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a word FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Julie Sieg
Director, Marion County
Public Library System



Imagine walking up to the circulation counter to check out your library books and your hometown mayor, your school principal or the president of your local bank asked if they could assist you. Well, if you are at our Reddick Public Library you may think it pretty normal since Mayor Jim Stroup works at the Reddick Public Library and has been a regular fixture at the library for 8 years. But if you frequent one of our other seven locations during National Library Week you may be in for a big surprise. National Library Week is April 12-18th. It also happens to be National Volunteer Week. We're combining the celebration of the two with a special week-long program: **E.L.V.I.S. (Every Library Volunteer Is Special).**

Over the years we have celebrated National Library Week in a variety of ways from special speakers and programs to prize drawings, essay contests and library staff recognition. Because public libraries are about so much more than books, we want to make certain our community leaders have a chance to see how others use their public library in 2015 and what we are all about. You may get to see our **E.L.V.I.S.** volunteers helping others on computers, presenting children's stories, shelving library materials, answering questions, helping with homework, greeting you as you walk in or answering the telephone. We invite you, come in and see if **E.L.V.I.S.** is here!

Julie Sieg

GET CONNECTED

at Your Public Library

by Kristen Calvert Nelson

Two very exciting celebrations take place the week of April 12 at your public library. National Volunteer Week and National Library Week offer the public an opportunity to connect with their library as well as their community. And it's an especially great time to celebrate people doing extraordinary things at the library!



Volunteering provides a wonderful opportunity to share your expertise, meet new friends and even learn new skills. Every single day volunteers enhance the services and level of support provided by the public library system. From shelving books, to reading to children or helping out at special events and programs, our volunteers do it all. And the Marion County Public Library System has plans to expand its volunteer program in the near future. Check out page 18 for additional tips on current and future volunteer opportunities at your public library, as well as how to apply for a volunteer position.

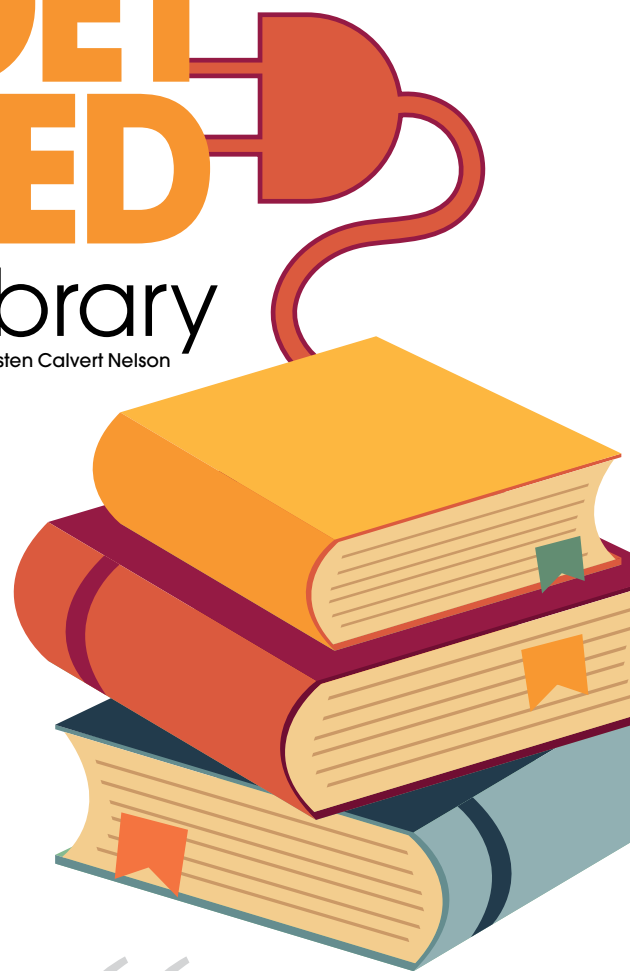
According to the last count, 224 regular library system volunteers, as well as hundreds of Friends of the Library members, generously donate their time and resources to the Marion County Public Library System. Why do people volunteer for their public library? Volunteer Bill Wayte, who assists with “Wired Wednesday” computer classes at the



Headquarters-Ocala Public Library, says that as much as he likes helping people, his motivation is selfish. “I volunteer because it makes me feel good.”

If you're the kind of person who loves to “devour” a good book, you'll be right at home at our upcoming Book Feast event. Scheduled for Saturday, April 18, at the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library, it's a banquet of words and writing, where the public can read, learn, access and connect with authors from the tri-county area.

Local author Colleen Pallamary who participated in a previous Book Feast, had this to say about her expe-



“ (Book Feast) provided a much-needed opportunity to get my books out in front of readers as well as a chance to connect with other authors.”

— CARRIE YONGE

“If there’s a book that you want to read, but it hasn’t been written yet, then you must write it.”

-TONI MORRISON



rience: “There are not many opportunities in the area for authors to share their work, and the public library is a great venue for curious readers.”

Carrie Yonge, another author participant, said the Book Feast “provided a much-needed opportunity to get my books out in front of readers as well as a chance to connect with other authors.”

Information Services Division Manager Domina Daughtrey explained that the Book Feast was created because the public library receives many requests from local authors to speak about their works or do a book signing. “The Book Feast allows talented local writers to come together to showcase their work and connect with the public.”

It’s important for authors to have this opportunity. Author Sylvia R. Norfleet, another former participant,



explains, “This expo gives them [authors] inspiration and hope to be able to continue their writings and to see what others have accomplished.” One past participant, Paige Johnson, even missed prom so she could showcase her first book!

One thing is for certain. Central Florida’s authors love libraries, and that’s why many of them find the Book Feast so important: “I’m a big fan of libraries, and so when asked to participate at the book fair, the answer was ‘yes!’” said author Lucy Tobias. Author Angelia Vernon Menchan says she spent much of her youth in the Ocala Public Library — one of the reasons she participated.

This spring and throughout the year, volunteer, read, learn, access and connect with your community at your public library! **W**

Writer’s Round Table, April 15, 3 p.m.

In addition to meeting talented local authors, you can also learn how to become one. If your goal is to get that novel out of your head and onto paper, mark your calendar to attend one of the writer’s workshops being offered at the library.

On **April 15, 3 p.m.**, the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library is hosting a writer’s round table. **Dean Blinkhorn**, editor of “Ocala’s Good Life” magazine, will give aspiring authors the editor’s viewpoint on writing and publication.”

Melody Murphy, journalist for “Natural Awakenings” magazine, will also be on hand to lend insight into the creative process and share tips on how to find inspiration while writing.

Especially for teens, young adult author **Christina Benjamin** will visit the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library on **April 14 at 5 p.m.** to speak with teens and answer their questions about writing and how to become an author. Benjamin, author of “The Geneva Project: Truth,” started writing as a teenager, and loves the art of storytelling.

THE NEW GOLDEN AGE OF COMICS

BY SARAH REGISTER



COSTUMED VIGILANTES, stormtroopers, and rainbow-tailed ponies are preparing to invade the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library for the third annual **Comic Connection** on **Saturday, May 9!** The library has partnered with Diamond Comic Distributors and local organizations to bring free comics, workshops, crafts and prizes to the community through this spectacular event. With the rising success of Marvel and DC characters in movies and television, comic books are becoming more popular than ever.

HERE AT THE LIBRARY,

we have graphic novels geared toward every age group from beginning readers to adults! For costumed hero enthusiasts, Gene Luen Yang delivered a celebration of golden-age comics with his recent "The Shadow Hero," which provides an origin story for the Green Turtle, the first Asian-American superhero. Likewise, Marvel Comics saw a chance to diversify their title characters and gave the mantle of Ms. Marvel to a second generation Pakistani-American teen, Kamala Khan, in "Ms. Marvel: No Normal" by G. Willow Wilson. Both books weave coming-of-age tales with humor as young heroes fight crime and deal with life's more difficult questions.

COMICS AREN'T JUST

about superheroes anymore, however. Many are discovering the sequential arts as another vehicle for fantastic storytelling. Scott Snyder, the writer for several ongoing Batman titles, took a step away from capes and cowls to tackle the seaworthy science fiction epic, "The Wake," which follows two protagonists separated by centuries. For fans of magical realism, Bryan Lee O'Malley has cooked up the endearing "Seconds," the tale of a restaurant owner who alters space and time after trying to fix her past mistakes by meddling with house spirits.



IF YOU FIND YOURSELF "DRAWN" to comic books, come talk to a librarian about the graphic novels available at your local library; you're bound to discover some eye-opening stories and incredible artwork. And join us on May 9 for Comic Connection, where all types of fans come together to celebrate their passions. **w**



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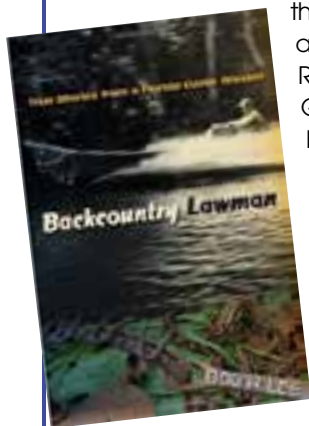
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MEET THE AUTHORS

Backcountry Lawman: Bob H. Lee

"Backcountry Lawman: True Stories from a Florida Game Warden"
Bigger-than-life but true tales of chasing poachers and wildlife law violators along

the Ocklawaha and St. Johns rivers! Retired Fish and Game officer Lee brings the wild outdoors into our lives with his natural flair for story as he relates the often humorous tales of his daily work. Don't miss this!



Sunday, Mar 29, 2 p.m.
Headquarters-Ocala

Saturday, Apr 11, 2 p.m.
Forest Public Library

Wednesday, Apr 15, noon
Reddick Public Library
(Brown Bag Lunch Event. Bring lunch. Drink/dessert provided.)

Wednesday, Apr 15, 6 p.m.
Marion Oaks Public Library
(Co-hosted by Freedom Public Library)

Wednesday, Apr 29, 10:30 a.m.
Bellevue Public Library

Wednesday, Apr 29, 2 p.m.
Dunnellon Public Library



Book Feast!

An event for readers and writers of all ages
Headquarters-Ocala
Saturday, April 18, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Many of Marion County's local writers will be on hand to share their experiences. Authors will have books available for sale and personal signings.

Especially for Teens

Christina Benjamin

"The Geneva Project: Truth"
Tuesday, April 14, 5 p.m.
Headquarters-Ocala

Christina Benjamin, author of books for young adults, delves into the writing process as she fields questions from the audience. Call 352-671-8551 to register. The first 25 teens to register will receive a copy of her book.

Especially for Families

San Hoy

"Under the Full Moon"
Storytelling and art come alive with author/illustrator Sandra "San Hoy" Sanders in this highly participative program. Great fun for all ages!

Saturday, Mar 21, 10:30 a.m.
Marion Oaks Public Library

Tuesday, Mar 31, 1 p.m.
Bellevue Public Library



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Seuss-a-palooza!

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!
Celebrate the imagination of Dr. Seuss! Enjoy books, games and crafts inspired by Dr. Seuss!

Tuesday, Mar 3, 11 a.m.
Forest Public Library

Saturday, Mar 7, 10 a.m. - noon
Headquarters-Ocala

Saturday, Mar 7, 1 p.m.
Marion Oaks Public Library

Wednesday, Mar 25, 4 p.m.
Dunnellon Public Library



Harriet Quimby, Aviation Pioneer

Dunnellon Public Library
Thursday, March 12, 6 p.m.

Harriet Quimby was the first woman licensed as a pilot in the United States and the first woman to fly solo across the English Channel. Join the Villages Story Group as they bring this remarkable woman to life in commemoration of Women's History Month.

Marion County Springs Festival Student Art Contest

Enjoy and judge the artwork created by Marion County youth for the 2015 Springs Festival. Attend the festival and vote for your favorite art on March 28 at Silver Springs State Park.

*Friday, Mar 13, 2-6 p.m.
Dunnellon Public Library*

*Sunday, Mar 15, 1-5 p.m.
Headquarters-Ocala*

*Monday, Mar 16, noon-6 p.m.
Headquarters-Ocala*

Woodland Hills Birds of Prey

*Dunnellon Public Library
Wednesday, April 22, 1 p.m.*

Master falconer Mark Good will demonstrate the wonders of birds of prey for the whole family.

Mother's Day Music With Ocala Harmony

*Dunnellon Public Library
Thursday, April 30, 10:30 a.m.*

Celebrate mothers with the melodic ladies of the Ocala Harmony Barbershop Chorus.



Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 2

Stop by your local library* and grab a free comic book, courtesy of Diamond Comic Distributors. While supplies last.

*(*Headquarters-Ocala will distribute comic books on May 9 at the Comic Connection.)*

Comic Connection, Vol. 3

*Headquarters-Ocala
Saturday, May 9, 1-3 p.m.*

For teens, tweens and adults.

Grab your sidekick or padawan and convene at the library for all things nerd! Join the party with a costume contest, crafts, door prizes and a visit from the 501st Legion. Representatives from local organizations will talk about hobbies and activities available in Marion County. In celebration of Free Comic Book Day, comics will be distributed while supplies last, courtesy of Diamond Comic Distributors.

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Book Feast!

*An Event for Readers and Writers of All Ages
Saturday, April 18, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.*

Comic Connection Vol. 3

Saturday, May 9, 1 p.m.-2 p.m.

FOR ADULTS

The Monday Matinée

Mondays, 2 p.m.

Movies for adults and teens ages 13+. Anyone younger must be accompanied by an adult. Light refreshments will be served.

Co-sponsored by Golden Flake.

Mar 2

Mar 9

Mar 16

Mar 23

Mar 30

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Apr 20

Ask Your Master Gardener-Curb Appeal!

Saturday, March 28, 2 p.m.

Learn gardening techniques from the masters! *Presented by the UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners; UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.*

Wired Wednesdays

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Learn about computers and databases. Space is limited.

Computers for Beginners

Mar 4 I Turned on My Computer, Now What?

Mar 11 Basic Internet

Mar 18 Basic Keyboarding

Mar 25 Basic Word

Online Potpourri

Apr 1 Looking Up Old Friends

Apr 8 Photo Editing and Printing

Apr 15 Spreadsheet Basics With Microsoft Excel

Apr 22 Create With Microsoft Publisher

Genealogy Help Center

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

March 4-April 29

Genealogy gurus from the Marion County Genealogical Society assist with your search.



Help Center for E-books and Digital Audio

Wednesdays, 2-3:30 p.m.
March 4-April 29

Need help getting started? Bring your device and drop in!



Tuesday Night Book Club

Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

Join us for a lively book discussion, treats and coffee.

- Mar 10 *"The Storyteller"* by Jodi Picoult
- Apr 14 *"Cuckoo's Calling"* by Robert Galbraith
- May 12 *"The Husband's Secret"* by Liane Moriarty

Wednesday Widgets

Wednesdays, 3 p.m.

Stir your curiosity!

- Mar 11 **Get the 4-1-1 on 2-1-1** The United Way referral service is your connection to affordable housing, job training and more.
- Apr 15 **Writer's Round Table** Discover techniques and tips that strengthen your writing.
- Apr 29 **Tough Decisions** Hospice representatives discuss living wills and other advance directives.

FOR TEENS

Manga-licious! Teen Book Club

Tuesdays, 4 p.m.

March 3, April 7, May 5

High-energy talks about all things manga and anime.

YALLA!

Wednesdays, 5 p.m.

March 4, April 1, May 6

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

Q&A With Author Christina Benjamin

Tuesday, April 14, 5 p.m.

Registration recommended. See Program Spotlight for details.

FOR FAMILIES

Seuss-a-palooza!

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

Saturday, March 7, 10 a.m.-noon

Celebrate with stories, crafts and more! Co-sponsored by the Marion Education Association. See Program Spotlight for other locations.

Down on the Farm

Saturday, April 11, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Celebrate "Old Time" Florida agriculture with music, crafts and farm fun!

Scavenger Hunt for Children

April 12-18 Headquarters-Ocala

FOR TWEENS

Put Your Best Foot Forward! Grow a Great You!

Sunday, April 19, 2 p.m.

Practice your social skills and grow in confidence. Presented by Simply British: the Ocala Finishing School.

FOR CHILDREN

B.E.A.R. Time!

Monday-Friday, 3:30 p.m.

March 2-May 29

Be excited about reading and hear great stories!

Coder Dojo

Tuesdays, 3 p.m.

March 10-April 14

Learn computer programming through games and get tips from local technology professionals. For ages 7-12 with caregiver. Required registration begins March 2.



Christina Benjamin

Sleepy Story Time

Thursdays, 6:15 p.m.

March 12, April 9, May 14

Soothing stories for young children (pj attire welcome) with caregivers.

Innovation Station!

Wednesdays, 2 p.m.

March 18, May 6

Come tinker, design and create!

Preschool Club

Saturdays, 2 p.m.

March 21, May 16

Fun-filled activities and games for ages 3-5 with caregivers.

Super Saturdays

Saturdays, 2 p.m.

For ages 5-12 and their families.

Mar 28 **Construction Zone** Build it with paper, plastic or wood.

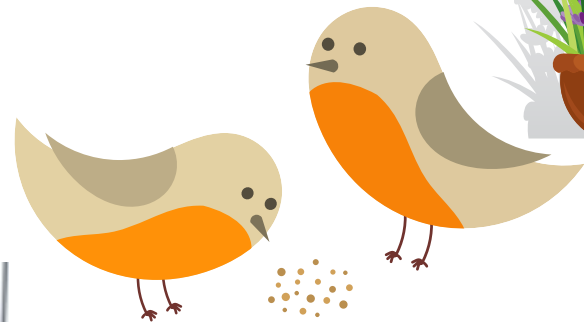
May 23 **Blast Off!** Have a blast with rocketry!

Mother Goose Story Time

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

April 4, May 2

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



What Do Birds Like to Eat?

Saturday, April 25, 2 p.m.

Growing gardens is for the birds! Learn how to attract birds to your yard. Presented by the UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners; UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.

Día de los niños/ Día de los libros

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

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

STORY TIMES

March 10-April 23

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

Terrific Threes

Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.

Fabulous Fours & Fives

Tuesdays, 1:15 p.m.

Toddlers Twos

Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.

Bouncing Babies

Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.

For infants-23 months.

**BELLEVIEW
PUBLIC LIBRARY**13145 SE Highway 484, Belleview FL 34420
352-438-2500Programs are sponsored by
the Friends of the Belleview Public Library.**SPECIAL PROGRAMS****Storyteller Extravaganza**

Thursday, April 2, 1 p.m.

Storyteller Jeremy Evans and a group of local teens provide an afternoon of astounding tales.

**Native Plant Garden Party**

Saturday, April 4, 11 a.m.

Stop in for some fresh lemonade and the sweet sounds of My Uncle's Friends as we celebrate our native plant garden.

Meet the Author: Bob H. Lee*"Backcountry Lawman: True Stories from a Florida Game Warden"*

Wednesday, April 29, 10:30 a.m.

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FOR ADULTS**Tuesday Movie Matinée**

Tuesdays, 1 p.m.

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

Mar 3

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Mar 24

Mar 31

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Apr 14

Apr 21

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Basic Computer Classes

Thursdays, 1 p.m.

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

Computers for Beginners

Mar 5 Introduction to Computers

Mar 12 Mouse Play

Mar 19 Keyboarding

Mar 26 Basic Internet

Apr 2 Basic Email

Apr 9 Internet Safety

Microsoft Programs

Apr 16 Basic Microsoft Word

Apr 23 Basic Excel

Apr 30 Basic PowerPoint

Tech Tonight

Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

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

Mar 10 Pronunciator

Apr 14 E-books for E-readers

Thursday Get-Togethers

Thursdays, 3:30 p.m.

Get together for a variety of conversations.

Mar 19 Caribbean Folklore in the Art of
Hugh Patrick Phillip

Apr 16 Confederacy Remembered

Genealogy Help Center

Thursdays, 1-3 p.m.

March 12, April 9, May 14

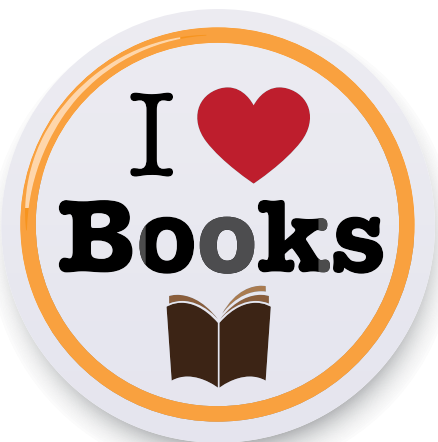
Genealogy gurus from the Genealogy Roundtable will assist you with your quest.

Random Tuesday Book Club

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

March 10, April 14, May 12

A once-a-month gathering of exceptional people who share their love of life and literature.

**Ask Your Master Gardener**

Mondays, 6 p.m.

Learn gardening techniques from the masters! Presented by the UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners, UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.

Mar 2 Gardening Q&A

Apr 6 Turf Management

FOR TEENS**YALLA South**

Tuesdays, 5 p.m.

March 3, April 7, May 5

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

Maker Time!

Selected days, 4 p.m.

Enjoy fun DIY activities!

Tuesday, Mar 31 Paracord

Wednesday, Apr 1 Duct Tape

Thursday, Apr 2 Makey-Makey®

FOR FAMILIES**Family Games Unplugged**

Wednesdays, 4 p.m.

March 4, April 1

Don't be bored! Play board games!

Art Before Your Eyes

Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon

March 6, April 3, May 1

Experience creativity with artists from Gallery East.

Family Flicks

Wednesdays, 4 p.m.

Movie fun for the whole family!

Mar 18

Apr 15

Llama-Con!

Saturday, March 28, 10:30 a.m.

Put a llama in your life! Meet our camelid friends and enjoy stories and activities.

Meet the Author: San Hoy*Under the Full Moon*

Tuesday, March 31, 1 p.m.

See Program Spotlight for details.

Crafts for a Cause

Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

Help to create an afghan to benefit Hospice of Marion County!

FOR CHILDREN**B.E.A.R. Time**

Tuesdays, 4 p.m.

March 3-April 28

Be excited about reading!

Structure Junction Club

Saturdays, 2 p.m.

March 21, April 18

LEGO® architects and imaginations unite!

STORY TIMES

March 4-April 30

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Preschool Adventures

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

For ages 3-5.

Toddler Time

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

For infants-age 2.

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Thursday, April 30, 10:30 a.m.

FOR ADULTS

Master Gardener's Plant Clinic

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

March 3, April 7, May 5

The Master Gardener plant doctors are in! Bring your plants or just your questions for diagnosis by the experts. Presented by the UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners; UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.

Wired Wednesdays

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Informative and fun computer classes. Space is limited

Mar 4 E-books and More!

Mar 11 Auto and Small Engine Repair

Mar 18 Social Media

Mar 25 E-books and More!

Apr 1 Pronunciator

Apr 8 Pinterest

Apr 15 Novelist Plus

Apr 22 Investments

Creative Cards

Thursdays, 2 p.m.

March 5-26

Make creative cards for all occasions with retired artist Donna Walker. Supplies provided. Limited seating. Reservations recommended.

Help Center for E-books and Digital Audio

Thursdays, 10 a.m.-noon

March 5-April 30

Need help getting started with that digital device? Good books are just a click away.

Friday Movies

Fridays, 1 p.m.

For adults and teens 13+. Anyone younger must be accompanied by an adult. Light refreshments served.

Mar 6

Mar 13

Mar 27

Apr 3

Apr 10

Apr 17

Apr 24

Ask Your Master Gardener Q&A

Tuesday, March 17, 2 p.m.

Learn gardening techniques from the masters! Presented by UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners; UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.

Drop-In Book Club

Thursdays, 11 a.m.

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

Mar 19 "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" by Mary Ann Shaffer

Apr 16 "Life After Life" by Jill McCorkle

May 21 "The Valley of Amazement" by Amy Tan

Genealogy Help Center

Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

March 20, April 17

Genealogy gurus will assist with your search.

Age in Place

Tuesdays, 11 a.m.

Ideas on how to create a safer, accessible, functional and more comfortable environment in which to actively age in place. Presented by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs.

Mar 24, 11a.m. DASH: Dementia and Alzheimer's Safe Home

Mar 31, 11a.m. SAFE Homes: Safe, Accessible, Functional Environment

Florida Yards and Neighborhoods

Thursdays, 1 p.m.

Make your yard Florida friendly! Registration is required. Fees apply. Contact Terry Holt, Marion County UF/IFAS Extension Service at 352-671-8400 for more information.

Apr 9 Right Plant, Right Place

Apr 16 Lawns

Apr 23 Water Use and Mulch

Apr 30 Attracting Wildlife to Your Yard

FOR TEENS



YALLA West!

Wednesdays, 5 p.m.

March 4, April 1, May 6

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

Magic With Brian LaPalme

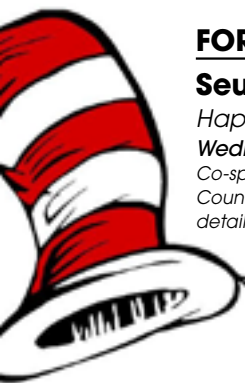
Saturday, March 21, 2 p.m.

Learn card tricks and sleight of hand from master magician Brian LaPalme. Registration required.

Guitar Hero!

Saturday, April 18, 2 p.m.

Wii will rock you! Test your abilities against the best.

**FOR FAMILIES****Seuss-a-palooza!**

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

Wednesday, March 25, 4 p.m.

Co-sponsored by United Way of Marion County. See Program Spotlight for details.

Starry, Starry Night

Thursday, March 26, 6 p.m.

Explore the cosmos with Derek Demeter, director

of the Buehler Planetarium at Seminole State College. Telescopes provided for viewing.

Woodland Hills Birds of Prey

Wednesday, April 22, 1 p.m.

See Program Spotlight for details.

Nature Crafts!

Saturday, April 25, 2 p.m.

Celebrate Earth Day and create a variety of earth-friendly crafts from recycled materials.

Earth Day Nature Walk

Saturday, April 25, 4 p.m.

Master gardeners lead a nature walk to identify and classify local flora and fauna after making organic trail mix. Participants will

receive a native plant. Presented by UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners; UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.

**FOR CHILDREN****PAWSitive Fun With Terra, the Therapy Dog**

Mondays, 4:30-6 p.m.

Listen to great stories or read to Terra, our canine listener.

STORY TIMES

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 FL 32179
352-438-2540

Programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Forest Public Library.

SPECIAL PROGRAM**Art on the Porch**

Saturday, March 28, 11:30 a.m.

Extend the experience of the Art Show of the Forest! Paint a mega-mural or make a chalk masterpiece.

Meet the Author: Bob H. Lee

Saturday, April 11, 2 p.m.

"Backcountry Lawman: True Stories from a Florida Game Warden"

Bigger-than-life but true tales of chasing poachers and wildlife law violators along the Ocklawaha and St. Johns rivers!

Don't miss this! See Program Spotlight for other locations.

FOR ADULTS**Crafts for a Cause**

Mondays, 10 a.m.

March 2, April 6, May 4

Help our community and create items for those in need.

Computer Confidence

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

March 4-April 29

Have your technology questions answered.

Social Networking Tips and Tricks

Tuesdays, 2:30 p.m.

March 10, April 7

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

Forest Readers Book Club

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Mar 11 "Tempting Fate" by Jane Green

Mar 25 "The Glass Castle"

by Jeanette Walls

Apr 8 "Tiger Shrimp Tango" by Tim Dorsey

Apr 22 "American Assassin"

by Vince Flynn

May 13 "Sense and Sensibility"

by Jane Austen

May 27 "The Light Between Oceans"

by M.L. Stedman

Find Your Roots!

Thursday, March 12, 2 p.m.

Broaden your ancestral search with Richard Heckman, expert genealogist from the Marion Genealogical Society.

Saturday Matinée

Saturdays, 2 p.m.

Movies for adults and teens ages 13+.

Anyone younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Mar 14 *Guardians of the Galaxy*

Apr 25 *Edge of Tomorrow*

Small Animal Husbandry

Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

Marion County Extension Agent Jonael Bosques presents important management guidance for raising healthy and productive animals.

Registration recommended. Presented by UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.

Mar 17 *Raising Rabbits*

Apr 14 *Raising Poultry*

National Forests in Florida

Thursday, March 19, 2:30 p.m.

Discover recreation areas in your backyard with USDA Natural Resource Specialist Antoinette "Tonee" Davis.

Ask Your Master Gardener Q&A

Saturday, March 21, 2 p.m.

Learn gardening techniques from the masters! Registration recommended.

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

FOR TEENS & TWEENS**YALLA East!**

Wednesdays, 5 p.m.

March 18, April 15, May 20

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

Art Workshop for Teens and Tweens

Wednesdays, 4 p.m.

Be inspired and create!

Mar 18 *Rock Art*

Apr 15 *Mug Art*

FOR FAMILIES**Seuss-a-palooza!**

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

Tuesday, March 3, 11 a.m.

Co-sponsored by United Way of Marion County. See Program Spotlight for details.

FUN-tasmagoria

Wednesdays, 3 p.m.

Explore without leaving the library.

Mar 4 *Cool Chemistry*

Mar 11 *Wild Weather*

Mar 25 *I Dig Dinosaurs*

Apr 1 *The Joke's on You*

Apr 8 *Shark Attack*

Apr 15 *Don't Bug Me*

Apr 22 *Grow It!*

Apr 29 *Scales & Tales*

Family Game Time

Thursdays, 4 p.m.

March 5, April 2

Don't be bored! Play board games!



Family Flicks

Saturdays, 2 p.m.

Movie fun for the whole family!

Mar 7

Apr 4

Imagination Station Kids Club

Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m.

March 18, May 6

Stories and crafts to fit the season.

Spring Sing-Along!

Tuesday, March 31, 2 p.m.

"Frozen" fun for the whole family.

What Do Birds Like to Eat?

Saturday, April 18, 2 p.m.

Growing gardens is for the birds! Learn how to attract birds to your garden.

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

STORY TIMES

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

Family Story Time

Tuesdays, 11 a.m.

March 3-April 28

Mother Goose & More!

Fridays, 11 a.m.

March 6, 20 and April 3, 17

For infants-36 months.

Pajama Story Time

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

March 19, April 16

FORT M[°]COY PUBLIC LIBRARY

14660 NE Highway 315, Fort M[°]Coy FL 32134
352-438-2560

Programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Fort McCoy Public Library.

FOR ADULTS

Basic Computer Classes

Mondays, 10 a.m.

Learn basic skills with beginner computer classes. Seating is limited. Advance registration recommended.

Mar 2 *Basic Email*

Mar 16 *Computer Help*

Apr 6 *Basic Email*

Apr 27 *Computer Help*

Ask Your Master Gardener Plant Clinic

Saturday, March 21, 10 a.m.

Learn gardening techniques from

Master Gardener Luke Connor! *Presented by the UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners; UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.*

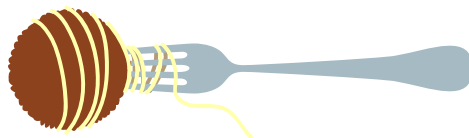
FOR FAMILIES

Movie Matinée

Saturdays, 2 p.m.

Movie fun for the whole family!

Apr 4



Apr 11

Apr 18

Apr 25

FOR CHILDREN

Story Time

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

March 4-April 29

A variety of stories, songs and activities for children 6 and younger with caregivers.

What Do Birds Like to Eat?

Friday, April 18, 10 a.m.

Growing gardens is for the birds! Learn

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

FREEDOM PUBLIC LIBRARY

5870 SW 95th St., Ocala FL 34476
352-438-2580

Programs are sponsored by the Friends of Freedom Public Library.

SPECIAL PROGRAM

Meet the Author: Bob H. Lee

"Backcountry Lawman: True Stories from a Florida Game Warden"

Wednesday, April 15, 6 p.m.

Bigger-than-life but true tales of chasing poachers and wildlife law violators along the Ocklawaha and St. Johns rivers!

Don't miss this! Note: Program held at the Marion Oaks Community Center, Building B, in conjunction with the Marion Oaks Public Library. *See Program Spotlight for other locations.*

FOR ADULTS

As the Page Turns Book Club

Tuesdays, 2:30 p.m.

Join the club and turn the page!

Mar 3 *"The Fault in Our Stars"* by John Green

Apr 7 *"Joyland"* by Stephen King

May 5 *"Life After Life"* by Kate Atkinson

Help Center for E-books and Digital Audio

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-noon

March 4-April 29

Need help getting started with that digital device? Good books are just a click away.

Basic Computer Classes

Thursdays, 2 p.m.

Seating is limited. Registration begins one hour before class.

Mar 5 *Basic Email*

Mar 12 *Language Fun!*

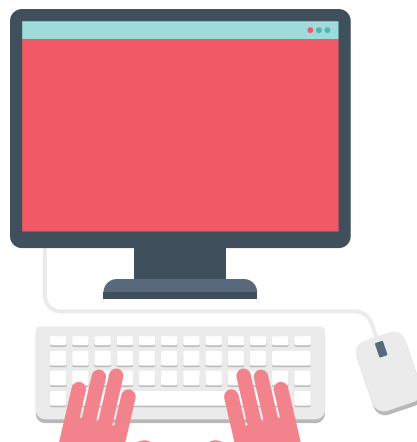
Mar 19 *Introduction to Computers*

Mar 26 *Basic Internet*

Apr 2 *Basic Word*

Apr 9 *Basic Email*

Apr 16 *Language Fun!*



Ask Arnold! Comprehensive Computer Assistance

Thursdays, noon-2 p.m.

March 5-April 30

Volunteer assistants help with all your computer needs. No appointment necessary.

Ask Your Master Gardener

Friday, March 6, 10:30 a.m.

Learn gardening techniques from master gardener Norma Samuel! Presented by the UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners; UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.

Tuesday Matinée

Tuesdays, 3 p.m.

For adults and teens 13+. Anyone younger must be accompanied by an adult. Light refreshments served.

Mar 10

Apr 14

FOR FAMILIES

Llama-Con!

Saturday, March 14, 10:30 a.m.

Put a llama in your life! Meet our camelid friends and enjoy stories and activities.

Irish Spring Fling

Wednesday, March 18, 2 p.m.

Make special Irish treats and welcome the season of spring.

Family Film Fest

Tuesdays, 3 p.m.

Movie fun for the whole family!

Mar 24

Apr 28

What Do Birds Like to Eat?

Friday, April 3, 10:30 a.m.

Growing gardens is for the birds! Learn

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

FOR CHILDREN

Story Times

March 10-April 30

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

Toddler Time

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Infants-age 2 with caregivers.

Preschool Adventures

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3-5 with caregivers.

MARION OAKS PUBLIC LIBRARY

294 Marion Oaks Lane, Ocala FL 34473
352-438-2570

Programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Marion Oaks Public Library.

SPECIAL PROGRAM

Meet the Author: Bob H. Lee

"Backcountry Lawman: True Stories

from a Florida Game Warden"

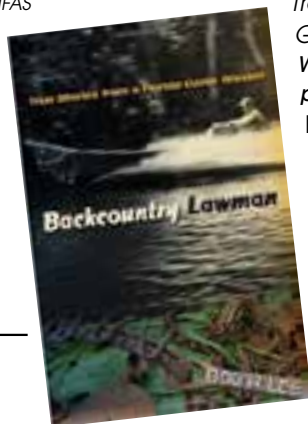
Wednesday, April 15, 6 p.m.

Bigger-than-life but true tales of chasing poachers and wildlife law violators along the Ocklawaha and St. Johns rivers! Don't miss this! Note:

Program held at the Marion Oaks

Community Center, Building

B, in conjunction with the Freedom Public Library. See Program Spotlight for other locations.



FOR ADULTS

Ask Your Master Gardener

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Learn gardening techniques from the masters! Registration recommended.

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

Mar 25 Q & A

Apr 29 Know Your Turf

FOR FAMILIES

Seuss-a-palooza!

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

Saturday, March 7, 1 p.m.

Co-sponsored by United Way of Marion County. See Program Spotlight for details.

Meet the Author: San Hoy

Saturday, March 21, 10:30 a.m.

See Program Spotlight for details.

FOR CHILDREN

Story Time

Thursdays, 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

March 5-April 23

A variety of stories for children with caregivers.

REDDICK PUBLIC LIBRARY

15150 NW Gainesville Road, Reddick FL 32686
352-438-2566

Programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Ocala Public Library.

SPECIAL PROGRAM

Brown Bag Luncheon With Author Bob H. Lee

Wednesday, April 15, noon

Bring your bag lunch and experience the unbelievable adventures of a retired fish and game warden. Drinks and dessert provided. It's a great way to spend tax day! See Program Spotlight for other locations.

FOR ADULTS

Ask Your Master Gardener Q & A

Saturday, March 14, 11 a.m.

Learn gardening techniques from the masters! Presented by the UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners; UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.

FOR CHILDREN

Preschool Story Time

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

March 5-April 23

A variety of stories for young children with caregivers.

Story Stamped!

Thursdays, 3:30 p.m.

March 5-April 23

Ride on in for some great stories!

What Do Birds Like to Eat?

Saturday, April 11, 11 a.m.

Growing gardens is for the birds! Learn how to attract birds to your garden.

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





Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

- March** Robot Sculptures by Wayne White
- April** Giving Back to the Community by Cheryl Wright
- May** Comic Book Memorabilia by Captain Cosmos Collectibles

Bellevue Public Library

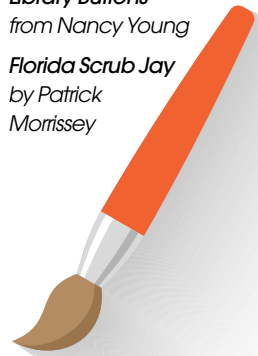
- March** Acrylics by Jim Cochell
Handmade Cards by Noreen Floden
- April** Sons of the Confederate Veterans
Acrylics by Noreen Floden
- May** Wood Carvings by Harry Krier
Wildlife Photography by Leroy Simon

Dunnellon Public Library

- March** Fine Art and Photography by Warren Thompson
- April** Militaria by Bob Miller
Photography by Virginia Saalman
- May** Original Oils & Acrylics by Jeannie Loren

Forest Public Library

- March** Paintings by Robert Johnson
- April** Library Buttons from Nancy Young
- May** Florida Scrub Jay by Patrick Morrissey



AT YOUR SERVICE

SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders)

Free Medicare counseling through the Florida Department of Elder Affairs. SHINE counselors are available at the Bellevue, Dunnellon and Forest Public Libraries. Call for schedule.

AARP Tax Return Assistance

Volunteers from AARP will help complete your income tax return. Assistance is available at most libraries. Call for schedule or to obtain an appointment.

CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion

Job-seeker services available! Call the library for times and locations.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETINGS

Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

Thursdays, 1 p.m.
March 19, April 16, May 21

Bellevue Public Library

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
March 17, April 21, May 19

Dunnellon Public Library

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
March 3, April 7, May 5

Forest Public Library

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
March 18, April 15, May 20

Fort McCoy Public Library

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.
March 11, April 8, May 13

Marion Oaks Public Library

Thursdays, 6 p.m.
March 5, April 2, May 7

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALES

Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

Saturday, May 2

Freedom Public Library

Friday, April 24
Saturday, April 25
Sunday, April 26

Forest Public Library

Thursday, May 28, 5-8 p.m.
Friday, May 29, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday, May 30, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL DAYS

Easter

Sunday, April 5
Headquarters-Ocala closed.

Library Maintenance Day

Friday, May 15
Headquarters-Ocala and Freedom public libraries are closed.

Memorial Day

Monday, May 25
All public libraries are closed.

Author Bob Lee with Fort McCoy Friends Mary Arnold and Kae Andry



Ocala Harmony singers



(Above) Photo op at the Polar Express



Magician Brian LaPalme entertains at the library



(Left) Enjoying the train at the Polar Express



Perfectly Preposterous Penguins at Belleview



Derek Demeter Astronomers at Belleview

E.L.V.I.S.

**(Every Library Volunteer Is Special)
Is Coming to Your Library!**

In celebration of National Library Week and National Volunteer Week, E.L.V.I.S. (Every Library Volunteer Is Special) is coming to the library! Yes, we have it from reliable sources that during the week of April 12-18, local elected officials, community leaders and maybe even Elvis tribute artists will be volunteering at the public library of their choice. This is a wonderful opportunity to see, first hand, the important role volunteers play within the library system. So, pack up the family, visit your local library and say “thank you” to our very special E.L.V.I.S. volunteers.

Interested in volunteering at your public library? The following list is a sample of the volunteer opportunities that await you. And, stay tuned for more information about the upcoming “Homework Help” volunteer initiative that will kick off this year.

Simply complete a volunteer application that can be found on the library’s website or at any public library location. We’ll contact you to schedule an interview to discuss various volunteer opportunities. Please be advised that a confidential background screen is required for all prospective library volunteers.

Still searching for something to pique your interest? Contact us and we’ll discuss your interests and availability. Call Library Community Liaison Karen Jensen at 352-671-8551 for more information on these and other volunteer opportunities within the library system. **W**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

- **Adopt-a-Shelf Assistant:** support Circulation staff efforts by organizing a specific range of shelves.
- **Book Club Leader:** assist library patrons wishing to read and discuss chosen book titles.
- **Book Repair Assistant:** help Technical Services staff with book repairs.
- **Children’s Division Assistant:** help Children’s Division staff during programs and special events.
- **Computer Coach:** assist library staff with basic computer classes and provide one-on-one assistance to the public.
- **Library Express Volunteer:** provide storytime for children in Early Head Start programs.
- **Movie Attendant:** assist library patrons during movie matinees.
- **Office Assistant:** help library staff with basic clerical duties.
- **Switchboard Operator:** answer the phone and assist with other tasks.
- **Artist:** assist with the creation of posters/bulletin boards for library displays.
- **YALLA (Young Adults Leading Library Awareness):** teen volunteers assist staff with young adult programming, collection development and activities.

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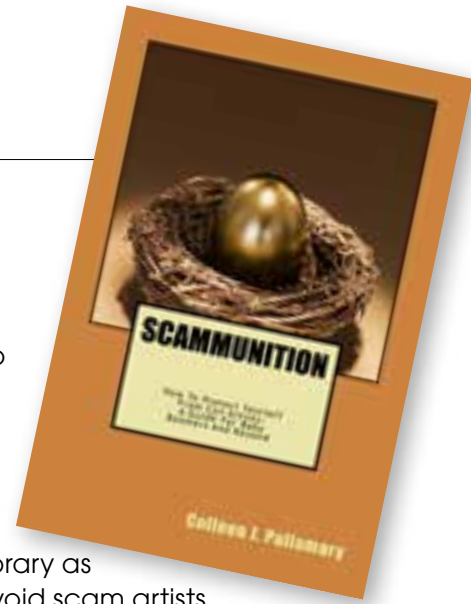
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Meet the Author!

Colleen Pallamary

With so many people in our area being conned, do you know how you can prevent being scammed? Colleen Pallamary, author of "Scammunition: How To Protect Yourself From Con Artists: A Guide For Baby Boomers And Beyond," will be visiting our library at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 15. Join us in Meeting Room C at Headquarters-Ocala Public Library as she gives us important information about how to avoid scam artists.



Spring Book Sale



Have you been spring cleaning, getting rid of all that unnecessary stuff in your life? Are you ready to sit back, relax, and read a good book? Now is the time to find the perfect book at the perfect price. Our Quarterly Book Sale will be Saturday, May 2, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Hardcover books are 50¢ and paperbacks are 25¢. There will be a great selection of best sellers, cookbooks, children's and teens' books, as well as books about self-help, religion, politics, crafts, travel and much more! We will even have DVDs, games and puzzles. See you there!



Become a Friend!

Do you love your library? Help keep our library the great one that it is by becoming a Friend of the Ocala Public Library.

This year you will receive many benefits when you become a Friend. Starting at \$10 a year at the Bookworm level, you will receive a \$5 gift certificate to the Book Market, a copy of the "Words" quarterly newsmagazine, and recognition on the Friends of the Ocala Library website. If you or your family become members at another level, you will receive a gift certificate for a larger amount from the Book Market, early admission to our Quarterly Book Sales, and many more gifts! Renew your Friends membership, or become a Friend today! Forms are available in the Book Market and on our website at friendsoftheocalalibrary.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Meet the Author!
Colleen Pallamary
Author of *Scammunition: How To Protect Yourself From Con Artists: A Guide For Baby Boomers And Beyond*
March 15, 2015, 2:00 p.m.
Meeting Room C, Headquarters, Ocala Public Library

Spring Book Sale
May 2, 2015, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Held in Meeting Rooms, Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

profiles

By Ken Tipper

During National Library Week, April 12-18, libraries across the nation will recognize sponsors and benefactors who support them in various ways. One such local benefactor has supported our public library system for many years. He is Frank Brickey, owner-editor, since 1990, of “Paper Net Coupons,” “Ocala Coupon Digest,” and “Villages Paper Net.” Brickey provides the public library system with free advertising space in all three publications, with a total distribution of some 195,000 copies each three to four weeks.

The Columbus, Ohio, native came to Florida in 1979 and attended the University of South Florida with the aid of the GI Bill. He graduated from USF with a marketing degree in 1983. He and wife Margie, whom he met when they both worked at Cape Coral Hospital, have two daughters, Katie and Morgan. Morgan works at the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library as a Librarian II. Morgan’s career choice was no surprise to Brickey because she’s been a public library regular since she was four years old. “She had her own little library in her room,” he added. Morgan has also written for “Words” newsmagazine. Daughter Katie works with her dad as a marketing representative.

Frank likes to go fly fishing, boating and hiking in Tennessee and North Carolina. His reading choices are eclectic – “theology, action, mysteries, the whole gamut” – and he favors audio books. “I’m a huge fan of the Great Course offerings, and audio books help make my drives around town and out of state so much more enjoyable.”

Obviously proud of his company’s many years of commitment to supporting our local public library system, Frank believes in the importance of a public library. “When my daughters were growing up in Ocala, I would take them to the library to pick up books and for special programs they had



there. Both of them now treasure our times at the library. The library promotes lifelong learning and literacy, both causes I am willing and eager to support,” said Brickey.

So to Frank Brickey and all the many other, varied benefactors, volunteers, staff and Friends who help the public library system provide free access to so many resources, we express our sincere appreciation! **W**