by Ian McEwan  
April 9 "Swamplandia!" by Karen Russell  
April 23 "The Ladies of Covington Send Their Love" by Joan Medlicott  
May 14 "The Aviator's Wife" by Melanie Benjamin  
May 28 "How It All Began" by Penelope Lively

**Social Networking Tips and Tricks**

March 19, April 16, 2:30 p.m.

Keep your social networking sites under control and up-to-date.

**Ask Your Master Gardener About Butterfly Gardening**

Saturday, March 22, 2 p.m.

See Program Spotlight for other locations.



**PROGRAMS FOR TEENS AND TWEENS**

**Bookalicious!**

Fridays, 2:30 p.m.

March 7-April 25

Good stories and good times for ages 10+.

**Y'all Come to YALLA East**

Second Thursdays, 5 p.m.

March 13, April 10, May 8

Be part of your library and make the library experience a better one for all!

See Program Spotlight for details and other locations.

**Artist Trading Cards**

Selected Fridays, 3:30 p.m.

March 28, April 18

Create and trade miniature works of art!

**PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES**

**Seuss-a-palooza!**

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

Saturday, March 1, 11 a.m.

It's a celebration!

See Program Spotlight for other locations.

**Imagination Station**

Selected Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m.

Stories and crafts to fit the season!

March 5      Mardi Gras Fun!  
April 9      Egg People!

**STORY TIMES**

March 1-April 22

A variety of stories, songs and activities for children with caregivers.

**Super Story Saturday!**

First Saturdays, 11 a.m.

March 1, April 5

**Family Story Time**

Tuesdays, 11 a.m.

**School-Age Stories & Stuff**

Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m.

**Mother Goose & More!**

Selected Fridays, 11 a.m.

March 7 & 21, April 4 & 18

**FORT M<sup>c</sup>COY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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

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**PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN**

Unless otherwise noted, children's programs are open to ages 12 and younger.

**Preschool Adventures**

Selected Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

March 12, April 9 & 30

A variety of stories, songs and activities for children with caregivers.

**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 PROGRAM**

**John Sikorski Live!**



Thursday, March 6, 3 p.m.

Limit one item per person. No guns, coins or stamps.

See Program Spotlight for details.



Sharon Colvin

Terri Borkgren

**Authors Sharon Colvin and Terri Borkgren**

"Murder at Whispering Key"

Monday, April 28, 10:30 a.m.

See Program Spotlight for details.



**PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS**

**Ask Arnold! Comprehensive Computer Assistance**

Thursdays, Noon-2 p.m.

March 6-May 29

Assistance to help with all your computer needs!

**Blockbuster Tuesdays**

Selected Tuesdays, 3 p.m.

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

March 11

April 8

May 13

**Computer Classes**

Thursdays, 2 p.m.

March 6-April 17

Seating is limited. Registration begins one hour before class.

March 6, April 10	Email Basics
March 13, April 17	Internet Health Information
March 20	Basics for Beginners
March 27	How to Search
April 3	Document Basics

**Genealogy Help Center**

Selected Tuesdays, 2-4 p.m.

March 18, April 15

Whether you've just begun digging up your family roots or find yourself stumped in the midst of your search, genealogy help is here!

See Program Spotlight for other locations.

**As the Page Turns Book Club***First Tuesdays, 2:30 p.m.**March 4, April 1, May 6*

Gather with exceptional people who share a love of life and literature.

*See Program Spotlight for other locations.*

- March 4** "Defending Jacob" by William Landay
- April 1** "The Night Circus" by Erin Morgenstern
- May 6** "The End of Your Life Book Club" by Will Schwalbe

**Coffee Club***Monday, April 28, 10:30 a.m.*

Drop in for a cup of coffee and great conversation with Sharon Colvin and Terri Borkgren, authors of "Murder at Whispering Key."

*See Program Spotlight for details.***Civil War Show***Saturday, April 12, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.*

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War present memorabilia, regalia and an authentic cannon.

**PROGRAMS FOR TEENS****Y'all Come to YALLA Free***Selected Thursdays, 5 p.m.*

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*See Program Spotlight for other locations.*

- March 13** *It's Mardi Gras Time!*
- April 10** *Plant a Seed*

**PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES****Family Film Fest***Selected Tuesdays, 3 p.m.*

- March 25** *Planes*
- April 22** *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2*
- May 27** *Smurfs 2*

**Totally Tie Dye***Wednesday, March 26, 2 p.m.*

Add a bit of color to your wardrobe! Bring your favorite piece of clothing and give it a bold new look!

**Starry Night***Tuesday, April 8, 6:30 p.m.*

Local astronomy expert Mr. Derek brings a closer look at the stars in our night sky.

**PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN***Unless otherwise noted, children's programs are open to ages 12 and younger.***Seuss-a-palooza!***Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!**Saturday, March 1, 2 p.m.*

It's a celebration!

*See Program Spotlight for other locations.***Mud Pie Merriment!***Wednesday, April 9, 2 p.m.*

Strap on your galoshes and get ready for April shower fun!

**STORY TIMES***March 4-April 29*

A variety of stories, songs and activities for young children with caregivers.

**Toddling Twos***Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.*

Ages 18-36 months.

**Bouncing Babies***Fridays, 10:30 a.m.*

For infants, birth-17 months.

**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***Selected Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.**March 20, April 17, May 15**See Program Spotlight for other locations.***PROGRAMS FOR TEENS****Y'all Come to YALLA Oaks!***Second Wednesdays, 5 p.m.**March 12, April 16, May 14*

Be part of your library and make the library experience a better one for all!

*See Program Spotlight for other locations.***PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES****Seuss-a-palooza!***Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!**Saturday, March 1, 2 p.m.*

It's a celebration!

*See Program Spotlight for other locations.***Family Story Time***First Wednesdays, 6 p.m.*

A variety of stories, songs and activities for all ages. Caregivers must accompany children.

- March 5** *Windy Days*
- April 2** *April Showers*
- May 7** *May Flowers*

**REDDICK PUBLIC LIBRARY**

15150 NW Gainesville Road, Reddick  
352-438-2566

**PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN***Unless otherwise noted, children's programs are open to ages 12 and younger.***Preschool Adventures***Selected Thursdays, 10 a.m.**March 13, April 10, May 1*

A variety of stories, songs and activities for young children with caregivers.



**Headquarters-Ocala**

- March **Kaleido-scapes**  
by Robin Collison
- April **Paintings**  
by Betty Edwards
- May **Asian Heritage Month**  
by library staff

**Bellevue Public Library**

- March **Acrylic Paintings**  
by Darlene Weesner
- Wood Burning Art**  
by Jean Turcotte
- April **Sons of the Confederate Veterans** by Chuck Kadel
- Acrylic and Oil Paintings** by Micheline Hammerschmidt
- May **Oils and Acrylic Paintings**  
by Jim Cochell
- Oil Paintings**  
by Lisa Russo

**Dunnellon Public Library**

- March **Glass Dragons**
- April **Seashells**

**Forest Public Library**

- March **Mardi Gras Masks**
- April **Egg People**

**Freedom Public Library**

- March **Recycled Media**  
by David D'Alessandris
- Assemblages**  
by David D'Alessandris
- April **Handmade Jewelry**  
by Sylvia Fiorello
- May **Lighthouse Collection**  
by Dian Desin

**Reddick Public Library**

- April-May **Treasures & Collectibles** by Reddick residents

**AT YOUR SERVICE**



**Affordable Health Insurance Assistance**

Certified application counselors at the Dunnellon Public Library on Thursdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., to help with sign-up for Affordable Health Care.



**Tax Help**

Available at most library locations. Call for times and locations near you.

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

Obtain free Medicare counseling through the Florida Department of Elder Affairs. Services are available at the Forest Public Library, Dunnellon Public Library and Bellevue Public Library. Call for schedule.



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

CTAE offers a convenient way to earn your GED at the Headquarters-Ocala location. Call CTAE (352-671-7200) for details.

**CareerSource Mobile Resources Unit**

Job-seeker services including registration with Employ Florida Marketplace are available to you. Call the library for times and locations.





Magician Brian LaPalme performs at Belleview Public Library.



Daisy the Pig reminds Misty Risko to "Pig out on Reading."



Crafts for kids at the library.



Quilters at Forest Public Library take on "Crafts for a Cause" project.



Artist Jackie Fenton shares Steve the Dragon with the library.



Dunnellon supervisor Nancy Pettus and Tippy Corliss at "Library Snapshot Day."

# Friends of the Library

## Meeting and Book Sale Information

### Meetings

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Support your public library! Join the Friends of the library and be a part of the library's future.

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

*Third Thursdays,  
March 20, April 17, May 15, 1 p.m.*

#### **Friends of the Belleview Public Library**

*Third Tuesdays,  
March 18, April 15, May 20, 10 a.m.  
Book Nook Bookstore,  
6007 SE Earp Road, Belleview*

#### **Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library**

*First Tuesdays,  
March 4, April 1, May 6, 10 a.m.*

#### **Friends of the Forest Public Library**

*Third Wednesdays,  
March 19, April 16, May 21, 10:30 a.m.*

#### **Friends of the Fort McCoy Public Library**

*Second Wednesdays,  
March 12, May 14, 10 a.m.*

#### **Friends of the Freedom Public Library**

*First Mondays,  
March 3, April 7, May 5, 10 a.m.*

#### **Friends of the Marion Oaks Public Library Board Meeting**

*Third Fridays,  
March 21, April 18, May 16, 10 a.m.*



### Book Sales

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Book sales are held on a continuous basis in the lobbies of most libraries, with larger book sale events on a periodic basis as noted below. Prices and quantities will vary per library location. Call your library for more information.

**Friends of the Ocala Public Library**  
*May 3- 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Headquarters-Ocala Public Library,  
2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala*

**Friends of the Belleview Public Library**  
*April 4 and 5- 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Book Nook Bookstore,  
6007 SE Earp Road, Belleview*

**Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library**  
*April 25 and 26- 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Dunnellon Public Library,  
20351 Robinson Road, Dunnellon*

**Friends of the Forest Public Library**  
*May 15- 5-8 p.m., May 16- 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.,  
May 17- 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Forest Public Library, 905 S. Highway 314A,  
Ocklawaha*

**Friends of the Fort McCoy Public Library**  
*Friends of the Fort McCoy Public Library feature an ongoing book sale during regular library hours on Mondays (11 a.m.-7 p.m.), Wednesdays (10 a.m.-6 p.m.), and Saturdays (10 a.m.-4 p.m.).  
Fort McCoy Public Library, 14660 NE Highway 315, Fort McCoy*

**Friends of the Freedom Public Library**  
*April 24 and 25-10 a.m. - 6 p.m.,  
April 26- 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Freedom Public Library,  
5870 SW 95th Street, Ocala*

# Bookmarks

Friends of the Ocala Public Library's News and Notes

## Books Needed!



While you're spring cleaning, please remember our library. Are you finding books that you know you'll never read again? The Friends of the Ocala Public Library want your books! We sell gently used books in our Book Market to subsidize many library projects and activities. You may drop off your donations to the Book Market anytime during regular hours.



## *Patrick Smith: A Man Remembered*

On Feb. 9, more than 200 people watched as Rick Smith celebrated the life and works of his father, Patrick Smith, who recently passed away. Patrick Smith's best known novel is "A Land Remembered," a historical novel loved and revered by all ages.



## Quarterly Book Sale

Get ready for AWESOME! Our Quarterly Book Sale will be on Saturday, May 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the meeting rooms at HQ-Ocala. We will have loads of books, including novels, historical fiction, nonfiction, gardening, faith and many more subjects. Want your kids to read more? Come to our book sale. We'll have just what you are looking for in childrens and teens reading material. We'll also have CDs, DVDs, video tapes, cookbooks and more. You name it, we'll probably have it!

## Mark Your Calendar

May 3, 2014,  
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### **Quarterly Book Sale**

Held in Meeting Rooms,  
Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

# profiles

By Ken Tipper

When asked about Master Gardener volunteer Linda Krausnick, Director of Marion County Extension Services David Holmes said, “Linda does an excellent job for us. Sometimes I think she lives here at the Extension Services Center.” Linda’s sterling record of service since passing the Master Gardeners course in 2008 includes such honors as the Outstanding Master Gardener of Florida for 2013, the 2009 Marion County Master Gardener, 2010 State Master Gardener for Communication, 2011 Marion County Outstanding Master Gardener, as well as a Presidential Award for Volunteer Service. She estimates that she has logged more than 5,000 hours with the Master Gardeners since 2008.

The native of Syracuse, N.Y., and husband Edward, moved to Marion County in 2008, drawn by the fact that this is horse country. Horse and dog lovers, they bought an old house, gutted it completely, and rebuilt. With that project completed, Linda got interested in the Master Gardeners program and took the required course.

Over the years, Linda has been involved in most phases of the extension service programs. She has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2011, is currently Director of the Plant



Clinic, and manages the Master Gardeners greenhouse, where native “Florida-friendly” plants are propagated. Her favorite areas of interest are butterfly and pollinator gardening. According to Linda, bee populations have been declining, and they encourage development of host plants to attract them.

Linda sees the public library as a wonderful resource for amateur gardeners, as numerous books are available on the subject. The Master Gardener series held at the main library and branches have covered such subjects as healthy soil; fertilizer/nutrients; gardening techniques; pest control; vegetable garden-

ing; ornamentals, and composting.

David Holmes also values the library as a resource. “We appreciate our partnership with the library system. We are a university, and, like libraries, education is the passion of our faculty and volunteers. So we are happy to partner in our efforts to serve Marion County residents,” he said.

Volunteering six days a week at the Extension Service doesn’t leave Linda much time for other pursuits. But she says, “Master Gardeners have such a passion for gardening that it binds them together. We are a family; friends united in our common interest.” **W**