



# Palm Reader News

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Newsletter for Friends of Fort Myers Library

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Board Meetings are on the  
third Tuesday of each month.  
Members are welcome to attend.

As a Friend of the  
Fort Myers Library,  
your membership helps  
to strengthen the resources  
and services of the Library.

## From the President ~

There is no off season for libraries in Florida. The recent and current calendar is crowded.

- **Budget** — The new budget was adopted by the County Board after several public hearings. This bare bones budget still resulted in the depletion of reserve funds which makes the 2011-12 budget critical to the well being of the library system.
- **Book Sales** — We were especially pleased to see so many teachers at our September book sale purchasing books for their classrooms. Our next sale will be December 11.
- **National Friends of the Library Week, October 17–22, 2010** — We celebrated by putting our bookmarks in books borrowed that week.
- **October is Family History Month** — There were weekly seminars on genealogy.
- **Lee County Library Advisory Board** — We hosted the October meeting.
- **Family Search “Affiliate”** — This designation grants our patrons access to the largest genealogical collection in the world. As a genealogist, I am really pleased and want to, personally, thank all those who worked so hard to obtain this status and the administration for their cooperation.
- **New Library** — Staff meetings have been held to flesh out the plans. It appears to be on schedule and we are looking forward to the ground breaking.

See you in the library!

*Byron Wallace*

## Outside Sidewalk Book Sale

**Saturday December 11, 2010**

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



## Everyone Loved This Sale!

“Buy one, get one free” coupons work well for the grocery stores, so we decided to see whether they would also be successful for our September 25th Book Sale. And were they!!!! Sales exceeded our wildest expectations. Because we had loads of books for children and teens, there were many customers from the Lee County School District. We also had a nice selection of books, videos, CDs and DVDs for other family members. Thanks to you--our members and loyal customers! And a heartfelt *thank you* to the workers who helped set up the library meeting room for the sale and who packed and moved boxes on Saturday after the sale was over.

Remember the Friends Bookstore is open on the honor system all hours that the library is open, and there's always a good selection of books. In the two bookcases near the Circulation Desk, books are \$2.00 and under. The spinner rack holds a wide variety of pocket paperback books by popular authors. The price is right--only 25 cents! Where else can you find a bargain like that? And when you're finished with your gently-read books, please remember the Friends of the Fort Myers Library with your donations. We are also happy to take CDs and DVDs in good condition. The Friends are working continually to support library programs and services. Your donations and your membership are our lifeblood!

*Carolyn Ford*  
Secretary

Thank you  
Danke xie  
Khawp khun  
Yum opie  
Mahalo  
Salamat  
Jospa Obrigada  
Spacibo  
Arigato

The Friends of the Fort Myers Library would like to express its sincere appreciation to Publix First Street Village and Publix Colonial Crossings for their donation of plastic bags for our book sale on September 25th.

## Gift Book Donations

Since the Gift Book program was first announced in the Summer 2010 edition of *Palm Reader News*, several individuals have made donations for books in memory of a loved one or in honor of a family member. Some donors suggest specific book titles, while others cite a topic of interest to the individual and the Friends make a selection based on the amount of the gift. We are grateful for the materials that have been donated thus far:

*Come As You Are: The Peace Corps Story* by Coates Redmon

*The Insider's Guide to the Peace Corps: What to Know Before You Go* by Dillion Banerjee

*Rose in Bloom* by Louisa May Alcott

*The Sign of the Beaver* by Elizabeth George Speare

*Ukrainian English/English Ukrainian Practical Dictionary with Menu Terms* (Hippocrene Practical Dictionaries)

*Ukrainian Basic: Learn to Speak and Understand Ukrainian with Pimsleur Language Programs (CDs)*

Gift Book donations may be made to the Friends of the Fort Myers library to celebrate a special occasion or accomplishment in someone's life or to honor a memory of a deceased relative, friend or colleague. Brochures describing the program are available at the Circulation Desk of the Fort Myers-Lee County Public Library.



## Welcome New Members

Laura A. B. Cifelli  
Raymond C. Naval  
Helen Wilhelm

## Welcome Back Renewing Members

Paula Kaminski

### VISIT OUR BOOK STORE!

Each time you visit the Fort Myers Library, check to see what's been added to the Friends Book Store. It's just around the corner from the Circulation Desk. Donations are on the honor system, and nothing is over \$2.00.

## THANK YOU

The Friends of the Library recently received a generous check from Arthur J. Wyville as a donation for the very loyal Library employees who do a good job all year long.

*Bob Gibron*  
Treasurer



## Notes from the Fort Myers Library Staff

### There's a New Staff Member in Town

The Fort Myers Library welcomes Julie Pierce, our new Senior Librarian and Head of Reference. Julie recently moved here from Michigan, just in time to avoid raking leaves and shoveling snow. For the past 12 years, she worked at the East Lansing Public Library, first as a Children's Librarian and then as the Head of Adult and Children's Services. She also worked as a school media specialist at a charter school in Michigan. She received her Bachelor's degree from Michigan State University, then her MLS from The University of Michigan (though she is much more of a Spartan fan than a Wolverine!). Julie and her husband, Jack, are "empty nesters" with 3 adult children; however, just to make sure things aren't too quiet, they share their home with 2 dogs and a cat.



*Jennet Buri*

Principal Librarian / Regional Manager



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## Fort Myers Library Programming News

*Ahhh*, October! The humidity and temperature are falling and the urge to craft something for the holidays is upon us. Fort Myers library will be offering three craft programs in November:

### Holiday Card Stitching

Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

Card stitching is really easy to do and produces amazingly professional results. The friend lucky enough to receive your hand crafted card will be sure to treasure it. Or make a set of cards as a lovely gift. We have a variety of designs. All materials supplied.

### Cigar Box Craft

Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

Your hand decorated box can hold a treasured gift or be a gift in itself. Basic materials supplied.

### Bead a Poinsettia Pin

Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

Use seed beads and wire to create this lovely pin

for your own collection or for holiday giving. All materials supplied.

Other programs you may enjoy are:

### Microsoft Publisher

November 3, 10, 17, 24 at 2:00 p.m.

### Genealogy: Research at the National Archives Washington, DC.

Saturday, November 13 at 9:30 a.m.

### Book Discussion: *Curse of the Spellmans*

Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon.

### Small Business Series: What's the Best Form of Organization For My Business?

Monday, November 22 at 2:00 p.m.

Call to sign up today!

*Linda Krocker*  
Reference Librarian



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## Spotlight on Carol Rooksby Weidlich Fort Myers Genealogy Volunteer

In the 21<sup>st</sup> century work environment, the concept of multi-tasking has become a necessity rather than the exception. When it comes to the field of genealogical research, Carol Rooksby Weidlich fulfills a wide variety of objectives that have benefited patrons not only in the Lee County Library System, but also throughout the Southwest Florida region.



Carol joined our volunteer staff in March 2008. During her tenure, she has assisted in the following projects:

- Aiding library patrons with research questions during our Genealogy Library Research Day held twice yearly.
- Conducting seminars on topics such as Internet Research, Timelines, Church Records, and Website Analysis.
- Converting our 200 page printed genealogy collection shelf list into a searchable database of over 8,700 genealogical reference materials on the Lee County Genealogy Society website <http://www.leecountygenealogy.org/shelflist/index.html>
- Assisting patrons by appointment at the Fort Myers-Lee County Library, and other branches upon request.

In addition to her volunteer duties at the Fort Myers-Lee County Public Library, Carol is also involved in a wide variety of community activities. Some examples include:

- President, Membership Chair, and Webmaster of the Lee County Genealogical Society.
- Coordinator for the Roots Magic Special Interest Group that meets at the Lee County Genealogy Society Research Room at Harvey-Engelhardt-Metz Funeral Home.
- Hosts a monthly afternoon research opportunity in the Lee County Genealogy Society Research Room.

- Member of the Lawrence Kearney Chapter NSDAR (National Society Daughters of the American Revolution).
- Webmaster for the Southwest Florida Germanic Genealogy Society, Inc.
- Has presented a variety of programs for genealogical societies in Charlotte, Collier, Lee and Sarasota counties.
- Member of the Jefferson County (New York) Genealogical Society.
- Director and Webmaster of the Palm Readers, Friends of the Fort Myers Library.

She has been seriously researching for almost 15 years. Carol has been able to fully document her father's line back to 1790 in England and her mother's to 1700's in early New England with ties further back to New Amsterdam.

I have considered it an honor to work with Carol and the society. Everyone associated with genealogical research should be proud of Carol and her accomplishments.

*Bryan L. Mulcahy*  
Reference Librarian

*"There are many ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all."*



Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

## Fort Myers-Lee County Public Library Closed

November 11	Veteran's Day
November 25 and 26	Thanksgiving
December 23, 24 and 25	Christmas
December 30 and 31	New Year's Day

## Friends of the Fort Myers Library

Membership Application (please print)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  New  Renewal

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check One:  K-12 \$5  Individual \$10  Family \$15  Contributor \$30  Benefactor \$50

Volunteer Application: I am interested in helping with:

Book Sales

Writing Newsletter Articles

Planning Programs

Preparing Newsletter for Mailing

Developing Fund Raising Projects

Other (please specify)

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Please mail it to: **Friends of the Fort Myers Library, Inc.**  
2050 Central Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

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