

November - December
2010

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



Upcoming Events at Your Library

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by Sisterhood of the Traveling Plants

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PONTE VEDRA FORUM

Wednesday, November 10, 6:30 p.m.
“Developing and Patenting Your Ideas”



Ashkan Najafi, P.A.

Ashkan Najafi, P. A.
and
Peter Schönning, M.S.
FOL Community Room



Peter Schönning, M.S.

Have you ever had a great idea that you wished you knew how to develop and patent? Does your business have some great product or service that you want to protect as your own **intellectual property**? Have we got speakers for you!! Our presenters will help you learn how to **take your idea through development and patented.**

Ashkan Najafi founded the Law Office of Ashkan Najafi, P.A in 2003. He works with both individuals and corporations to protect their interests on patent, trademark, and copyright matters. He is a graduate of the **University of Florida College of Industrial/Systems Engineering** and of **Stetson College of Law.**

If that weren't enough, **Peter Schönning** of **Polyhisor International** will present as well. He has been involved with the development and/or manufacturing of products for large Fortune 500 organizations as well as smaller projects. Schönning earned degrees in **Mechanical Engineering concentrating on Product Development in Sweden** and a **Masters of Science in Industrial Engineering from the University of Central Florida.** He has several patents granted and pending.

This is a rare opportunity! Please join us at Mr. Najafi's and Mr. Schönning's presentation as part of the Friends of the Library, Ponte Vedra Beach's Ponte Vedra Forum. This event is free and open to the public and no reservations are required. The Library is located at 101 Library Blvd. in Ponte Vedra Beach. 904-273-3990.

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BOOK TALK CAFÉ

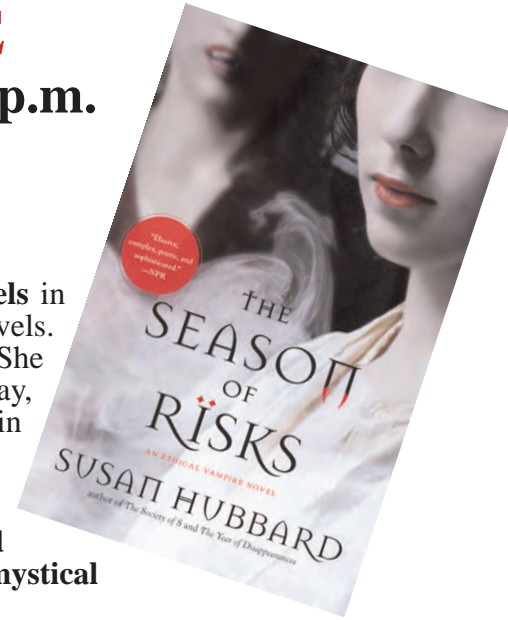
Monday, November 15, 6:30 p.m.

Susan Hubbard, Author
The Season of Risks



Susan Hubbard

While there has been a proliferation of **vampire novels** in the past few years, few, if any, can be called literary novels. Yet Susan Hubbard has raised the bar on the genre. She rounds out the year 2010 for Book Talk Café on Monday, November 15 at 6:30 p.m. as she discusses the latest in her “**Ethical Vampire Series**,” The Season of Risks.



In reviewing her books, The Society of S in 2008, and The Year of Disappearances, *The St. Petersburg Times* wrote, “**Her spellbinding and beautifully constructed stories are about ordinary people whose lives take a mystical turn ...** Those who want to write fiction, take note: this is how it’s done.”

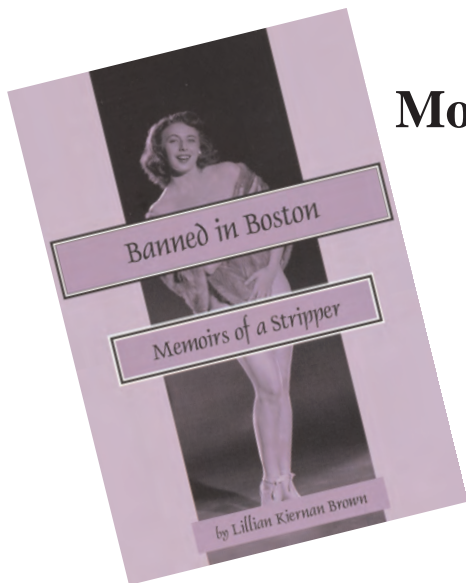
In The Society of S, we meet 13-year-old Ariella Montero who is seeking the true identities of her mother and father, a search that takes her from New York to England to the Deep South. The novel explodes the stereotypes of vampires in a very literary, character-driven mystery.

The Year of Disappearances continues her story. Starting a new life in Florida, one by one, the people and things she cares most about keep disappearing. The newly-released The Season of Risks, sees Ari fall in love, cause a scandal and contemplate her own death. And once again the critics raved. The *Booklist* review stated, “**Artfully handling the conundrum of age versus maturity, Hubbard continues to provide substance as well as thrills in her thought-provoking series.**”

Read more about Susan Hubbard and her books on her website, www.susanhubbard.com.

Monday, November 29, 6:30 p.m.

Lillian Brown, Author
Banned In Boston:
Memoirs of a Stripper



Ms. Lillian Brown

In 1947, Lillian Brown was known as **Lilly Ann Rose**, and joined the chorus line of a burlesque show in Boston’s Barclay Square. She quickly moved up to become a featured dancer on the burlesque circuit. Today, **Brown is a 77-year-old grandmother living in Fleming Island**, and the author of a memoir, Banned in Boston: Memoirs of a Stripper.

Ms. Brown was also featured in several *Florida Times-Union* articles, as well as the documentary, “**Beyond the Burly Q**”, by Leslie Zemeckis, wife of Hollywood filmmaker, Robert Zemeckis. Join us as she discusses her life in the world of burlesque, shows a short film made by her daughter, and also touches on a mystery, Port of Death, which she wrote.

Book Talk Café is an on-going program sponsored by the Friends of the Library. It is free and open to the public.

BOOKS



Gently Read Books

Final Semi-Annual Book Sale Results

The Book Sale ended on Saturday October 2 and I have been bombarded with the most pertinent question "How did we do?" The follow up question was...**"How does that compare with last year at this time?"**

We did **\$8,125**, and we were **3% better than last year!**

That doesn't tell the whole story. To paraphrase a famous radio personality, "Here's the rest of the story".

Preview Night began the Sale with a slow start, which continued for the next few days. So how did we do 3% better with sluggish sales? It was **"Bag Day"** that really brought us back to reality. It was up **25+%**.

We wish to compliment our members and library patrons for their support of our efforts, and continuing to make this book sale another success.

Seymour's Book Store

Since the renovation of Seymour's our book sales have been showing a steady increase. When the 2010 Annual Report is published we believe that the members and library patrons will be astounded by the figures posted for book sales.

Seymour's is all dressed up for **fall**. Come in if only to see the decorations. It's fun to get all dressed up for the holiday! The number of **appreciative comments** about the store and the volunteers has increased measurably. We wish to thank you, for it means so much to the volunteers to know that you are pleased.

We have several new ideas for upcoming events which we are sure will please you. See you in Seymour's!

Guy DiCarlo,

Vice President, Book Sales

RAPID REVIEWS

By Carolee Bertisch

Let the Great World Spin by Colum McCann, winner of the **National Book Award**, will grip your imagination from the first chapter, set in Ireland and New York City. In the exact center of the book, balancing both sides, is a re-creation of the Philippe Petit (very) **high wire walk between the towers of the World Trade Center in 1974**. Characterization and writing are extraordinary.

Barbara Kingsolver dazzles again with her latest novel, **The Lacuna**. The story begins in Mexico with young Harrison Shepherd swimming in the waters of Isla Pixol; continues to his turbulent Mexico City life with **Diego Rivera, Frida Kahlo** and **Leon Trotsky**; to Ashville, North Carolina where Shepherd achieves success as a famous writer about ancient Mexico; and finally to Washington, D.C. during the **McCarthy hearings**. It is a view of the world then and now.

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

Children's Book Review

Sunshine State Books

Imagine a beetle dipping two of his eight legs in ink, and drawing a delicate picture. In **Elise Broach's** fantasy **Masterpiece**, James, eleven years old, has a **family of beetles** living under the kitchen sink. When James receives a set of pens, ink and drawing paper as a present, the gifts set off a whirlwind of exciting events. The "conversations" between the non-speaking beetle and James are very clever. The detailed life of the beetle family versus that of James' family is an interesting contrast. The story is suspenseful to the end. Grade level 6.1. 292 pages.

The book, **11 Birthdays** by **Wendy Mass**, is the story of Amanda and Leo, friends who celebrate their first ten birthdays together, but after a fight, don't speak to each other for a year. The story features an **enchanted**, who makes their 11th birthday repeat itself over and over and over again. "What do you call it when every tomorrow is both tomorrow and today?", asks Amanda. The plot, which seems too farfetched, leads into their celebrating their birthdays separately for the first time because of a feud between their two great, great, grandfathers. Grade level 3.7. 267 pages.

Newbery medal winning author of **Crispin, Avi**, has written a scary story of **ghosts, graves and grief**. In **Seer of Shadows**, a suspense book set in New York City in 1872, Horace, a photographer's apprentice, is trying to make sense of the ghostly images developed in his photographs. The dead girl Eleanora's spirit appears in photos and becomes "real" and able to revenge those who abused her in life. The friendship between Horace and Eleanora, the black servant girl's spirit, brings out all the secrets of her short life. As a bonus we get a lesson in photographic development as it was practiced in the 19th century. Grade level 4.4. 202 pages.

The book **Someone Named Eva** by **Joan Wolf** is testimony of a time which all of us want to forget, some people want to deny, and most others need to know about. Because it DID happen. Milada, an eleven year old, blond, Czech girl with blue eyes and perfect Aryan features, was taken to a **German camp during World War II** to "become a German". After two years, Milada, now called "Eva", was adopted by the family of a German officer, the head of a German concentration camp. Eva discovers the camp next to their house when hearing a Czech song sung by prisoners in the distance. Her German family is broken up, and Eva is taken away by the International Red Cross and brought to her mother in Prague. Milada's physical and emotional journey of these three years are described in detail, and it is difficult to imagine how this young girl was able to function at the end. Grade level 5.4. 200 pages.

Marianne Stein,

VP Library Support



NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

ADULT LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

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

Great Books
Tuesdays, November 2 & December 7, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

The Great Books Discussion Group meets the first Tuesday 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.

Autumn Fun With Flowers
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Learn how to create festive, affordable fall arrangements and table settings for your home with food and flowers. Program is open to the public, and light refreshments will be served.

Ponte Vedra Forum
Wednesday, November 10, 6:30 p.m.
"Developing and Patenting Your Idea", with speakers attorney-at-law, Ashkan Najafi, and Peter Schonning, with Polyhisor International. Program is free and open to the public.

Great Decisions
Mondays, November 15 & December 20, 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.

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Program features **Abbas Aboud**, concert pianist from Iraq.
Program is free and open to the public; doors open at 6:00 p.m.

ADULT LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Computer Basics
Thursday, November 18, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 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 simply ask at the Reference Desk.

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

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Play Bingo, meet new friends, and win free books. Book prizes are donated by the FOL and selected by the library staff.
Open to the public.

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Party for FOL volunteers and library staff, to be held at the Library. Invitations will follow in mail.

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CHILDREN'S & FAMILIES' LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Just for Babies Storytime
Tuesdays, November 2 & 16, 10:15 a.m.
For babies birth – 15 months. Infant lapsit program designed for one-on-one interaction between caregiver and baby.

Family Story Time
Tuesdays, November 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 11:00 a.m.
Designed for children ages 16 months to 5 years, but all children and their families are welcome.

CHILDREN'S & FAMILIES' LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Family Story Time cont.
Families with a baby and older sibling are encouraged to attend this program.
Contact Ms. Anne at 827-6950 for more information.

Teens Read With Kids
Saturdays, November 13 & December 11, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
All children are welcome to be read to by a teen or read to a teen in the Children's Department. The teens who present these programs are from the **Ponte Vedra High School Book Club**.

After-School Crafts with Teens
Wednesdays, November 17 & December 8, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Children (K-5th grade) are invited to join the **Arts in Motion Club from Nease High School** for a fun monthly craft in the Small Conference Room. No registration, all materials provided and the program is free.

"TWEENS" & TEENS LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Teen Gaming
Mondays, November 8 & December 13, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
All middle and high school teens ages 11 to 18 are invited to come to the library to challenge your friends on our **Nintendo Wii** (on our big screen), our **X-Box 360**, and our **Playstation 3**. This event provides opportunities to play not-yet-released games, win free gaming goodies, free snacks and more. Call Anne Crawford, Youth Services Librarian for more information at 827-6950.

Teen Volunteers
Teen volunteers are needed at the library. Minors (ages 14-17) must apply at the Reference Desk with a parent or guardian, and volunteer hours for minors may count toward community service hours. Examples of tasks include shelving, stamping cards, preparing new patron registration packets, and assisting with children's and teen programs.
Call Anne Crawford at 827-6950

SAVE THESE DATES!

Friday, January 21, 2011
FOL Annual Dinner and Meeting
Sawgrass Country Club

Saturday, February 5, 2011
2nd Annual Antiques

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

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



Message From the President

Dear Friends,

A strong Friends of the Library organization brings with it a community of people who respect and support their library. As an FOL member, **you demonstrate your commitment when you write your membership renewal check.** You are fully aware of the value of literacy in our families, in our community, in the nation.



According to UNESCO, more than 780 million of the world's adults (nearly two-thirds of whom are women) don't know how to read or write. And closer to home, the data improves, but is still problematic. Although more than a decade old, a 1991 JCCI study, Literacy in Jacksonville and the surrounding communities, found that **the literacy rate in northeast Florida is approximately 53 percent. This means that 47 percent of adults have extremely low or non-existent literacy skills.**

It's been proven that reading to children from infancy provides major boosts in their development, their future education, social and reasoning skills. Yet reading is undergoing dramatic changes as we move deeper into the digital age. E-books and e-reading devices like the Kindle®, Sony Reader® and iPad® have helped rekindle interest in reading, but the jury is still out on what effect they will have on reading. A *Library Journal* article (November, 2009), reported that **“Some people suggest that reading on a screen is slower than reading print on paper, with less long-term retention of the material.”** Perhaps it's because “the act of gazing at any screen by staring at 90-minute movies and 30-minute sitcoms [do little to] encourage us to ponder their deeper meanings once they're played out.”

For libraries, whose brand has always been the book, the digital revolution is a sign that change is on the way. The Association of American Publishers announced recently that sales of adult hardcover books for June were down almost 14 percent, while **ebook sales were up an incredible 119 percent.** Amazon.com, the current leader in e-book sales, reported that for every 100 hardcover books sold in June they sold 180 Kindle® books.

Librarians and the FOL have an investment in growing the reading population. As supporters of the Ponte Vedra Library, the FOL has a long-term commitment to readers and users of the library in general. Please keep this in mind when you receive your membership renewal letter. **Let's work together to find ways to grow our services and continue to be relevant to readers in the digital age.**

Sincerely,
Vic DiGenti,
President

Branch Manager's Report

Hello, Friends!

I can't believe November is here! Time for fall decorations, pumpkins, and (gulp!) turkey. It's also time to get back into the swing of all the great musical, artistic, and literary programs the FOL put together each year. If you haven't attended Book Talk Café, The Ponte Vedra Forum, or a Dr. Gerson Yessin Music Series program yet, please mark your calendar. These programs are informative, imaginative, and sometimes just plain relaxing. No matter what, they're free and open to the public and you are always invited to attend!



Have you ever wondered how some library patrons manage to get themselves “on hold” for the newest books or the just-released DVDs faster than anyone else? Want to know their secret? They have probably signed themselves up for **automatic newsletter e-mails.** Whether you want to get “on hold” for popular movies, new children's books, or just your favorite mystery authors, these handy automatic e-mails will help you stay on top of things. Just go to www.sjcpls.org, click on “Movies & Books” (under “Self Service Options”), then click on the link for “Email sign up” at the top of the page. If you have trouble, please call the Reference Desk at 827-6950 or just stop by and we can help you sign up.

If you are a patron who enjoys listening to audiobooks while you walk or garden but are tired of carrying a walkman or cd player around, then we have just the thing for you! A new format called **Digital Books (DGB)** enables you to listen to an entire book on one small “mp3-like” device. These are available for 3-week checkouts and all you have to provide is your own headphones or earbuds and one AAA battery. They're light, portable, and easy to use. Ask at the Reference or Circulation Desks for more information.

Remember- the holidays will soon “gobble” us up! When you have had your fill of Uncle Lou and his never-ending football commentary, the library will be here to offer quiet solace. See you soon!

Amy Ring,
Branch Manager

VOLUNTEER STATISTICS

July – September, 2010

	No. of Volunteers	Hours
Adult	61	788
Teen	11	70
Total	72	858





PROGRAMS

ADVENTURES IN ART

Presented by FOL and FOCUS Cummer
2010 – 2011

Tuesday, November 16, 2010, 2:00 p.m.
Jim Draper: “Sources: An Artist
Looks at Points of His Inspiration”

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.

FOL FUNDS FULFILL LIBRARY’S “WISH LIST”

The FOL budget each year provides funds for “Library Support”. Vice President Marianne Stein reports the following items purchased for library benefit during June, July, and August:

Adult Department books, DVDs & equipment	\$2,116.45
Children’s Summer Programs, and books & DVDS	627.89
Young Adult Department books, AV, and Programs	2,623.98
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	\$5,368.32

These FOL expenditures supplement county funds, and assist our PV Library in providing outstanding resources and equipment for our community.

November 15 is the Deadline for Student Essay Contest

The Ponte Vedra Library FOL is sponsoring the second annual contest, with this year’s topic being “**Right or Wrong: A Book That Helped Me Make a Decision**”. The second annual writing contest is open to St. Johns County students from elementary school (grades 4 and 5), middle school, and high school.

Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place in each division, and the winner of the high school division will be invited to read their winning essay at the FOL Annual Dinner Meeting in January, 2011.

Please visit www.friendspvlibrary.org, click “Youth Programs”, for more information.

Record Attendance at Children’s and Teen Programs

During the month of September, Anne Crawford, Youth Service Librarian reports that attendance levels topped all-time highs for the following children’s and teen programs:

- After-School Crafts with Teens – 9 children
- Teens Read with Kids – 16 children
- Teen Gaming – 15 teens

The Crafts program is conducted by Nease High School’s Arts in Motion Club. The Ponte Vedra High School’s Book Club directs the Reading program and co-hosts the Teen Gaming Program.

The Gaming Program utilizes, among other systems, the Play Station Move which “redefines motion gaming with the most immersive and realistic gaming experience only possible on the PlayStation 3 system.” With a diverse selection of games and new ones launching all the time, you can enjoy hours of fun with friends and family. The popular Teen Gaming Nights are scheduled on Mondays, November 8 and December 13, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., for middle and high school teens.

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DR. GERSON YESSIN MUSIC SERIES

Programs scheduled in 2010-2011 are as follows:



Tuesday, November 16, 6:30 p.m.

Abba About, Brilliant Young Concert Pianist, from Iraq.



Tuesday, January 25, 6:30 p.m.

String quartet, featuring music of 18th century composer Chevalier de St. Georges, known as the "Black Mozart". Tyrone Tidewell, Violinist.



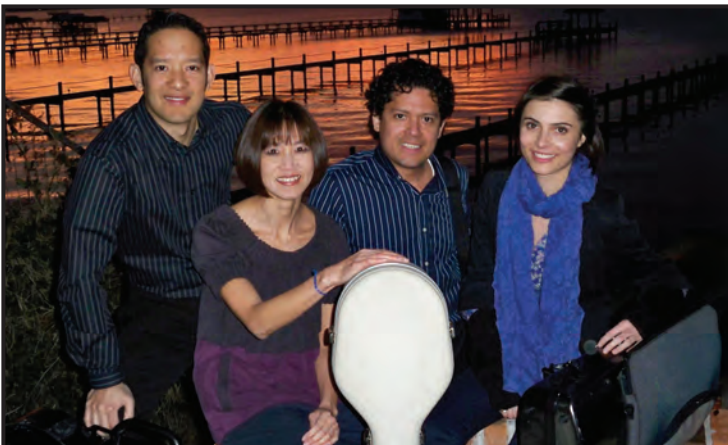
Tuesday, February 15, 6:30 p.m.

Noteworthy Duet, Dr. Lisa Shroder, Flute, and Dr. Michael Nigra, Guitar, back from popular demand from California.



Tuesday, March 22, 6:30 p.m.

Riverside Guitar Quartet, playing music of various styles from classical to popular.



Tuesday, April 26, 6:30 p.m.

Movado Quartet, professional string quartet, featuring Mr. Jorge Peña, Violist with the Jax Symphony; Aurica Duca, from Moldova; Clinton Dewing (Taiwanese) born in Boston; Jin Kin-Peña, from South Korea.



Tuesday, May 24, 6:30 p.m.

Jacksonville Symphony Brass Quintet, James Jenkins, Director, playing exciting music of a variety of styles.

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Author, Carl Hiaasen

Florida Best-selling Author Carl Hiaasen Honored with Literary Legends Award



FOL President Vic DiGenti, Barbara Sarvis, and Evanne DiGenti

The Florida Heritage Book Festival awards dinner was held September 24 at the World Golf Village Renaissance Resort, with nearly 250 attendees. The Award, presented to Mr. Hiaasen, is given to Florida authors who “personify the state’s legacy as a source of inspiration for creative writing.”

The Festival also included a day of writer’s workshops, a luncheon with noted author Robert Macomber, and a day of free author presentations, poetry workshops and children’s activities at Flagler College in St. Augustine. Proceeds from the festival will benefit the various FOL groups of St. Johns County along with *The St. Augustine Record’s* Newspaper in Education Program.



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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

Veterans Day – Thursday, November 11
Thanksgiving – Wednesday, Nov.24, Closing early at 6:00 pm.
Closed Thursday, November 25 - Sunday, November 28
Christmas – Closed Friday, December 24 - Sunday, December 26
New Year’s – Closed Friday, December 31, 2010 - Sunday, January 2, 2011

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.