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Newsletter of the Friends of the Library - Ponte Vedra Beach, FL

January - February
2012



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FOL Annual Meeting & Jazz Reception
FOL Community Room
Reservations required
Call 285-3957 for more info

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PV Library Book Club

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Library Books on your Kindle
Bring your Kindle & load free ebooks

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Doors open 10:45

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Dr. Gerson Yessin Music Series
String Quartet headed by Melissa Barrett, JSO
Assistant Concertmaster

SAVE THIS DATE

The first Semi-Annual Book Sale for 2012 will be held
from **April 17th to the 21st** – See You There!

THIRD ANNUAL ANTIQUE APPRAISAL SHOWCASE

Saturday, February 4, 2012 • 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
FOL Community Room • Doors open at 10:45.

The Ponte Vedra Friends of the Library invites you to bring your family heirlooms or garage sale treasures to be appraised and learn their true value. Experts in various fields will be on hand providing oral appraisals on individual items including books, coins, jewelry, toys, and more. (Sorry, no fine art items this year)

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.



All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library to support and enhance your community library.

This event is open to the public; 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 Appraisals 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."

PONTE VEDRA FORUM RETURNS

On Wednesday, Feb. 15th at 6:00p.m., the Friends of the Library will present Bonnie Barnes, Executive Director of the North Florida Land Trust, in the FOL Community Room. The North Florida Land Trust has preserved over 1,000 acres within Jacksonville and the Beaches concentrating on properties near our critical watersheds. Bonnie has an M.B.A. from Jacksonville University and attended Harvard University's Executive Leadership Program. She will speak on a project the North Florida Land Trust is working on here in Ponte Vedra.

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BOOK TALK CAFÉ

NEW YEAR BRINGS MORE MEMORABLE AUTHORS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012, 6:30 p.m.
STEVE BERRY, AUTHOR

For the past four years, the FOL's Book Talk Café program series has brought outstanding authors to Ponte Vedra Beach. *New York Times* bestselling author Steve Berry launches the 2012 season. This will be Berry's third appearance in this series at the library, and he'll join us to talk about his latest book, *The Jefferson Key*, as well as his upcoming thriller, *The Columbus Affair*, a stand-alone novel due out in May. Berry, who recently moved from southeast Georgia to the St. Augustine area, is best known for his Cotton Malone series, but he also has three other novels, including *The Third Secret*, *The Romanov Prophecy*, and *The Devil's Gold*.

In his craft of writing workshops, Berry encourages beginning writers to be persistent, telling them he wrote for twelve years and received 85 rejections on five different manuscripts before selling his first book. Read more about Steve Berry at his website, www.steveberry.org.



Steve Berry, photo by Kelly Campbell

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 6:30 p.m.
JOHN DUFRESNE



John Dufresne

Readers can look forward to the noted South Florida author, John Dufresne on Monday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m. Dufresne is the author of the novels *Louisiana Power & Light*, *Love Warps the Mind a Little*, *Deep in the Shade of Paradise*, and most recently, *Requiem, Mass*. He's written two collections of stories, *The Way That Water Enters Stone* and *Johnny Too Bad* and two guides to writing fiction, *The Lie That Tells a Truth* and *Is Life Like This?*, as well as editing the anthology *Blue Christmas*. He teaches creative writing at Florida International University in Miami. His website is www.johndufresne.com.

Book Talk Café programs are free and open to the public

On March 19, Book Talk Café hosts Mary Anna Evans, author of the Faye Longchamp Archaeological Mysteries. April 23 brings another bestselling author, James W. Hall. Called "the master of suspense," by the *New York Times Book Review*, Hall recently released his 17th Thorn novel, *Dead Heat*. In his newest book, *Hit Lit: Cracking the Code of the Twentieth Century's Biggest Bestsellers*, to be released in April prior to his April 23 appearance, he reveals the secrets of what makes a bestseller.

Gently Read Books

CHRISTMAS BOOK SALE

Santa Claus made an early stop at the Ponte Vedra Library and left many of our members and library patrons with some wonderful gifts. As usual the children's Christmas books literally flew off the shelves. He also helped Seymour's when the patrons increased the gross sales by over \$500. Thank you, Santa, and all of you who stopped by to see our sale and purchased Christmas gifts for yourselves and your families. Reading continues to be one of the best relaxations in Ponte Vedra Beach.

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A PLEA FOR VOLUNTEERS

As adults we all lead lives that demand 110% of our time and efforts. Work, children, homes, and spouses consume most of our energy. The Friends Board would like to address a growing problem--the need for younger adult volunteers that will help continue one of the finest book sales in Northeast Florida that is enjoyed by young and old alike.

Why? The present cadre of permanent adult volunteers is aging. Our average age is over 70 years and many of these wonderful folks surpass that figure by 10+ years. We desperately need younger adults to lend the Friends a small portion of that precious time during our two semi-annual book sales. To understand what we are asking here are three questions that will help.

• WHAT IS A PERMANENT BOOK SALE VOLUNTEER?

A person who loves books and who can devote as many hours as possible during the periods of our book sales twice a year.

• HOW MUCH TIME ARE WE ASKING YOU TO SPEND?

This will depend on when and how long one can volunteer. Example: "SET UP DAY" is the crucial day when we need many volunteers. We particularly need male volunteers to move the boxes of books to the display tables.

• HOW DO I VOLUNTEER?

At your convenience you may register your name as a possible volunteer at Seymour's Book Store in the lobby of the library. A month before a book sale a letter goes out to prospects asking for their help with the book sale. It lays out all the details and asks them to call a volunteer Captain and agree on a work schedule.

The camaraderie of the volunteers is beyond description. They work as a team knowing that their efforts will produce a book sale that is the envy of many other organizations. We have a procedure that is organized to the extent that we can set up 10,000 books in one day with the proper volunteers. Come join the team!

Thank you for reading this request. Hopefully it will help convince you that you can volunteer to help during our two book sales. Please do not think you must volunteer many hours. Just a few hours strategically donated will make a world of difference.

Guy Di Carlo

Vice President, Book Sale

Rapid Reviews

One of the most satisfying and enjoyable books I have read recently was the oddly titled *The Cookbook Collector*, by Allegra Goodman, who described the book as Jane Austen's "*Sense and Sensibility for the Digital Age*," since it is about two very different sisters and the men with whom they fall in love. The story encompasses both the dot.com bubble and the campaign to save the California redwoods. Emily, the older sister, is the multimillionaire CEO of a dot.com startup, and the younger sister Jess works at Yorick's, a used and rare bookstore. When Jess acquires a sensual collection of cookbooks, their lives change. It is a luscious book.

A Visit From the Goon Squad, by Jennifer Egan, won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction and the National Book Critics' Circle Award. The author said she used the model of the 1970s concept music album with its thematic threads. The settings range from New York City and its suburbs to an unnamed desert country to California as Bernie Salazar, a record producer and his assistant Sasha relate to a whole group of people that zigzag in and out of each story. Sometimes it's a guessing game for the reader to figure out who is emerging and what year in which makes the book energizing, funny, and sad. It's a thought-provoking book and produced one of the most vibrant discussions my book group has had. An experience.

Carolee Bertisch

It's Elementary

A WINNING AUTHOR

A writer, teacher and social worker, Patricia MacLachlan has written more than 25 books for young readers. The focus in most of her books is on the family, the relationship between family members, and the realities of everyday life. Ms MacLachlan started her writing career by creating picture books. Her first was *The Sick Day* (ages 4 – 8), in which a little girl with a cold is cared for by her father. In *Through Grandpa's Eyes* (ages 4 - 6) John visits his blind grandpa, and throughout the day's activities learns to "see" things by touching, feeling and smelling. Her first novel for older readers was *Arthur, for the Very First Time* (ages 9 – 12) which depicts ten year-old Arthur who spends the summer with his eccentric aunt and uncle. His orphan friend Moira makes him aware, for the first time, that there are many ways to look at things.

MacLachlan's first collaboration with her daughter Emily resulted in the picture book *Painting the Wind* (ages 5 – 8) with Kathy Schneider as illustrator. Several artists visit an island and each one creates an image of the island's wild life in his own style. But how do you paint the wind? *In Before you Came* (ages 4 – 6) with glowing illustrations by the famous artist David Diaz, an expectant mother relates all the things she did before her child was born. This is a tender story for those who want to share simple everyday events with a child.

MacLachlan's most famous book, *Sarah, Plain and Tall* (ages 8 – 10) won the Newbery award in 1986. Anna and Caleb lost their mother in childbirth, so Papa placed an ad in the newspaper which was answered by Sarah from Maine. It's a warm family story where each member is drawn to the stranger, who soon takes up the void of the mother with lots of love and understanding. In the sequel *Skylark* (ages 8 – 10), Papa has married Sarah from Maine, but hard days are ahead. The drought comes to the prairie, and everything turns into dust. Sarah misses her ocean and green grass. One of Ms MacLachlan's later books *Caleb's Story* (ages 8 – 12) continues the story of the Witting family. Anna lives in town now, and Cassie, Sarah's baby, grows up on the farm. Caleb's illiterate grandfather shows up one day uninvited, bringing conflict between himself and Caleb's father. Caleb teaches his grandfather to read, and Sarah urges her husband to forgive.

Marianne Stein

FOL Board Member

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JANUARY - FEBRUARY

ADULT LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

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

Computer & Internet Basics

Thursday, Jan. 5, 10:30 a.m. – Noon
Learn how to use a mouse, open and close programs, use Windows, access and navigate the Internet, as well as learning to do some basic searches. No experience necessary. To sign up for this class, contact the Reference department at (904) 827-6950, or ask at the Reference desk. Class size is limited. Pre-registration is required.

Great Books

Monday, Jan. 9 & Feb. 7, 3:00– 5:00 p.m.
The Great Books Discussion Group meets in the PGA Media Room. The short stories and essays in the program have been chosen for richness of ideas and quality of writing. We welcome all interested readers. For more information, call (904) 273-1658.

Book Talk Café

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Art Program

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 6:30 p.m.
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PV Library Book Club

Tuesday, Jan. 24 & Feb. 26, 3:00 p.m.
Books discussed are chosen by librarians knowledgeable about the newest and best reviewed books. Call (904) 827-6950.

Free E-books for your Kindle

Thursday, Jan. 26, 11:00 a.m. – Noon
Learn how to get free e-books from the library for your Kindle. Please bring your Kindle to class. To sign up for this class, contact the Reference department at (904) 827-6950, or ask at the Reference desk. Class size is limited. Pre-registration is required.

Bingo for Books for Adults

Thursday, Feb. 9, 11:00 a.m.
Win adult popular fiction and non-fiction books while having fun playing Bingo for free! All materials are supplied by the Library and everyone goes home with at least one free book.

Book Talk Cafe

Monday, Feb. 13, 6:30 p.m.
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Great Decisions

Monday, Feb. 13, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
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.

Genealogy Online

Thursday, Feb. 16, 10:30 – Noon
Who do you think you are? Learn the basics of using Ancestry.com and start discovering your family's history. Participants must have a basic knowledge of computers. To sign up for this class, contact the Reference department at (904) 827-6950, or ask at the Reference desk. Class size is limited. Pre-registration is required.

Art Program

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2:00 p.m.
Chef Andrea Rosenblatt: "Renaissance art to table, from canvas to plate"

Dr. Gerson Yessin Music Series

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 6:30 p.m.
String Quartet headed by Melissa Barrett, JSO Assistant Concertmaster

CHILDREN'S & FAMILIES' LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Just for Babies Storytime

Tuesdays, Jan 3 & 17; Feb. 7 & 21, 10:15 a.m.
All babies from birth – 15 months and their caregivers are invited to join 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. 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21, & 28, 11:00 a.m.
Families with young children are invited to come out to enjoy songs, dancing, stories, nursery rhymes.

After School Crafts With Teens

Wednesdays, Jan. 4 & Feb. 1, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
All elementary-aged children, Kindergarten – 5th grades 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.

Family Game Time–NEW

Wednesdays, Jan. 25 & Feb. 22
On the 4th Wednesday of every month, the whole family is invited to play board games! Games include Monopoly, Connect Four, Candy Land, Scrabble, Chutes & Ladders, Uno, and many more for all ages. Challenge your family and friends to your favorite games. Use your library card or driver's license to check out the games from the Reference desk. All games generously provided by the FOL.

"TWEENS" & TEENS LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Lego Club for Tweens

Wednesday, Jan. 11 & Feb. 8, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Join us for our Lego Club for 4th – 7th graders in the Small Conference Room. You can make creations with Legos with your friends at the Library. Legos provided by the FOL..

Teen Gaming Night

Wednesday, Jan. 4 & Feb. 1, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
(Note new day: 1st Wednesday of every month)
For middle and high school students, ages 11 – 18 only. 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. Call 827-6950 for more details.



TELEPHONE NUMBERS

LIBRARY 827-6950
SEYMOUR'S BOOKSTORE 273-3990

PONTE VEDRA BEACH 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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thanksgiving we spend in New Mexico with my brother. He lives in the middle of nowhere, Abiquiu to be exact of Georgia O'Keeffe fame. This is the land of candy striped cliffs, the white place and the black place all depicted by Miss O'Keeffe. The landscape is spectacular but empty. Not far from my brother's place is the small town of El Rito noted for a hole in the wall restaurant El Farolito. El Farolito has just four picnic benches for tables and is great if you happen to like green chilies.

Around the dinner table my brother Ted mentioned that he is now a board member of the nearby library. The amazing thing is that El Rito just celebrated the 26th anniversary of its library. The library is not open every day; it does not receive money from the state; it exists on donations and grants and just had a fundraiser where 100 people gave 100 dollars to keep the library going. People just have to have their libraries and El Rito is an example of how important libraries are to communities, no matter how small. We in Ponte Vedra are lucky to have a well-funded library. Those of you who have been here for a long time may remember that the first version of our library was not built until 1993 and was the result of a group of hard working people who just had to have a library. The result of their efforts is the great library you have now.

This is my last column as president of the Friends and I would like to thank the Board of Directors, the library staff and the members of the FOL for all their support. It has been a pleasure and an honor to be able to serve this community of library enthusiasts.

Jan Bialka

Interim President of the Friends

SAVE THE DATE

FOL Annual Meeting, Thursday, January 19, 2012

FOL Community Room

6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Jazz Reception

According to our FOL bylaws, the Nominating Committee will present its slate of nominees for election to the Board of Directors at this Annual Meeting. The Committee is interviewing a nominee next week and will consider others up to two weeks before the Annual Meeting in accordance with the bylaws.

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.

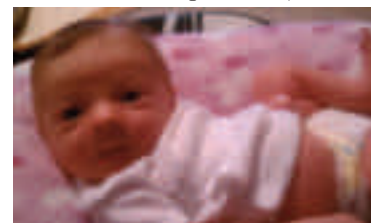
BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT

The last few months of 2011 were eye-opening for me. While our Children's/Young Adult Librarian & Assistant Branch Manager, Anne Crawford, was on maternity leave, I found myself in charge of all youth programs in the library for three months (September-November, 2011). I think most patrons would be surprised to know how much brainstorming, planning, and practicing goes into storytimes and other children's programs. Think storytime is a piece of cake, just grab some books on your way in and the program will be successful? Think again! When planning storytimes you have to consider the age range of the audience and their comprehension levels. You must consider time (Is this book too long? Too short? Can I easily stop half way through if the children don't seem to like it or if I lose their attention?). You must plan for a variety of story formats (flannel board, white board, board book, regular book, oversized book, etc.). You must think up a creative craft for which you have enough supplies that will help the children practice a skill (cutting with scissors, matching shapes, recognizing colors/letters). You must make examples of the craft for everyone to see because if you can't do it then how can you expect a 3 year old to do it? And you must practice, practice, practice! If you think it can be a challenge to keep one of your children or grandchildren still to hear a story, try keeping 25-40 of them still! You had better know the character's voices, anticipate pauses, and get those pages turned quickly! On top of all that, you have to be ready for dancing, singing, and just basically letting go of any worries about looking poised and "professional."



Storytime isn't just about entertainment. It's about young families coming together to share an experience. It's about instilling a love of libraries (and librarians!) in our children. It's about vocabulary, language, laughing, and playing. It's about literacy! And it is hard work!

I definitely missed Anne while she was gone. And I'm so glad to have her back! But I will miss the little faces sitting in the audience waiting for me to share a new story with them. And I will miss the sticky, gluey fingers waiting to show me the new craft they made. But Anne knows her stuff (she's a trained professional with tons of experience!) and she can't wait to share new stories with your family. Look in this issue of Check This Out for the current schedule of storytimes and other programs for your family. Take advantage of what our library and your Friends of the Library offer your children!



Anne Crawford's baby,
born Aug. 31, 2011

Amy Ring
Branch Manager

Volunteer Statistics for November:

54 adult volunteers

17 teen volunteers

652 Total volunteer hours

DR. GERSON YESSIN MUSIC SERIES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 6:30 P.M.
STRING QUARTET



Melissa Barrett

A new string quartet headed by violinist Melissa Barrett, the Jacksonville Symphony's Assistant Concertmaster, will perform at the next music program. Joining Ms. Barrett will be Anna Genest, violin, Ellen Olson, viola, and Betsy Federman, cellist, from the Jacksonville Symphony.

Ms. Barrett has played in the JSO for over twenty years. Before that she was a member of the Savannah Symphony and has also performed at the Aspen Music Festival, the American Institute of Musical Studies (Austria), and the Hilton Head Chamber Music Festival.

THE JANUARY 24 PROGRAM WITH DOT WALKER AND PEGGIE BLACK, JAZZ VOCALISTS, WILL BE MOVED TO TUESDAY, MAY 22, BECAUSE THE FRIENDS MEETING ROOM WILL BE USED FOR EARLY VOTING.

DR. GERSON YESSIN MUSIC SERIES
2011-2012

Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30

February 28, 2012

A newly formed string quartet headed by the JSO's Associate Concert Master Melissa Barrett.

March 27, 2012

The brilliant duo Alexei Romanenko, cellist, and Christine Yoshikawa, pianist.

April 23, 2012

The JSO Brass Quintet with James Jenkins, tuba, playing exciting music in a variety of styles

ADVENTURES IN ART

Presented by FOL and FOCUS Cummer
2011 – 2012

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Chef Andrea Rosenblatt

“Renaissance Art to Table—From Canvas to Plate”

With slides and tasting

Tuesday, March 20, 2012, 2:00 p.m.

AT THE CUMMER MUSEUM

Holly Keris, Curator

A guided tour of “Impressionism and Post Impressionism from the High Museum of Art”

A fee of \$12 will be collected at the door

Please call 280-2976 for reservations

Tuesday, April 10, 2012, 6:30 p.m.

Cummer Museum Director Hope McGrath and Vietnam Veteran

Richard Chamberlain

“Art and Healing—the Year of the Sheep”

Tuesday, May 15, 2012, 6:30 p.m.

Debra Murphy, Chair, UNF Dept. of Art & Design

“New Museums in Rome, Italy”

Please note that program times vary. All programs at the Ponte Vedra Library are free and open to the public. The March program at the Cummer Museum requires a \$12 fee.

Reservations must be made for the March program. For further information, please call Marianne Stein, 280-2976, or Gerry Bialka, 285-1114.

The next Adventures in Art series at the Ponte Vedra Library takes place at 6:30p.m. Tuesday, January 17th. Local artist Jan Bialka will present “The Influence of Japanese woodcuts on the Impressionists” in conjunction with the Cummer Museum’s exhibition of Japanese woodcuts and the forthcoming exhibit of Impressionist art.

As Japanese prints first became available to European and American artists in the late 1800’s, they incorporated the subjects, motifs, and compositional devices of the Japanese into their art. Striving to create a new and modern kind of art, they found both motivation and models in the artistic techniques of the Japanese.

Jan Bialka is a local artist. She studied art history at Lake Forest College and graduated from the Ray-Vogue School of Design in Chicago. More recently you may remember Jan as the owner of Compleat Books in Sawgrass Village or as the president of the Friends of the Ponte Vedra Beach library.

FALL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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Holiday dinner for our hardworking volunteers.



Laurie Kelly, our chef!

Over 80 people enjoyed the Traveling Plants holiday program!



WRITING CONTEST UPDATE

Why do we need a library with books when we have all those electronic devices? This was the question the third Friends of the Library Writing Contest proposed to the students of St. Johns County Schools. The responses were amazing—over 60 essays were submitted. We will be sharing them with you in the next newsletter. Meanwhile the committee of Owene Weber, Cassie Outcalt, and Vic DiGenti will be reading closely and selecting prize winning essays to be presented at the Annual Meeting on January 19. Winners will be notified after January 1, 2012. This topic, which is of universal interest, will help inform our future as Friends of the Library in Ponte Vedra Beach.

Thanks to the golfers who participated in the Winn-Dixie Jacksonville Open in 2011. The event contributed \$797 to the FOL, Ponte Vedra. We look forward to the October 12, 2012 tournament!

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3. Add available titles to your cart or put yourself on a waiting list.
4. Download titles to your computer, then transfer to your device.
5. Need help? Go to the Getting Started portion of the site (on left side).

Don't miss the free instruction session for Kindle users on Thursday, Jan. 26 at 11:00 a.m. Please bring your Kindle to class. To sign up for this class, contact the Reference department at (904) 827-6950, or ask at the Reference desk. Class size is limited. Pre-registration is required.



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LIBRARY CLOSINGS

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, NEW YEAR'S DAY OBSERVANCE

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, MARTIN LUTHER KING BIRTHDAY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, PRESIDENTS' DAY

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.