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January-February
2011



Friends of the Library - Ponte Vedra Beach, FL

Upcoming Events at Your Library

Thursday, January 6, 11:00 a.m.
Bingo for Books for Adults

Monday, January 10, 6:30 p.m.
Book Talk Café
Steve Barry, The Emperor's Tomb

Friday, January 21, 6:00 p.m.
FOL Annual Mtg. and Dinner
Sawgrass Beach Club Reservations required.
Call 285-3957 for more information.

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PV Library Book Club
Program is free and open to the public.
Call 827-6950 for info.

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Music of Chevalier de St. Georges performed.
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Open to the public;
\$5 donation per item requested.

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Romance novels will be offered as
prizes, honoring Valentine's Day.

Monday, February 14, 6:30 p.m.
Book Talk Café
Author Michael Lister, Thunder Beach.

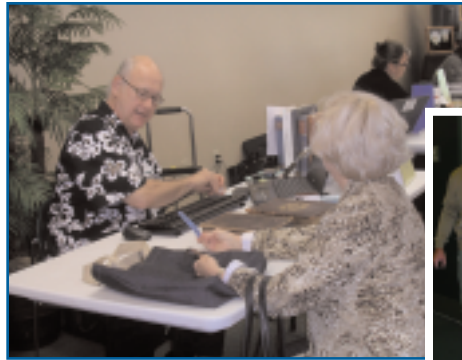
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SECOND ANNUAL ANTIQUE APPRAISAL SHOWCASE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2011 FROM 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
IN THE FOL COMMUNITY ROOM



Doug Tappin, Book Appraiser



Calvin Hart Collectibles

Treasure...or Trash?

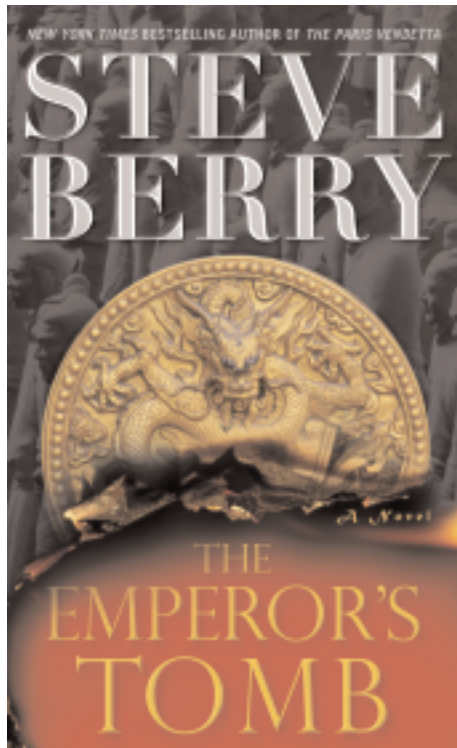
Back by popular demand! "The event was so much fun and so successful last year, we can hardly wait to hold it again. Our committee is very excited to be offering this service to our community," said chair Shari Naman. Oral appraisal of items will be done by many of the same merchants who helped us last year; in addition, some new antique categories have been added.

A donation to the FOL of \$5 (cash or check) for each item is requested. Each visitor may get three (3) items appraised at a time. All items should be small enough to be carried by hand. Weapons of any type will not be allowed within for appraisal.

The event is open to the public, and patrons should enter through the front door of the library. For more information, you may call the library at 904-827-6950.

Please note the following disclaimer:

"Although our Appraisal's are based on the most current sales results available, they should not be used for insurance, Estate or Tax purposes. Our Appraisals will be provided for their educational value only. To prepare an Appraisal for insurance coverage, estate or tax purposes, you may be referred to a Personal Property Appraiser in Your Area."



The Emperor's Tomb

MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2011

AT 6:30 P.M.

STEVE BERRY, AUTHOR
THE EMPEROR'S TOMB

International thriller writer and *New York Times* best-selling author **Steve Berry** returns to launch an exciting season of Book Talk Café. Berry, who recently moved to historic St. Augustine, will be talking about and signing his latest Cotton Malone thriller, **The Emperor's Tomb**.

In a starred review, *Library Journal* wrote, "Berry has a knack for conveying history without slowing down the page-turning suspense. Here, he offers keen insight into the issues dominating American politics and society—oil drilling and the importance of fuel in the world. His biggest-selling book yet; **Berry has written another winner.**"



Steve Berry, @Kelly Campbell

Book Talk Café program series are free with much more planned for 2011.



Michael Lister

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2011

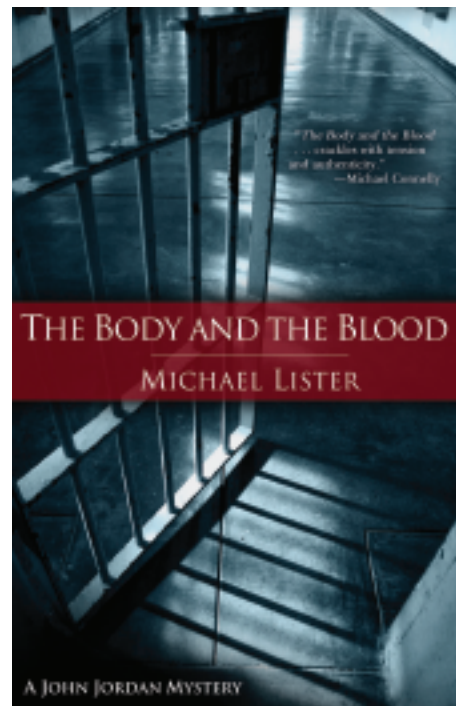
AT 6:30 P.M.

MICHAEL LISTER, AUTHOR
THE BODY AND THE BLOOD

In February, readers can look forward to hearing North Florida author, Michael Lister. Among his many books, Lister has written a four-book mystery series (the latest being, **The Body and The Blood**) featuring a cop-turned-prison chaplain. And Lister certainly wrote what he knew, as he was a prison chaplain for nearly a decade in three different Florida facilities.

His first literary thriller, **Double Exposure**, won a Bronze Medal in the **2009 Florida**

Book Awards, and best-selling author **Michael Connelly** called it, "Elegiac, like a two-hundred page poem, with words that skip on the waters of the imagination like well-polished stones." His newest release is **Thunder Beach**. Appearing at the Book Talk Café on Valentine's Day, he'll talk of his love of Florida and writing.



The Body and the Blood

Book Talk Café on Valentine's Day,

BOOKS

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Gently Read Books

Let's start off the New Year by reporting on the last sale of 2010. Recently I spoke of our having new ideas that we hadn't thought of yet. Well, in November, we came up with a **brilliant idea that we had never tried before**. Why not combine our traditional Christmas Book Sale with a White Elephant Sale?

You all know what a White Elephant sale is... that's where you buy something that someone else received as a gift.... but doesn't want or need... for a lot less than was actually spent on the gift!

We all love bargains. That's why we decided to hold this type of sale and include our staple of Coffee Table Books that folks love to give as Christmas presents.



White Elephant Book Sale

We've included a picture so you can see how elegantly it all came out. **It also was a financial success.** During the two days the sale was held, we brought in \$1,228 and made a lot of our patrons very very happy, not to mention ourselves. For this we thank all of you who came to the Fair and purchased those treasures that will make someone special happy!

Seymour's Book Store

This has been an excellent year for the store. **The store likely will exceed last year's gross revenue--we're estimating \$42-43,000 vs. last year's \$40,390. The overall gross should be over \$60,000 vs. last year's \$58,000.** This is entirely due to the phenomenal support of our membership and the general public. Thank you for making it so.

SAVE THE DATE!
APRIL 4 - 9, 2011
WINTER BOOK SALE

While we're on the subject of book sales, let's talk about the first book sale for the coming year. We are always answering the question, "When is the next book sale?" **It will be held when our good friends from up North will be with us.** Look for a detailed schedule of the sale during the last half of March. The sale will be in the Community Room as usual, with the usual amount of great books for all to enjoy!

Guy DiCarlo,
Vice President, Book Sales

Children's Book Review Lots of Magic

Do you know Ms. Frizzle? She is the most exciting teacher any child could ever want!

Since the eighties, The Magic School Bus adventures have delighted children, providing all kinds of facts about the world around us.



The first books in The Magic School bus series by **Joanna Cole** and illustrator **Bruce Degen**, published by Scholastic Press, were intended for ages 6 - 9 years. Titles such as The Magic School Bus in the Time of the Dinosaurs, ...Inside the Hurricane, ...Inside the Earth, ...Inside the Human Body, etc. became very popular.

The author **Joanna Cole** has worked as a teacher, librarian, children's book editor, and written more than 90 books for children. In addition to collecting information from many sources about her subject, she also writes the jokes in her stories, and they will only be used if her editor laughs at them. The draft of the book goes to **Bruce Degen** who starts the sketches. Mr. Degen particularly enjoys illustrating the clothes Ms. Frizzle wears. He is convinced that a line of her clothing could be very popular, especially her unique shoes.

Ms. Frizzle's Adventures, a series of history adventures, is for ages 4 - 8 years. The Magic School Bus Science Readers is for beginning readers with a controlled vocabulary, ages 5 - 7 years. They deal with a variety of science subjects such as the heart, the senses, the wind, the moon, teeth, etc.

The Magic School Bus Science Chapter Books are for children 7 to 9 years old. This series, with more than 20 titles, combine fun stories about the food chain, space, explorers, etc. with facts, humor and illustrations and, of course, Ms. Frizzle.

As with all successful children's books, these have television tie-ins. They have been made into animated television series that air daily on the Learning Channel network.

Check out "The Magic School Bus Series." They are fun to read and SO informative--even for adults!!

Marianne Stein,
VP Library Support

RAPID REVIEWS By Carolee Bertisch

In 1799, a small island off the coast of Japan near Nagasaki was the only place that foreigners were permitted to anchor their ships and build warehouses. In The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet, by **David Mitchell**, you will be immersed in the culture and intrigue of that period and the romantic longings of Jacob de Zoet, a deputy in the Dutch trading company.

View Carolee's condensed reviews at the library web-site www.sjcpls.org, click Reference, click Patron Reviews.

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JANUARY-FEBRUARY

ADULT LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Seymour's Bookstore Silent Auction – ongoing Seymour's hours, in the lobby of the Library.

Great Books

Mondays, Jan 3, & Feb 7, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
The Great Books Discussion Group meets the first Monday of each month in the PGA Media Room. The short stories and essays in the program have been chosen for the richness of ideas and the quality of writing.
We welcome all interested readers.
For more information, call 273-1658.

Bingo for Adults

Thursdays, January 6, 11:00 a.m.
Don't miss this opportunity to win adult popular fiction and non-fiction while having fun playing Bingo for free! All materials will be selected by library staff and everyone will go home with at least one free book. All prize books generously donated by the FOL. Open to the public.

Computer Basics

Thursdays, Jan 6, & Feb 3, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Never used a computer before? Learn computer basics including using a mouse and keyboard, working with windows and basic computer terminology. To sign up for this class, please contact the Reference Department at (904) 827-6950, or ask at the Reference Desk. Pre-registration is required.

Book Talk Café

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International thriller writer, **Steve Berry**, will talk about and sign his book, **The Emperor's Tomb**. This program is free and open to the public and refreshments are served. Please join us for a wonderful literary evening!

Internet Basics

Thursdays, Jan 13, & Feb 10, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Feeling left behind on the Information Superhighway? Learn about the Internet and the World Wide Web, how to navigate a Web browser, and find information. Participants must have a basic knowledge of computer or have taken Computer Basics. To sign up for this class, please contact the Reference Department at (904) 827-6950, or ask at the Reference Desk. Pre-registration is required.

Great Decisions

Mondays, Jan 17, & Feb 21, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Meets monthly on the 3rd Monday of each month. We choose topics on current international issues for the following month, for group discussion. Our group welcomes new participants. For more information, contact Bonnie Morrow at 285-6096 or bonimoro2601b@aol.com

Internet Searching

Thursdays, Jan 20, & Feb 17, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Having trouble finding what you're searching for on the Internet? Learn how to effectively search the Web using directories and search engines. Participants must be familiar with the

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Sawgrass Beach Club
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PV Library Book Club

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Books discussed are chosen by librarians knowledgeable about the newest and best reviewed books. This program is free to the public. Call 827-6950 for more information.

Dr. Gerson Yessin Music Series

Tuesday, January 25, 6:30 p.m.
"Chevalier de St. Georges", performed by a String Quartet, vocalists and pianist. This program is free and open to the public. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Antique Appraisal Showcase

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Open to the public. A donation of \$5 for each item is requested, up to three hand-carried items per patron. Evaluations done by professional appraisers. Call the library at 827-6950 for more information.

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Open to the public.

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Artist **Van McDonald, "Minoan Art: Paradise Lost and Regained"**. Program presented by the FOL and the FOCUSummer. Free and open to the public.

Dr. Gerson Yessin Music Series

Tuesday, February 15, 6:30 p.m.
The **Noteworthy Duo, Dr. Lisa Schroder**, flute and **Dr. Michael Nigro**, guitar. This program is free and open to the public.
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

CHILDREN'S & FAMILIES' LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Just for Babies Storytime

Tues, Jan 4, 18, & Feb 1, 15, 10:15 a.m.
All babies birth – 15 months and their caregivers are invited to join Ms. Anne for this lapsite program especially designed for one-on-one interaction between caregiver and baby. Families with a baby and older children are encouraged to attend our Family Story Time programs.

Family Story Times

Tuesdays, Jan 4, 11, 18, & 25; Feb 1, 8, 15, & 22, 11:00 a.m.
Families with young children are invited to come out to enjoy songs, dancing, stories, nursery rhymes, and more with Ms. Anne. Although these programs are aimed at ages 16 months – 5 years, all children (including babies) and their families are welcome at Story Time.

After School Crafts With Teens

Wednesdays, Jan 5, & Feb 2, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
All elementary-aged children, Kindergarten – 5th grade are invited to make fun crafts with the teens of Nease High School's Arts in Motion Club in our library's Small Conference Room. All materials are provided, no registration needed. These free programs will be once a month on Wednesday, January through May.

Teens Read With Kids

Saturdays, Jan 22, & Feb 26, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Drop into the Children's Department between 10 and 12 and be read to by a teen or read to a teen. The teens of Ponte Vedra High School's Book Club would love to share a book with you. All ages of children are welcome, both those who like to be read to and those who want to practice their reading. These programs will take place one Saturday a month January through May, 2011.

"TWEENS" & TEENS LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Teen Gaming

Mondays, January 24, and February 21, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Held on the 4th Monday of each month, this program offers fun with your friends at the library playing our **Playstation 3** (with the new Move), **Nintendo Wii**, and **two X-Box 360s** (one with the new Kinect) set up on three TVs and a big screen for simultaneous playing. Snacks served. This event is sponsored by the FOL and co-hosted by Ms. Anne and PV High School's Book Club.
Call 827-6950 for more details.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

LIBRARY 827-6950
SEYMOUR'S BOOKSTORE 273-3990

PONTE VEDRA BEACH BRANCH LIBRARY HOURS

Mon.-Wed. 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Thurs.-Fri. 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Closed

SEYMOUR'S BOOKSTORE HOURS

Mon.-Wed. 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Thurs.-Fri. 10:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Closed

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

We've all heard the old saying that **"Time flies when you're having fun."** Although **Kermit the Frog**, as you would guess, had a different take on that when he said, **"Time's fun when you're having flies."** Your FOL Board of Directors hasn't let any flies settle on us during the past few years. Instead, we've made major additions to the library and contributions to the community.



This will be my final letter to you as President; yet it seems like yesterday, so perhaps time does fly. My first President's Message in January of 2009 thanked my predecessors for everything they had achieved to make our library into the outstanding institution it had become. So it makes sense, and provides a certain bit of symmetry, to acknowledge the other members of our Board of Directors who have done most of the work during my term as President.

For the past two years, they've provided the spark necessary to move us forward. Not only did this unpaid volunteer body give of their time and efforts, they brought new programs to the community. Programs like the **Ponte Vedra Forum** lecture series and **Ponte Vedra Antiques Appraisal Showcase**. They voted to support **expanded library programming** for children, teens and adults, while **funding programs** like the **Sisterhood of the Traveling Plants**, **Bingo for Books** and the monthly **Ponte Vedra Library Book Club**. Please thank them when you get a chance!

I became President just as we completed the outdoor gazebo. During the past two years **we expanded Seymour's Bookstore**, **added the Jack Morgan memorial fountain** at the front of the library, **provided new furnishings** in the Children's and Teen areas, **increased the number of high demand books and AV items**, and continued to attract compelling and entertaining authors, artists, musicians and speakers. And in the next few months, you'll see an **attractive new sign** constructed on A1A so more people will be able to find us.

That's a lot for the board to accomplish in two years, **but I'm equally proud of our membership support. The FOL membership, along with book sales, provides the funding for everything we do.** During the past few years, we've added several hundred new members, so obviously we're doing something right.

I may be stepping down as President, but I'll remain on the board to help us discover more ways to improve our library and bring exciting new programs to the community. Thank you for the privilege of serving you, and for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Vic DiGenti,
President

BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT

Hello, Friends!

Thanks to our patrons and volunteers for the Ponte Vedra Beach Library's success in 2010! We averaged around **18,300 patrons in our library branch each month** this year. In addition, each month we registered around 225 new patrons--totaling over **2,200 new patrons to our library for the whole year!** We staff are so pleased to see more and more new faces in our doors each day!



Many of you committed to volunteer this year, either helping shelve books, or in Seymour's Bookstore or at one of the large book sales the Friends of the Library sponsored. Over **5,600 hours of volunteer service** helped our staff and patrons so immensely, **I just can't say thank you enough!**

On behalf of the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library staff I want to say how much we appreciate your using our library and services in 2010, and we look forward to serving you in 2011!

Amy Ring,
Branch Manager

Change of Address Notification

We don't want to have to come looking for you! If you have a change of address, please be sure to notify the St. John's County Public Library, at 827-6950, and the Friends of the Library.

Change of address notification should be sent to:

Ponte Vedra Friends of the Library
P. O. Box 744

Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32004

If you'll include your email address, we'll keep you up-to-date electronically also with all FOL events.

KUDOS TO VIC!

Novelist and FOL President, **Vic DiGenti** was recently honored by the Florida Publishers Association at the 2010 President's Book Awards. He won a silver medal in the Florida Adult Fiction category for Windrusher and the Trail of Fire, the third installment in the award-winning trilogy, the Windrusher Series. Vic DiGenti also took second in the published short story category with "The Day Hemingway Died".

Congratulations!

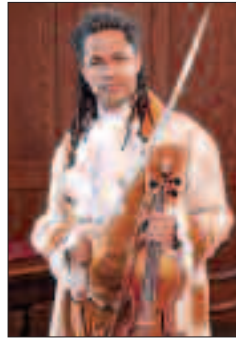
PROGRAMS

DR. GERSON YESSIN MUSIC SERIES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 6:30 P.M.

CHEVALIER DE SAINT-GEORGES, COMPOSER

Chevalier de Saint-Georges (1745-1799) was one of the most important figures in the Paris musical scene. He was also a well known swordsman and equestrian. He was a prolific composer who became known as "The Black Mozart" because of his African ancestry.



Tyrone Tidwell, Violist

Many of Chevalier's compositions will be performed at the concert at the Ponte Vedra Library. This free program, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, **will feature musicians attired in period costumes.** They will play a string quartet, several songs, and the **featured performer playing the role of the Chevalier, will be Tyrone Tidwell, violinist.** For more information call 285-5037.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 6:30 P.M.

NOTEWORTHY DUO

The unusual combination of flute and guitar will be back by popular demand on the Dr. Gerson Yessin Music Series, sponsored by the Friends of the Library. The Noteworthy Duo will perform in a free concert. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m.



Noteworthy Duo Returns to Library

Flutist Lisa Schroeder and guitarist Michael Nigro have made it their mission to reach a non-classical audience, inspire the classical listener, and deliver musical moments that touch lives. **In the last three years, this critically acclaimed duo has toured 26 states, playing over 100 concerts, live television programs and radio shows.** Please join us for this entertaining presentation!

NEW DISPLAY IN QUESTERS CABINET



Antique Toys

Please take a look at the new display in the Questers cabinet, next to the Branch Manager's office in the lobby of the library. You'll see a **collection of antique toys**, wonderful things loved by children in the near past and the distant past. There's an **electric stove, beloved teddy bear, dolls, a child's sewing machine, and children's books** from yesteryear, and many other things. Come see for yourself, and **talk a walk down memory lane!**

The Questers is a private, nonprofit international organization founded in the 1940s, with chapters throughout the United States. Their mission includes educating by research of antiques, and donating funds for the preservation and restoration of existing memorials, historical buildings and landmarks. Questers motto is **"It is fun to search and joy to find"**. The cabinet in our library was built in 2004 by **Lanny Benson, Jr.** as an Eagle Scout project, and was presented by the Jacksonville Questers Chapter 1281 as a gift to the Ponte Vedra Library.

ADVENTURES IN ART

Presented by FOL and FOCUS Cummer
2010 – 2011

Tuesday, February 15, 2011, 2:00 p.m.
**Van McDonald" Minoan Art:
Paradise Lost and Regained"**

Tuesday, March 15, 2011, 6:30 p.m.
**Linda Broadfoot: "INSECTA:
Things Are Not What They Seem"**

Tuesday, April 19, 2011, 6:30 p.m.
**Henry Roberts, former Director of MOCA:
"Stolen Art – Recovered"**

Tuesday, May 17, 2011, 6:30 p.m.
**Holly Keris, Curator of the Cummer: "The
Silk Road – Preview of the Cummer Exhibit"**

Please note that some programs start at 2:00 p.m. and others at 6:30 p.m. All programs are presented at the Ponte Vedra Library and are free and open to the public. No reservations are required. For additional information, contact Jan or Gerry Bialka, 285-1114.

FALL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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THE FOL PROUDLY SPONSORED THESE, AND OTHER FALL PROGRAMS.



The ladies attending the October "Bingo for BOOOOks for Adults" dressed in costumes for the Halloween event.



Book Talk Café's Lillian Brown, author of "Banned in Boston: Memoirs of a Stripper", tells why she was "banned".



Children decorated gift bags, to be filled with candy, for the Help The Homeless NOW dinner, at the After School Crafts With Teens Program in December.



Standing, in his Boy Scout uniform is teen Max Ervanian, who organizes the Help the Homeless NOW program, and assisted with the crafts.



Cathy Snyder and Marilyn Smith, the Sisterhood of the Traveling Plants, presented ideas for autumn-themed arrangements at the popular Saturday Autumn Fun with Flowers program.



During November's Teen Gaming Night, teens enjoy the Playstation 3 system and the Nintendo Wii, purchased for the teen department with FOL funds.



FOL ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2011
AT 6:00 P.M.
SAWGRASS BEACH CLUB



Jim Green, "The Amazing Mr. G"

FOL members are invited to enjoy a lovely dinner and great after-dinner entertainment provided by Mr. Jim Green, Magician. Mr. Green has been a local professional performer for over 30 years, presenting family-friendly shows to businesses, conventions, family groups and schools.

Reservations are required. For further information, please contact Carolyn Hirsch at 285-3957.



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LIBRARY CLOSINGS

- NEW YEAR'S DAY – SATURDAY, JANUARY 1**
- MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY – MONDAY, JANUARY 17**
- PRESIDENTS' DAY – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to make the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch of the St. Johns County Public Library System an outstanding educational, cultural, civic and recreational center for the community. This will be achieved by providing supplemental books, materials, volunteers and programs; fundraising and advocating on behalf of the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library. By enlisting support of all those dedicated to disseminating knowledge, we believe the community will be enhanced and enriched.