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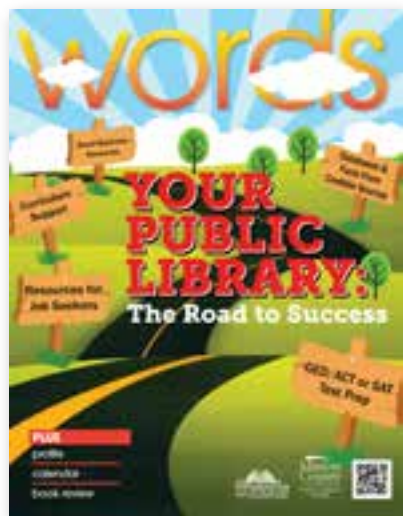
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Whatever your age, it's the information  
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## a word FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Julie Sieg

Director, Marion County  
Public Library System



## YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY IS HERE TO HELP!

Recently, some of us were talking about the process of applying for a job. We discussed how different the process is today than it used to be since almost every employer requires that an application be completed online. Some of you might ask, "What's the big deal?" and others might say, "Oh no!"

If you are one of those that wondered what the big deal is, consider yourself fortunate. I consider myself fortunate. Every day I have an opportunity to develop skills using computers, interact with others, write reports and use critical thinking skills to resolve issues. For me, applying online for a job, sharing my experience and interacting during an interview shouldn't be a concern. But, personally, I think the whole application and interview process is stressful even with the knowledge, skills and ability to do the job.

Imagine someone who doesn't even know how to turn on a computer, is afraid of "breaking" the computer by touching the wrong key, or thinks everything is lost when they don't see something on the computer screen. And then there are those who know everything there is to know about operating their mobile phone but don't have a clue how to cut and paste in a Word document or develop an Excel spreadsheet. These folks need to somehow fill out an online application.

Your public library is here to help! From offering classes on basic computer use to providing computers with Microsoft office software, your library is here to help. From having helpful, welcoming staff or volunteers who provide one-on-one assistance to offering extra time on the computers to complete a job application, your library is here to help. From providing resources to help you put together a dynamic resume' to resources that help you figure out what you want to do in life, your library is here to help. Come see us, we'd love to help!

*Julie Sieg*

# Marion County Public Library System Gives Job Seekers More Resources to Celebrate Labor Day

by Kristen Calvert Nelson



Although we may not admit it, or even realize it, one of the most satisfying aspects of Labor Day isn't the barbeque, or the lazy day at the beach or even the day off with pay. It's the feeling of security knowing that you will be going back to work the next morning.

For most of us, work is a vital and fulfilling part of our lives. We take pride in our work. It gives us and our families many benefits, advantages and even luxuries.

But for many people who are unemployed, underemployed, or concerned with the stability of their

current position, Labor Day may be only a brief respite from the worries and the consuming task of looking for work. It's a full-time job.

As we celebrate Labor Day, your public library wants to remind job seekers and the business community that the search for employment starts here. We put our own spin on this holiday year-round by providing valuable resources for anyone looking for work, as well as for members of the business community.

From help with resume writing to job searches on public computers to career development databases and materials

that are searchable 24/7 with a library card, we have it all. Throw into the mix basic computer classes and even volunteer opportunities to enhance those skills, public libraries are here to assist the community as individuals work toward achieving their personal and professional goals.

One resource, **AtoZdatabases**, makes searching for jobs easier, while providing information for 30 million businesses and executives.

**Learning Express**, another accessible database, offers help with career development and computer skills, as well as resume writing and

even offers tips on filling out employment applications. It features study guides and practice tests for occupational and entrance exams.

**Occupational Outlook Handbook** can help you discover the training and educational earnings, expected job prospects, what workers do on the job and working conditions for hundreds of jobs. In addition, you will find tips on how to improve job searches, links to information about the job market in each state and more.

Your public library has 205 computers available for public access system-wide. These computers are equipped with programs that job seekers need, and may not have access to at home, including Microsoft Office. At the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library location, there is even a designated computer lab just for job seekers, career development and school work.

Katherine Giddings frequently uses library computers in her search for a job. Giddings said she “used to have the Internet at home, but the library is the next best choice. It’s great to have the library.” She can use the computers and check out books while keeping a close tab on her personal budget.

For more hands-on help, many Marion County Public Library locations offer weekly computer classes to help patrons improve their computer



skills and learn about newer technologies. With both beginners and more advanced classes, patrons can learn the skills they need to succeed. Last year,

2,455 people attended computer classes at their public library.

Marion County Public Library System also partners with CareerSource

Citrus Levy Marion to offer additional services. The CareerSource Mobile Resource Unit often sets up at Belleview, Fort McCoy, Marion Oaks, Forest and Freedom branch locations to offer services in areas more convenient to those who need them. CareerSource offers trained placement specialists to assist job-seekers with career research, job search assistance, resume writing and more.

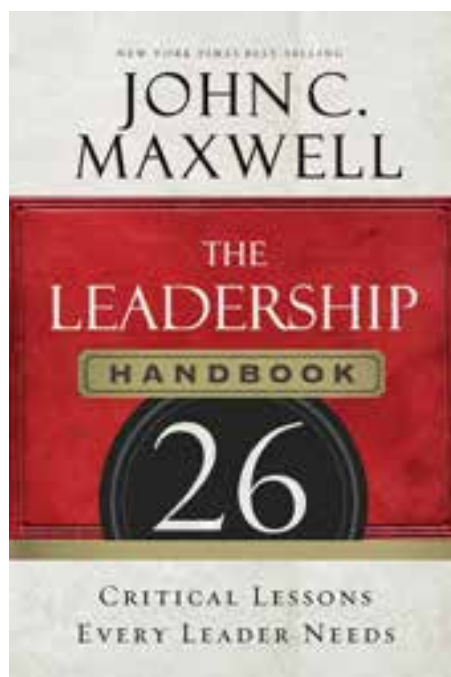
Josh Hull notes that the Belleview Public Library was instrumental in his decision to attend Flagler College. Josh started volunteering at the Belleview location to earn hours needed for school, and he’s been volunteering ever since. Hull enjoyed helping people so much that he started the Student United Way of Flagler College, where students help with activities like tutoring middle school and elementary school students. Josh said, “The library gave me a step into volunteering. I liked helping people and realized the impact of volunteers.”

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, Labor Day is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. When your own personal Labor Day is a “work in progress,” the Marion County Public Library is dedicated to helping you contribute to those achievements with a job and career you can love. **W**

# “It’s Your Business”

by Karen Kociemba

Have you always dreamed of owning your own business? Working for yourself brings both great rewards and many challenges so it’s best to be prepared before taking that leap into the unknown.

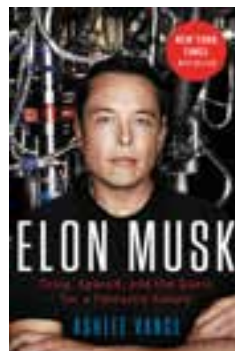


So what skills are needed to become a successful entrepreneur or business owner? Leadership skills are an absolute must and there is no better person than John C. Maxwell, named the world’s most influential leadership expert by INC. and Business Insider, to dispense his valuable insight. The library owns several copies of his numerous books with his most current title being “The Leadership Handbook: 26 Critical Lessons Every Leader Needs,” which provides information on how to develop effective leadership policies and practices.

If you want to learn from the best, check out the following books about innovative business leaders.

The first, about entrepreneur Elon

Musk, references his development of the rocket company SpaceX and the luxury electric-car company Tesla. His biography “Elon Musk:



Tesla, SpaceX, and the Quest for a Fantastic Future,” shares insight on Musk’s companies, his vision, and his personal life.

Another visionary CEO was Steve



Jobs, developer of Apple Computers, who has just had another book published about his legendary life, “Becoming Steve Jobs: the Evolution of a Reckless Upstart into a Visionary Leader.”

The author, who knew Jobs personally for 25 years, provides new information about this business icon.

One of the most interesting businessmen you will ever meet is Richard Branson.

In his book “The Virgin Way: Everything I Know About Leadership,” we learn that this very successful man suffers from dyslexia, dropped out of school at 16 and has never worked



for anyone but himself. Today, that young boy who dropped out of school has over 400 companies under his direction.

One of my personal favorite busi-



ness stories is “Factory Man,” the true story of how the Bassett Furniture Company, once the world’s biggest wood furniture manufacturer, took on China and found a way

to save hundreds of American jobs.

If “Buy American” rings true to you, the story of this Bassett, Virginia company is a fascinating read.

And remember, your public library is here to help your business goals become a reality. We have the resources to assist the business community. **W**

# I.T. WORKERS HELP KIDS CODE

by Kate Chang

Labor Day celebrates American workers. In our community, workers in the I.T. (Information Technology) sector are partnering with the library in a new children's program.

Several employers, including NetSource Inc., Greater Visions Technology, Ocoos, and IHMC, have offered their employees paid time to help the next generation of computer programmers.

These employees are helping in Coder Dojo, the library's new coding program for ages 7-12.

How do we code in Coder Dojo? We use Scratch. In Scratch, each code is a puzzle piece that fits together to create a project.

Library staff worked with the Ocala I.T. Professionals organization for recruitment. They spread the word quickly. After lots of phone calls and emails, we had our helpers.

Each helper joins us for an hour in the computer lab. He or she uses the first 15 minutes to teach a concept. Scratch allows for silly ways to learn. For example, the kids learned about graphing x's and y's through the use of flying bats. They learned about variables by creating gravity for their characters. Many giggles were heard from everyone after a mistake in one session. The error made a puppy in the game float up into the sky instead of landing after a jump!

After the lesson, kids work independently. Sometimes, they have had practice with sites like Code.org and are working on advanced projects, as well. One helper, Jamie Embree from Netsource Inc., found that she and one coder agreed about JavaScript. The consensus? Pop-up boxes are fun to code! The helpers often have as much fun as the kids.

"I love being able to share the joy that I get from programming — the fun of puzzling out why something just isn't working right to that bright moment when it finally does — with children" says Dr. Kristy Hollingshead, of the Institute of Human and Computer Interaction (IHMC).

The next series of Coder Dojo sessions starts Sept. 8. Registration will begin Sept. 1. Parents can register by calling the library at 352-671-8551. **W**



David Bumpas and  
Dr. Kristy Hollingshead



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**15 minutes per day for 5 years = 27,375 minutes, or 456.25 hours of quality time spent reading to your child.**

The Marion County Public Library System has joined a nationwide initiative and encourages parents and caregivers to "Read Aloud 15 Minutes."

Why read aloud? Research shows that the more words a child knows before kindergarten, the better chance they will have for success in school. As the child's first teacher, it's up to the parents to get their child off to the best start.

# Friends For Life

Friends of Freedom Public Library, Inc.

by Carol Jones



The Friends of Freedom Public Library provide vital support to the library. Friends are fund raisers, advocates and front-line volunteers. Equipment and items not covered in the county's budget are frequently funded by the Friends. They sponsor library special events, such as this summer's Llama-Con and firefighter programs, which were geared toward children's education, with a fun twist.

Friends purchased the art gallery hanging system that helps provide a venue for local artists. They bought the projection system, making the movie program possible. They also purchased shelf end-caps, book carts, lobby book cases and much more.

Where does the money come from? Occasional contributions, yes, but mostly book sales. Freedom Friends hold large sales twice a year while caring, hard-working volunteers maintain shelves of donated books for daily sale in the library's lobby.

Freedom's Friends are a growing organization. They invite you to join them and add your active support. They meet the first Monday at 10 a.m. at Freedom Public Library. Contact membership chair Mary Nellans – [friendsoffreedomlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoffreedomlibrary@gmail.com) – or come for a visit and complete an application. We look forward to seeing you!



## BARE NOTES from the Friends of the Forest Public Library

by Sandra Sanders

In 2001, three determined women with \$27 banded together to form the first Friends of the Forest Public Library.

In those early days, the library was located in a small building next to a wetlands area where sandhill cranes, alligators and even bears were frequent visitors. Fast forward to 2015 and both the public library, as well as the Friends, have grown and flourished. A graceful boardwalk connects the new, state-of-the-art library building to the old one, now expanded into a community center. Today, the Friends is comprised of 50 dedicated members who support library programs with money earned from three annual book sales, a lobby book store, monthly book sales, and various other efforts.

Those who join the Friends of the Forest Public Library do so not only to support it, but also to give purpose to their lives, be a part of a cultural entity, and gain an outlet for their creative abilities with like-minded friends. From an initial investment of \$27, the Friends now provide the library with \$2500 for programs. Visit our Friends Facebook page! Contact Pamela Taudte at [nonnacakes@hotmail.com](mailto:nonnacakes@hotmail.com) for more information about Forest Friends.



# program spotlight



All library programs are free and open to the public. Registration/tickets may be required.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Fairy Tale Festival

Headquarters-Ocala  
 Saturday, Oct. 31, 1-4 p.m.  
 For children 12 and younger with caregivers.  
 Fairy tale fans! Travel to once-upon-a time. Dress up as your favorite character and explore Cinderella's magical garden, listen to master storyteller Mij Byram and dance around the maypole with the Greenwood Morris Dancers.

### Trunk or Treat

Saturday, Oct. 31, 4 p.m.  
 Forest Public Library  
 'Tis the season for lots of fun with lots of games, clowns, face painting and of course, candy!

### Festival of Fall

Saturday, Nov. 7, 2-4 p.m.  
 Dunnellon Public Library  
 Fun for the whole family! Celebrate fall with stories, balloon art, carnival games,

pumpkin decorating and more! United Way of Marion County's ReadingPals will be reading and distributing books to all families.

**CREATE:** Colossal, Reading, Entertaining, Artsy, Teen Event!  
 Saturday, Nov. 14, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 Headquarters-Ocala

Applaud the many talents of Marion County teens! Celebrate the writing, filmmaking, artistic and performing talents of our youth. Vote for your favorites in each category! All ages are invited to attend.  
 Note: Event participation is open to ages 13-18.  
 Applications are available online or at any library location. Deadline for entry: Monday, Oct. 26.

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

### Six Gun Legends:

Remembering Ocala's Wild West  
 Wednesday, Sept. 9, 3 p.m.  
 Headquarters-Ocala  
 Hear stories from Six Gun Territory's legendary gunfighters about life at the Ocala Wild West show.



# create



**Game Warden of the Year**

Saturday, Sept. 26, 2 p.m.  
 Belleview Public Library

Game Warden of the Year Bo Dias provides stories about the animals he meets in the wild, along with boating safety and some furry surprises!



Photo courtesy of the Florida Bat Conservancy

**Bat Chats With Bat Belfrys Inc.**

Don a bat hat and get the scoop on bat basics. Shari Blissett-Clark and the bats of Florida Bat Conservancy present information regarding the protection and preservation of our native bat populations.

Presented by Bat Belfrys Inc. and the Florida Bat Conservancy.

Saturday, Sept. 26, 2 p.m.  
 Headquarters-Ocala  
 For children ages 5-12 and their families.

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 5 p.m.  
 Headquarters-Ocala  
 For teens ages 13-18.

Saturday, Oct. 24, 2 p.m.  
 Freedom Public Library

Saturday, Nov. 7, 1 p.m.  
 Dunnellon Public Library

**Brown Bag Luncheon With Carl Lockamy**

Wednesday, Oct. 14, noon  
 Reddick Public Library

Bring your bag lunch and hear the fascinating story of Carl Lockamy's four pilgrimages along the Route of Santiago de Compostela. Beverage and dessert provided. Call 352-438-2566 to RSVP.

**Get Away and Back to the Future!**

A Celebration of Teen Read Week  
 It's been 30 years and it's time to experience the future all over again! Join the back-to-the-future fun with costume parties, movies and more! Check specific library for program

offerings. For teens and adults. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

Monday, Oct. 19, 4 p.m.  
 Belleview Public Library

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 6-7 p.m.  
 Headquarters Public Library

Thursday, Oct. 22, 5-7 p.m.  
 Freedom Public Library

Saturday, Oct. 24, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 Dunnellon Public Library

Saturday, Oct. 24, 4-6 p.m.  
 Reddick Public Library



**Tampa Taiko, Japanese Drumming**

Saturday, Oct. 24, 2 p.m.  
 Belleview Public Library

Engage your ears and eyes in an amazing storytelling experience through the dynamic fusion of old and new styles of Japanese drumming. Feel the contemporary rhythms of this ancient martial art form!

**MEET THE AUTHORS**



**Terri DuLong**  
 "Patterns of Change"  
 Thursday, Sept. 17, 3:30 p.m.  
 Belleview Public Library

Terri DuLong, best-selling author of the Cedar Key series, knits stories of friendships, relationships and love. Don't miss this sneak peek at her new Ormond Beach series.



**Rick Kilby**  
 "Finding the Fountain of Youth: Ponce de Léon and Florida's Magical Waters"  
 Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2 p.m.  
 Dunnellon Public Library

Author Rick Kilby explains how Ponce de Léon's fabled quest for the mythic Fountain of Youth helped shape the image of Florida. Light refreshments.



**Jessica Nelson**  
 "The Matchmaker's Match"  
 Thursday, Oct. 15, 3:30 p.m.  
 Belleview Public Library  
 Harlequin Romance

(Love-Inspired Historical series) author Jessica Nelson brings love into our lives with her latest novel, which was awarded 4.5 stars and a Top Pick by *Romantic Times* magazine!



**Robert L. Knight**  
 "Silenced Springs: Moving from Tragedy to Hope"  
 Thursday, Nov. 19, 2 p.m.  
 Dunnellon Public Library

Florida's springs are a unique and unforgettable natural landscape. Dr. Knight offers a plan for ecosystem recovery. Light refreshments.

**SAVE THE DATE**

These great family events are coming in December. Hope to see you there!

**Polar Express**

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 6-7:30 p.m.  
 Headquarters-Ocala

**Arctic Blast**

Saturday, Dec. 5, 2 p.m.  
 Forest Public Library

**Polar Paradise**

Saturday, Dec. 12, 10:30 a.m.  
 Belleview Public Library

**Reindeer Romp**

Saturday, Dec. 19, 1:30 p.m.  
 Reddick Public Library

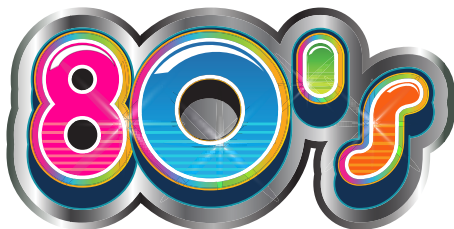
# HEADQUARTERS-OCALA

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## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

See Program Spotlight for details.



### Get Away and Back to the Future '80s Party

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 6-7 p.m.

It's been 30 years! Celebrate Teen Read Week and Marty McFly's return to the future with an 80's-themed celebration. Enjoy snacks, games and a costume contest! For adults and teens. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

### Fairy Tale Festival

Saturday, Oct. 31, 1-4 p.m.

Storybook enchantment abounds in the merry meadows and fairy forests! For ages 12 and younger with caregivers.

**CREATE!** *Colossal, Reading, Entertaining, Artsy, Teen Event!*  
Saturday, Nov. 14, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Applaud the many talents of Marion County teens! All ages are invited to attend.

Note: Event participation is open to ages 13-18. Applications online or at any library location. Deadline for entry: Monday, Oct. 26.

## ADULTS

### Genealogy Help Center

Wednesdays, 12:30-3:30 p.m.  
Sept. 2-Nov. 25

Finding your roots? Let the genealogy gurus from the Marion County Genealogical Society assist with your search.

### Technology Help Center

Wednesdays, 2-3:30 p.m.  
Sept. 2-Nov. 25

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

### Tuesday Night Book Club

Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

Enjoy a lively book discussion, treats and coffee.

Sep 8 "The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd

Oct 13 "The Night Circus" by Erin Morgenstern

Nov 10 "I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban" by Malala Yousafzai and Christina Lamb

### Wired Wednesdays

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Learn about computers and databases. Space is limited.

Computers for Beginners

Sep 9 I Turned on My Computer, Now What?

Sep 16 Basic Internet

Sep 23 Basic Keyboarding

Sep 30 Basic Word

Online Potpourri

Oct 7 Build Your Skills: Learning Express Library

Oct 14 New Beginnings: Career Transitions

Oct 21 Free Education and Media: Open Culture

Oct 28 Learn a Language: Pronunciator

### Six Gun Legends:

Remembering Ocala's Wild West

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 3 p.m.

Yeehaaw!! Six Gun Territory comes to life! See Program Spotlight for details.

### The Monday Matinée

Mondays, 2 p.m.

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

Co-sponsored by Golden Flake.

Sep 14

Sep 21

Sep 28

Oct 5

Oct 19

Oct 26

## TEENS

### Manga-licious! Teen Book Club

Tuesdays, 4 p.m.

Sept. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3

High-energy talks about all things manga and anime.

## YALLA!

Wednesdays, 5 p.m.

Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 18

Be a part of the library and make the library experience a better one for all while earning volunteer hours for service.

### Just for Teens!

Tuesdays, 5 p.m.

Feed your brain!

Sep 22 All About Owls with Hobie the Great Horned Owl and the Ocala Wild Life Sanctuary (OWLS).

Oct 20 Bat Chats with Bat Belfrys Inc. and the Florida Bat Conservancy. See Program Spotlight for details.

## CHILDREN

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

Monday-Friday, 3:30 p.m.

Sept. 1-Nov. 30

Be excited about reading and hear great stories!

### Coder Dojo

Tuesdays, 3 p.m.

Sept. 8-Oct. 13

Required registration opens Sept. 1.

Learn computer programming through games and get tips from technology professionals. For ages 7-12 with adult.

### Spectacular Saturdays for Tweens

Saturdays, 2 p.m.

Activities for ages 10-12. Registration required.

Sep 12 **Wonderfully Wonka Party**  
Celebrate Roald Dahl's birthday Willy Wonka style!

Oct 10 **Star Wars Reads Day** Celebrate reading in that galaxy far, far away.

### Innovation Station

Wednesdays, 2 p.m.

Sept. 16, 30 and Oct. 28

Tinker, design and create! For ages 5-12.

### Bat Chats With Bat Belfrys Inc.

Saturday, Sept. 26, 2 p.m.

See Program Spotlight for details.

### Preschool Club

Saturdays, 2 p.m.

Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21

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

## Family Flicks

*Selected days, 2 p.m.*

Movie fun for ages 5-12 and their families. For added fun, decorate your own car!

*Wednesday, Nov 25*

*Saturday, Nov 28*

## STORY TIMES

*Sept. 8-Oct. 15 and Nov. 3-Nov. 19*

Stories and activities for young children with caregivers.

*Weekly Story Times*

### 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.

*Monthly Story Times*

### Mother Goose Story Time

*Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.*

*Sept. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 7*

A musical nursery rhyme romp for infants-36 months.

### Sleepy Story Time

*Wednesdays, 6:15 p.m.*

*Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 18*

Soothing stories for children birth-5 years. Fuzzy slippers and jammies welcome!

## BELLEVIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY

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the Friends of the Belleview Public Library.*

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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### Game Warden of the Year, Bo Dias

*Saturday, Sept. 26, 2 p.m.*

Experience the wild with this award-winning officer.

### Get Away and Back to the Future!

*Monday, Oct. 19, 4 p.m.*

It's been 30 years! Celebrate Marty McFly's return to the future and Teen Read Week with fun activities, movies and more! Come dressed as your

favorite character for even more blasts-from-the-past enjoyment! For teens and adults. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

*See Program Spotlight for other locations.*

*Co-sponsored by Heart of Florida Health Center.*



### Tampa Taiko, Japanese Drumming

*Saturday, Oct. 24, 2 p.m.*

Hear the drums and feel the rhythms of the past. *See Program Spotlight.*

## ADULTS

### Florida Native Plant Society Presents

*Mondays, 6 p.m.*

Join Taryn Evans and guest presenters in special topics about native plant life in Florida.

*Sep 28 Leroy Simon, nature photographer*

*Oct 26 Ginny Stibolt, author of The Art of Maintaining a Native Landscape*



### The Tuesday Matinée

*Tuesdays, 1 p.m.*

Movies for adults and teens. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Light refreshments served. *Co-sponsored by Golden Flake.*

*Sep 1*

*Sep 8*

*Sep 15*

*Sep 22*

*Sep 29*

*Oct 6*

*Oct 13*

*Oct 20*

*Oct 27*

### Technology Help Center

*Tuesdays, 3-4 p.m.*

*Sept. 1-Nov. 24*

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

## Basic Computer Classes

*Thursdays, 1 p.m. Tickets at 12:30 p.m.*

*Sept. 3-Oct. 29*

Seating is limited.

*Computers for Beginners*

*Sep 3 Introduction to the Computer*

*Sep 10 Mouse Play*

*Sep 17 Keyboarding*

*Sep 24 Basic Internet*

*Oct 1 Basic Email*

*Oct 8 Internet Safety and Searching*

*Online Potpourri*

*Oct 15 News Sources*

*Oct 22 Weather the Storm*

*Oct 29 Travel the World*

## Tech Tonight

*Tuesdays, 6 p.m.*

Experience a new skill during our technology instruction!

*Sep 8 E-books for Mobile Devices*

*Oct 13 Career Transitions*

*Nov 10 E-books for Mobile Devices*

## Wednesday Morning Book Club

*Wednesdays, 10 a.m.*

A gathering of exceptional people who share a passion for literature.

*Sep 9 "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald*

*Oct 14 "Wild" by Cheryl Strayed*

## Genealogy Help Center

*Thursdays, 1-3 p.m.*

*Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12*

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

## Tuesday Evening Book Club

*Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.*

Another gathering of exceptional people who share a passion for literature.

*Sep 15 "March" by Geraldine Brooks*

*Oct 20 "Something Wicked This Way Comes" by Ray Bradbury*

*Nov 17 "Empire of the Summer Moon: Quanah Parker and the Rise and Fall of the Comanches, the Most Powerful Indian Tribe in American History" by S.C. Gwynne*

## Thursday Get-Togethers

*Thursdays, 3:30 p.m.*

Something fabulous always happens on a Thursday! *See Program Spotlight for details.*

*Sep 17 Author Terri DuLong*

*Oct 15 Author Jessica Nelson*

**TEENS**

**YALLA South!**

Tuesdays, 5 p.m.

Sept. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3

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**FAMILIES**

**Family Games Unplugged**

Wednesdays, 4 p.m.

Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4

Learn a new game every month!

**Art Before Your Eyes**

Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon

Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6

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

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

Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m.

Sept. 8-Oct. 27

Be excited about reading and hear great stories!

**Knotty Knitters**

Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

Sept. 8-Oct. 27

Learn to knit or crochet with Petra Trapp.

**Family Flicks**

Wednesdays, 2 p.m.

Movies for the whole family!

Sep 16

Sep 30

Oct 28

**CHILDREN**

**Structure Junction Club**

Saturdays, 2 p.m.

Sept. 19, Oct. 17

LEGO® architects unite and put imaginations in gear!

**STORY TIMES**

Sept. 9-Oct. 29

Stories and activities for young children with caregivers.

**Preschool Adventures**

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

For ages 3-5.

**Toddler Time**

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.,

For infants-age 2.

**DUNNELLON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

20351 Robinson Road, Dunnellon FL 34431

352-438-2520

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

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

**Get Away and Back to the Future!**

Saturday, Oct. 24, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

It's been 30 years! Celebrate Marty McFly's return to the future and Teen Read Week with activities, movies and more! Come dressed as your favorite character for even more blasts-from-the-past enjoyment! For teens and adults. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult. See Program Spotlight for other locations.

Co-sponsored by Heart of Florida Health Center.



**Festival of Fall**

Saturday, Nov. 7, 2-4 p.m.

Celebrate fall with stories, pumpkin decorating and carnival games for the whole family. Plus, books will be read and distributed by United Way of Marion County's Reading Pals! See Program Spotlight for details.

**ADULTS**

**Master Gardener Plant Clinic**

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

Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6

The Master Gardener plant doctors are in! Presented by the UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners; UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.

**Technology Help Center**

Thursdays, 1-2 p.m.

Sept. 3-Nov. 19

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

**The Friday Matinée**

Fridays, 1 p.m.

Movies for adults and teens. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Light refreshments.

Sep 4

Sep 18

Sep 25

Oct 2

Oct 9

Oct 16

Oct 23

Oct 30

**Drop-In Book Club**

Thursdays, 1 p.m.

Gather with exceptional people who share a passion for literature. Light refreshments.

Sep 17 "The Heist" by Daniel Silva

Oct 15 "The Fault in Our Stars" by John Green

Nov 19 "Orphan Train" by Christina Baker Kline

**Genealogy Help Center**

Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20

Finding your roots? Genealogy gurus will assist with your search.

**Protect Your Identity!**

Selected dates, 2 p.m.

The holiday season is prime time for fraud and scams. Don't be vulnerable. Learn how to avoid becoming a victim. Presented by MetroCrime Prevention of Florida.

Tuesday, Sep. 22 Stop Identity Theft

Thursday, Oct. 22 Frauds and Scams!

**Meet the Author: Rick Kilby**

"Finding the Fountain of Youth: Ponce de Léon and Florida's Magical Waters"

Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2 p.m.

See Program Spotlight for details.

**Ask Your Master Gardener**

Tuesdays, 2 p.m.

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

Sep 15 Q & A

Oct 20 Prepare Your Winter Garden with Audrey Edwards

**Creative Cards**

Tuesdays, 2 p.m.

Nov. 3-24

Create cards for all occasions with artist Donna Walker. Supplies provided.

**Meet the Author: Robert L. Knight**

"Silenced Springs: Moving from Tragedy to Hope"

Thursday, Nov. 19, 2 p.m.

See Program Spotlight for details.

**TEENS****YALLA West!**

Wednesdays, 5 p.m.  
Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4

Be a part of your library and make the library experience a better one for all while earning volunteer hours for service.

**Be Guitar Heroes!**

Saturdays, 1-4 p.m.  
Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21

Do you have what it takes to be a rock legend?

**FAMILIES****Homosassa Springs Puppet Show**

Saturday, Oct. 10, 2 p.m.

Make your favorite animal puppet and enjoy the puppetry antics and songs of The Wildlife Puppeteers from Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park. Co-sponsored by Heart of Florida Health Center.

**Bat Chats With Bat Belfry Inc.**

Saturday, Nov. 7, 1 p.m.  
See Program Spotlight for details.

**CHILDREN****PAWSitive Fun With Terra, The Therapy Dog**

Wednesdays 11:30 a.m.  
Sept. 2-Oct. 28

Share a few good books with Terra, our canine listener.

**STORY TIMES**

Stories and activities for young children with caregivers.

Sept. 2-Oct. 28

**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****Trunk or Treat!**

Saturday, Oct. 31, 4 p.m.

Experience the excitement of the season! See Program Spotlight for details.

**ADULTS****Computer Confidence**

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

Sept. 2-Nov. 4

Have your technology questions answered.

**Social Networking Tips and Tricks**

Tuesdays, 2:30 p.m.

Sept. 8, Oct. 13

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

**Forest Readers Book Club**

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Gather with exceptional people who share a passion for literature.

Sept 9 "The Time Keeper" by Mitch Albom

Sept 23 "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain

Oct 14 "The Forgotten" by David Baldacci

Oct 28 "The Chaperone" by Laura Moriarty

**Age in Place: Fall Prevention**

Thursday, Sept. 10, 2 p.m.

Korinna MacNeil, Community Relations Coordinator for Elder Affairs, provides advice on making your home "fall-free." Presented by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs.

**Top 10 Native Plants**

Tuesday, Sept. 15, 6 p.m.

Taryn Evans, President of the Marion Big Scrub Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, discusses the best native plants for your landscape.

**Ask Your Master Gardener**

Saturdays, 2 p.m.

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

Sep 19 Q & A

Oct 17 Planting Fall Flowers

**Crafts for a Cause**

Mondays, 10 a.m.

Sept. 21, Oct. 5, Oct. 19, Nov. 2

Help our community! Create items for those in need.

**Get to Know Your Co-Op**

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2 p.m.

Clay Electric's Dustin Echols hosts a short historical video and discusses services offered from Clay Electric.

**Helping the Forest Help Itself**

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 6 p.m.

Help Agency of the Forest Executive Director David Houck discusses the 20+ years this non-profit has been serving the daily needs of the Forest community, serving over 7,000 people each month.

**Saturday Cinema**

Saturdays, 2 p.m.

Movies for adults and teens. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Free popcorn!

Sept 26

Oct 24

**Don't Be a Victim!**

Friday, Oct. 2, 2 p.m.

Joe Pine from MetroCrime Prevention of Florida informs us how to be \$cam\$mart and avoid identity theft and online scams.

**Caring for Your Animals**

Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2 p.m.

Veterinarian Dr. Tony Mutchler offers expert advice about the care and well-being of your pets and farm animals, both large and small. Bring your concerns but not your animals, please.

**Marion County Homeless Services**

Friday, Oct. 9, 2 p.m.

Karen J. Hill, executive director of Marion County Homeless Council, discusses the many services available to homeless individuals and families.

**Genealogy Help Center**

Thursdays, 1 p.m.

Oct. 15-29

Finding your roots? Genealogist Pia Brown helps begin or broaden your ancestral search.

### Wonderful Woodpeckers!

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

Learn about birding from the experts at Marion County Audubon Society! Includes a nature walk.

### TEENS AND TWEENS

#### Art Workshop for Teens and Tweens

Thursdays, 4 p.m.

Put on your crafty caps and create!

Sep 17 *Cake in a Cup*

Oct 15 *Skull-Craftery*

#### YALLA East

Thursdays, 5 p.m.

Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19

Be part of your library and make the library experience a better one for all while earning volunteer hours for service.

### FAMILIES

#### Family Game Time

Thursdays, 4 p.m.

Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5

Don't be bored, play board games!

#### FUN-tasmagoria

Wednesdays, 3 p.m.

Explore the world without leaving the library.

Sep 9 *Bird Is the Word*

Sep 23 *Whale of a Tale*

Oct 7 *The (Big) Cat's Meow*

Oct 14 *Monkey Business*

Oct 21 *Invention Convention*

Nov 4 *Bone Up on Bones*

#### Family Flicks

Saturdays, 2 p.m.

Movies for the whole family! Free popcorn!

Sep 12

Oct 10

#### Imagination Station Kids Club

Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m.

Sep 16 *Oodles of Owls*

Sep 30 *Tiny Treats*

Oct 28 *Creepy Crafts*

#### Fall Sing-Along — Mary Poppins!

Monday, Oct. 19, 2 p.m.

Grab a spoonful of sugar and sing and step in time with the whole family. Free popcorn!

### STORY TIMES

#### Pajama Story Time

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 10, 24 and Oct. 8, 22

Jump in your jammies and get comfy

and cozy with good books!

#### Family Story Time

Fridays, 11 a.m.

Sept. 11-Oct. 30

Stories and activities for young children with caregivers.

## FORT M<sup>COY</sup> PUBLIC LIBRARY

14660 NE Highway 315, Fort M<sup>COY</sup> FL 32134

352-438-2560

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



### SPECIAL PROGRAM

#### Starry, Starry Night

Monday, Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m.

Derek Demeter, director of the Buehler Planetarium at Seminole State College is our guide for a closer look at the stars and planets in our night sky. Telescopes provided for viewing. Co-sponsored by Heart of Florida Health Center.

### ADULTS

#### Ask Your Master Gardener

Saturdays, 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.

Sep 19 *Q & A*

Oct 17 *Fall Gardening (Flower and Vegetable)*

#### Technology Help Center

Mondays, 10 a.m.

Sept. 14-Oct. 26

Need help getting started? Bring your device, laptop or computer questions and drop in!

### CHILDREN

#### Preschool Adventures

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Sept. 16-Oct. 28

Stories and activities for young children with caregivers.

## FREEDOM PUBLIC LIBRARY

5870 SW 95 St., Ocala FL 34476

352-438-2580

Programs are sponsored by the Friends of Freedom Public Library.

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS

#### Get Away and Back to the Future!

Thursday, Oct. 22, 5 p.m.

It's been 30 years! Celebrate Marty McFly's return to the future and Teen Read Week with fun activities, movies and more! Come dressed as your favorite character for even more blasts-from-the-past enjoyment! For teens and adults. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

See Program Spotlight for other locations.

Co-sponsored by Heart of Florida

Health Center.



#### Pumpkin Painting Party

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2 p.m.

Enjoy the fall weather and have fun in the pumpkin patch! All ages invited!

### ADULTS

#### As the Page Turns Book Club

Tuesdays, 2:30 p.m.

Gather with exceptional people who share a passion for literature.

Sep 1 *"The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald*

Oct 6 *"Little Scarlet" by Walter Mosley*

Nov 3 *"The Language of Flowers" by Vanessa Diffenbaugh*

#### Ask Arnold! Technology Help Center

Thursdays, 12-1:30 p.m.

Sept. 3-Nov. 19

Need help getting started? Bring your device, laptop or computer questions and drop in!

#### Basic Computer Classes

Thursdays, 2 p.m.

Seating is limited. Registration begins at 1 p.m.

Computers for Beginners

Sep 3 *Introduction to Computers*

- Sep 10 *Basic Internet*  
 Sep 17 *Email Basics*  
 Sep 24 *Facebook Facts*  
 Oct 1 *Introduction to Computers*  
 Oct 8 *Basic Internet*  
 Oct 15 *Email Basics*  
 Oct 22 *Facebook Facts*

#### Computer Fun!

- Oct 29 *Write Your Holiday Letter*  
 Nov 5 *Write Your Holiday Letter*

### Ask Your Master Gardener

*Fridays, 10:30 a.m.*

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

- Sep 4 *Q & A*  
 Oct 2 *Fall Gardening*

### The Tuesday Matinée

*Tuesdays, 3 p.m.*

Movies for adults and teens. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Light refreshments served.

- Sep 8  
 Oct 13

### Florida-Friendly Landscaping Workshops

*Thursdays, 1 p.m.*

Save time and money while using environmentally friendly landscape practices. *Presented by UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service; Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Program.*

- Oct 1 *Introduction: Right Plant, Right Place*  
 Oct 8 *Mulch and Watering Efficiently*  
 Oct 15 *Lawn Maintenance*  
 Oct 22 *Managing Yard Pests and Attracting Wildlife*

### TEENS

#### YALLA Free!

*Thursdays, 5 p.m.*

*Sept. 10, Oct. 22, Nov. 12*

Be a part of the library and make the library experience a better one for all while earning volunteer hours for service.

### FAMILIES

#### Be Cool!

*Saturday, Sept. 19, 2 p.m.*

Celebrate National Library Card Sign-up month! Stop in for Snoopy-inspired fun!

#### Family Film Fest

*Tuesdays, 3 p.m.*

Movies for the whole family!

- Sep 22  
 Oct 27

### Bat Chats With Bat Belfrys Inc.

*Saturday, Oct. 24, 2 p.m.*

*See Program Spotlight for details.*

### International Games Day

*Saturday, Nov. 21, 2-4 p.m.*

Join players on all seven continents and play mini-golf, games on the console and board games! Game on!

*Co-sponsored by Heart of Florida Health Center.*



### STORY TIMES

*Sept. 2-Oct. 28*

Stories and activities for young children with caregivers.

#### Toddler Time

*Mondays, 10:30 a.m.*

For infants-age 2.

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

*Mondays, 3:30 p.m.*

Be excited about reading and hear great stories!

#### Preschool Adventures

*Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.*

For ages 3-5.

## 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.*

### ADULTS AND TEENS

#### Crime Prevention for Seniors and Caregivers

*Wednesday, Sept. 9, noon.*

A forum about maintaining a safe home and avoiding scammers with MetroCrime Prevention of Florida.

#### Harper Lee Book Discussion

*Thursday, Oct. 15, 5 p.m.*

An evening chat for all fans of the American classic "To Kill A Mockingbird" and the author's newest novel "Go Set A Watchman."

### CHILDREN

#### Drop-In Story Time

*Thursdays, 3:30 p.m.*

*Sept. 3-Oct. 22*

Stories and activities for young children with caregivers.

#### Pajama Party!

*Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.*

*Sept. 16, Oct. 14*

Come in your jammies ready for stories,

projects and treats! *Co-sponsored by Heart of Florida Health Center.*



## 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 PROGRAMS

#### Brown Bag Luncheon With Carl Lockamy

*Wednesday, Oct. 14, noon*

Bring your bag lunch and hear the fascinating story of Carl Lockamy's four pilgrimages along the Route of Santiago de Compostela. Beverage and dessert provided. Call 352-438-2566 to RSVP.

*Co-sponsored by Heart of Florida Health Center*



#### Get Away and Back to the Future!

*Saturday, Oct. 24, 4-6 p.m.*

It's been 30 years! Celebrate Marty McFly's return to the future and Teen Read Week with activities, movies and more! Dress as your favorite character for this showing of "Back to the Future II." For teens and adults. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult. *See Program Spotlight for other locations.* *Co-sponsored by Heart of Florida Health Center.*



### ADULTS

#### Ask Your Master Gardener

*Saturdays, 11 a.m.*

Learn gardening tips from master gardener Barbara Georgius! *Presented by the UF/IFAS Master Gardeners; UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.*

Sep 12 *Q & A*

Oct 10 *Winter Flower Gardening*

### CHILDREN

#### Preschool Story Time

*Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.*

*Sept. 10-Oct. 29*

A variety of stories for young children with caregivers.

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

*Thursdays, 3:30 p.m.*

*Sept. 10-Oct. 29*

Be excited about reading and hear great stories!



**Headquarters-Ocala**

- September** Daughters of the American Revolution
- October** General Francis Marion Stamp Club
- November** Ocala Fire Department Retrospective

**Bellevue Public Library**

- September** Mixed Media by Daniela Banatova  
Oil Paintings by Robert Johnson
- October** Handmade Purses by Connie Poduska  
Decorative Art by Mary Tougas and Bea Peterson
- November** Wood Burning by Michael Fecca  
Rug Hooking by Ocala Rug Hooking Guild

**Dunnellon Public Library**

- September** Metal Art by Jimmy Schak
- October** Ceramic Porcelains by Susan Davis Jones
- November** Oil Paintings by Jeannie Loren

**Freedom Public Library**

- September** American Sewing Guild
- October** Ocala Decorative Painters
- November** General Francis Marion Stamp Club
- Ongoing** Photography by Shutter Bugs, On Top of the World Photography Club

**Reddick Public Library**

- Sept.-Nov.** Healthy Initiatives by Heart of Florida Health Center Pediatric Medical & Dental Services



**AT YOUR SERVICE**

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

Obtain free Medicare counseling through the Florida Department of Elder Affairs. Contact Bellevue, Dunnellon and Forest public libraries for times.

**CareerSource**

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

*Bellevue: 352-438-2500*

*Forest: 352-438-2540*

*Fort McCoy: 352-438-2560*

*Marion Oaks: 352-438-2570*

**CLOSED DAYS AND SPECIAL DAYS**

**Labor Day**

*Monday, Sept. 7*  
All libraries closed.

**Maintenance Day**

*Monday, Oct. 12*  
Headquarters-Ocala, Bellevue, Dunnellon closed.

**Veteran's Day**

*Wednesday, Nov. 11*  
All libraries closed.

**Thanksgiving Holidays**

*Wednesday, Nov. 25, 6 p.m.-Friday, Nov. 27.*  
All libraries closed. Regular schedules resume Saturday, Nov. 28.

**FRIENDS MEETINGS**

**Friends of the Bellevue Public Library**

*Tuesdays, 10 a.m.*  
*Sept. 15\*, Oct. 20, Nov. 17*  
\*Note: Sept. 15 meeting is held at the Bellevue Public Library. Other meetings held at The Book Nook.

**Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library**

*Wednesdays, 10 a.m.*  
*Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4*

**BOOK SALE**

*Friday, Sept. 11, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.*  
*Saturday, Sept. 12, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.*

**Friends of the Forest Public Library**

*Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.*  
*Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18*

**BOOK SALE**

*Thursday, Nov. 5, 4-8 p.m.*  
*Friday, Nov. 6, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.*  
*Saturday, Nov. 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.*

**Friends of the Fort McCoy Public Library**

*Wednesdays, 11 a.m.*  
*Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. TBA*

**Friends of the Freedom Public Library**

*Mondays, 10 a.m.*  
*Sept. 14, Oct. 5, Nov. 2*

**BOOK SALE**

*Thursday, Sept. 24-26*

**Friends of the Ocala Public Library**

*Thursdays, 1 p.m.*  
*Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19*

**BOOK SALE**

*Saturday, Nov. 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.*

**Friends of the Marion Oaks Public Library**

*Thursdays, 6 p.m.*  
*Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12*



Filmmakers at Headquarters-Ocala Public Library



Storyteller Windell Campbell at Belleview Public Library



Gentle Carousel Miniature Therapy horses at Forest Public Library



Pajama Party at Marion Oaks Public Library



Cowboy author Bill Roberts at Headquarters-Ocala Public Library



Forest Public Library mask making



Comic Day at Freedom Public Library

# CREATE at the Library

by Morgan Brickey



## Fall and Fairy Tale Festival Unite

by Kelly Friesen

What do pop star singer Justin Bieber, “Eragon” series author Christopher Paolini and “Mad Men” actress Kiernan Shipka all have in common? They all were teens when they were discovered. Although these individuals may not call Marion County home, this year’s Colossal, Reading, Entertaining, Artsy, Teen Event (CREATE) promises to put the spotlight on local teen talent in one spectacular venue.

Teens between the ages of 13 and 18 interested in film, writing, fine art or performing arts will find their creative outlet at this year’s CREATE, Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library. The event includes a Fine Arts show, Filmmaker’s Festival, Writer’s Workshop and Talent Show. Teens will have the opportunity to compete and a chance to win cash prizes, sponsored by the Friends of the Ocala Public Library.

Young adult fantasy author Christina Farley will deliver the keynote address and lead a not-to-be-missed writer’s workshop called “Plotting – The Hero’s Journey.” All CREATE participants will receive a copy of Christina’s book, “Gilded.”

Casting director Lori Wyman will also be attending CREATE to inspire teen filmmakers and provide guidance and advice about the film industry. Also, a performing techniques workshop will be offered for all Talent Show participants, who will learn how to select a performance piece that is best suited for and highlights their unique talent.

Whether you’re a performer or a spectator, CREATE provides a rich environment of entertainment for everyone! **W**

Fall is just around the corner and a reminder to us all that cool weather, holidays and fairy tales are rapidly approaching. Throughout the month of October, the Headquarters-Ocala Children’s Services Division will slowly transform into a whimsical world of fairy tales. When the castle walls go up, the excitement builds for the biggest fairy tale event of the year! Join us for the 7th annual Fairy Tale Festival on Saturday, Oct. 31 from 1-4 p.m.

Princes and princesses, fairies and dragons converge on the library as we celebrate the magical world of fairy tales. Children will be transported to a faraway land of enchantment. Stroll through Cinderella’s magic garden while searching for Cinderella tales from around the world. Find scenes from familiar fairy tale stories around every corner and mingle with your favorite characters. Visit the knight’s training school and learn to joust and swordfight. Chess, crafts and mini-golf with the three little pigs are all part of the merriment.

Join in as bells ring and ribbons fly with the Green Morris Dancers. Listen as storyteller Mij Byram brings treasured tales and fractured favorites to life. Before leaving, be sure to check out one of the many fairy tale books the library has to offer. There are plenty of old classics and modern retellings from which to choose.

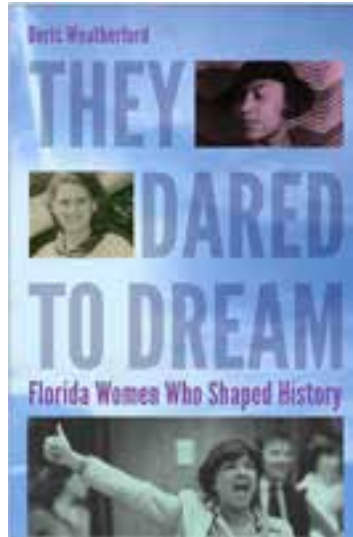
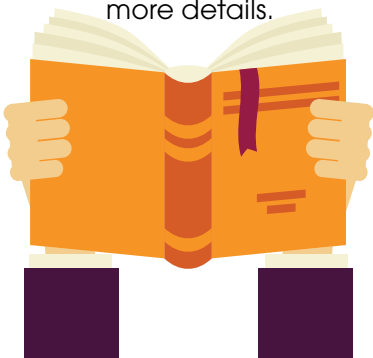
Fanciful fun for the whole family awaits children birth through 12 years and their caregivers. Costumes welcome! **W**

# Bookmarks

Friends of the Ocala Public Library's News and Notes

## HUGE BOOK SALE

Looking for something inexpensive for the holidays to give that special someone? For tons of ideas, stop by our Quarterly Book Sale between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7. There will be cookbooks, children's books, novels, games, and lots more! Remember, if you are a Friend at the Bibliophile Level (\$20/year membership fee) or above, you qualify for EARLY ADMISSION to the Quarterly Book Sale. Call the Book Market at 352-368-4590 for more details.



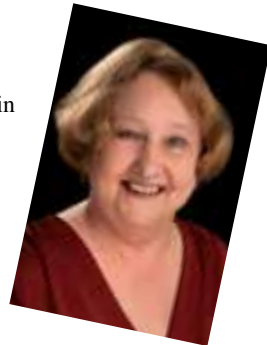
## Florida Women Who Shaped History

Join us on Oct. 4 to welcome author Doris Weatherford. She will be sharing her newest book "They Dared to Dream: Florida Women Who Shaped History" in a program at the Headquarters- Ocala Public Library at 2 p.m. in Meeting Room C.

Mrs. Weatherford's resume includes 11 publications dealing with the history of women in America, including books about women in World War II, suffragettes, and immigrants.

The Oct. 4 program promises to be very informative about the historical role of women in Florida.

Before her presentation, there will be a brief annual Friends meeting.



## SAVE OUR LIBRARIES!

For a few months, our County Commissioners have been working on balancing the county budget. Under consideration has been a \$500,000 reduction of the budget for the public libraries of Marion County. The Friends of the Ocala Library, along with many members of our community, have fought hard to show the Commission how important the library is to so many people and hope that the commissioners can find other ways to balance the budget, besides cutting the library budget.

The public hearings on the budget are set for Sept. 10 and Sept. 24 at 7 p.m. at 601 SE 25th Avenue in Ocala. To have your voice heard, please come to at least one of these meetings. Also, please call or write the commissioners. Thank you.

Commissioners' office 352-438-2323

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## STAY CONNECTED TO



There are now several ways to stay informed about Friends' activities.

**WORDS MAGAZINE:** Read "Bookmarks" on the inside of the back page of each issue. Plus, view up-to-date pictures and read about various activities at the different library branches.

**WEBSITE:** Learn about the latest happenings at [www.friendsoftheocalalibrary.org](http://www.friendsoftheocalalibrary.org).

**FACEBOOK:** Become our Facebook friend at "Friends of the Ocala Library." You'll learn about all of our activities.

**BECOME A FRIEND:** Support our Library and help to save the many vital programs our Library offers. You will also be notified by email of all programs and special events that are planned.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS**  
Discussing the Library budget  
Sept. 10 and 24 at 7 p.m.  
County Commission Headquarters  
601 SE 25th Ave., Ocala

**DORIS WEATHERFORD**  
Author of "They Dared to Dream:  
Florida Women Who Shaped History"  
Annual Friends Meeting  
Oct. 4 at 2 p.m.  
Meeting Room C  
Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

**QUARTERLY BOOK SALE**  
Nov. 7 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Meeting Rooms  
Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

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For medical assistant Tom Robertson, his early days as a cook for a New Jersey restaurant seem like a lifetime away. Tom comes from a large family who enjoyed cooking and sharing meals together. “When you work for a restaurant, you cook for a lot of people. That’s what I grew up with in my family,” said Robertson.

A move to Ocala in 2002 netted another series of restaurant jobs in the area, and he remembers people calling to see if he was cooking on a particular day because his food “... just tasted better.”

In 2010, he found himself unemployed and job searching. Tom was a regular public library user and recalls library staff helping him improve his computer skills and refine his job search efforts. He also started researching various educational opportunities in the health field. According to Tom, the library was his only connection to the Internet and online job opportunities.

After researching courses offered by City College, he finally settled on medical assistant. “I like to help people,” he said, “and I knew this would allow me to do that.”



Once again the public library was his go-to place for computer access enabling him to complete various course assignments and homework. He remembers having to take a composition class and coming to the library to look up the definition of 400+ words. When he had difficulty with a particular computer program or task, library staff was there to assist him.

Tom recently graduated with honors as a medical assistant and landed a part-time job with SIMED in Ocala.

“The last 10 years have been a struggle for me, but I have a will to succeed and better myself. If it wasn’t for the library, I don’t know where I’d be right now,” said Robertson.

His advice for other job seekers? “Come to the public library. The people here are tremendous and will go out of their way to help you.”

Even though he doesn’t cook for a living anymore, Tom enjoys making his famous baked lasagna. And he’s still a regular at the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library location. With a new baby on the way, he can use the library resources to house hunt for his growing family. **W**