

# Check This Out!

September-October  
2011



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

## Upcoming Events at Your Library

**Sept. 1 – Sept. 30**  
**Special Exhibit by Robert Johansen**  
“In Memory of those who died at Ground Zero  
on September 11”

**Thursday, Sept. 1, 11:00 a.m.**  
**Bingo for Books for Adults**

**Tuesday, Sept. 6 & Oct. 3, 3 – 5 p.m.**  
**Great Books**

**Monday, Sept. 12, 4 – 6 p.m.**  
**Great Decisions**  
Sanctions and Non-Proliferation

**Thursday, Sept. 15, 10:30 a.m.**  
**Genealogy Online**  
Pre-registration required: 827-6950

**Monday, Sept. 19, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Book Talk Café**  
Drew Berquist, *The Maverick Experiment*

**Semi-Annual Book Sale**  
**PREVIEW PARTY**  
Tuesday, Sept. 27, 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
**PUBLIC SALE DAYS**  
Wednesday, Sept. 28, 10 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Thurs & Fri, Sept. 29 & 30, 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
**BAG DAY**  
Saturday, Oct. 1, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Tuesday, Sept. 27 & Oct. 25, 3:00 p.m.**  
**PV Library Book Club**

**Monday, Oct. 10, 4 – 6 p.m.**  
**Great Decisions**  
The Caucasus

**Thursday, Oct. 13, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.**  
**Un-Scary Halloween Party for Babies,**  
Toddlers, & Preschoolers

**Monday, Oct. 17, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Book Talk Café**  
Lu Vickers, *Cypress Gardens:*  
*America's Tropical Wonderland*

**Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2:00 p.m.**  
**Art Program**  
Joyce Gabiou, Artist  
Get involved with Hands-on Collage  
Reservations required 280-2976

**Thursday, Oct. 20, 10:30 a.m.**  
**Intro to Microsoft Word 2007**  
Pre-registration required: 827-6950

**Tuesday, October 25, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Dr. Gerson Yessin Music Series**  
Serafini Brillanti Trio

**Thursday, Oct. 27, 11:00 a.m.**  
**Adult Halloween Bingo for BOOOOOKS**  
Wear a costume, win double prizes!

## GOLFING FOR BOOKS!

To all our Friends,

Here's an opportunity to raise money for the library in a fun way. The Winn Dixie Jacksonville Open Golf Tournament, presented by Planters, raised more than \$1.6 million for charity in 2010, and the Ponte Vedra Beach Friends of the Library was a recipient. This year we hope to double the amount given to us by the Open. Whether you're a golfer or not, here's your chance to see future stars of the PGA Tour while supporting the Friends and the library, because 100% of the ticket sales goes to the charity designated by the buyer.

The tournament is at the TPC Sawgrass Dye's Valley course on October 17 – 23, 2011. There are two popular ticket packages: the Dye's Valley Foursome Package includes four weekly tickets and 4 vouchers for a round of golf at Dye's Valley course and one tournament cap worth \$620 and **YOU PAY \$100**. The Twosome Package gives you 2 weekly tickets and 2 vouchers for a round of golf worth \$300 and **YOU PAY ONLY \$50!** There are also single tickets for sale. Both packages include free parking, 18th green skybox access and TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse privileges.

As soon as you fill in your ticket order and pay, the Friends will receive that money monthly. Golfers in this tournament are future stars of the PGA Tour, and two out of three PGA Tour members played on the Nationwide Tour. Here is your chance to rub shoulders with the future of golf. Order forms are available in the entrance hall of the library, next to Seymour's.

Please support your Friends by ordering your tickets today.

**Marianne Stein**  
FOL board member and golfer

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## BOOK TALK CAFÉ



Drew Berquist

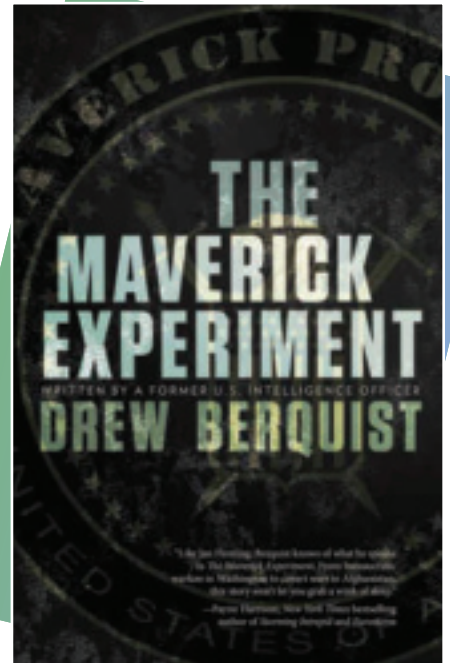
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 6:30 P.M.**

**DREW BERQUIST, AUTHOR**

### **THE MAVERICK EXPERIMENT**

After a summer break, the popular Book Talk Café program returns on Monday, September 19 with an exciting thriller based on the exploits of author Drew Berquist. *The Maverick Experiment*

takes readers on a top-secret mission into Afghanistan to neutralize Taliban leaders. The novel is based on Berquist's own experiences with the U.S. intelligence and Special Operations communities. *The Maverick Experiment* reveals the inner workings of the international intelligence machine and the gritty, blood-soaked reality of life on the front lines of the war in Afghanistan.



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



**MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 6:30 P.M.**

**LU VICKERS, AUTHOR**

### **CYPRESS GARDENS, AMERICA'S TROPICAL WONDERLAND: HOW DICK POPE INVENTED FLORIDA**

Book Talk Café makes a 180-degree turn for its October 17 offering, moving from gritty fiction to an eye-opening look at Florida's original theme park — Cypress Gardens. Lu Vickers, author of *Breathing Underwater*, has penned *Cypress Gardens, America's Tropical Wonderland: How Dick Pope Invented Florida*. Part history

lesson, part nostalgic review, but always entertaining, *Cypress Gardens* examines the glory days of this unique Florida attraction as tourists flocked to sleepy Winter Haven to enjoy what was then Florida's premier attraction. Filled with over 250 vibrant images, *Cypress Gardens, America's Tropical Wonderland* reveals the empire Dick Pope built from its origins as remote swampland to its heyday as a famous water-sports destination and playground for such stars as Joan Crawford, Johnny Carson, and Carol Burnett, as well as royalty from the Duke and Duchess of Windsor to King Hussein of Jordan.

Don't miss these two outstanding authors and their books. Each Book Talk Café program is free and open to the public and begins at 6:30 p.m.



Lu Vickers

**Mark your calendar for Monday, December 12 when award-winning author Larry Baker will take the FOL Community Room stage.**

## BOOKS

## IT'S ELEMENTARY

## Beginning Jitters

It's that time again! School has started, and your children or grandchildren will enter kindergarten or first grade with much trepidation, facing a new world with new faces and new rules. As a former teacher and librarian I have practiced bibliotherapy for many years—"treating" fears and uncertainties with the written word. A story that puts the child in the main character's shoes and deals with it positively is a great way to approach the problem. Here are a few titles that will assure your child or grandchild that he or she is not the only one scared of the unknown.

Anne Rockwell has spent more than thirty years writing the so-called "concept books" for young children. Welcome to Kindergarten brings Tim to visit a kindergarten classroom where he explores all the activities he will do there. In her book My Preschool Fred is happy to go to pre-school, and wonders why Melissa cries every morning. But as soon as he takes her over to the water table to play, she stops crying. Whether it's circle time, play time, music time or snack time, Fred likes it all!

On September 1 Annalina does not want to go to kindergarten, but by September 30th she is "unscared" and likes her friend Zoe, the monkey bars and making tortoise pictures. We follow Annalina's day by day activities in Kindergarten Diary by Antoinette Portis. An assuring story for a 5-year old.

In First Grade Jitters by Robert Quackenbush a boy wonders if he has to read, spell and do arithmetic. Is he going to understand what the teacher says? Will the teacher be nice? His friends come over to his house, and they talk about what it's going to be like in first grade. "I'm feeling better inside. My jitters are gone!"

In Who Will go to School Today? by Karl Ruhmann, reluctant Sam decides to dress his stuffed monkey Timbo for school instead of himself, but in the end Sam realizes that he will be too lonely at home alone. He announces: "We both want to go to school today!"

Even second graders can be nervous. In "I Don't Want to Go Back to School" by Marisabina Russo, Ben is apprehensive about starting second grade; he worries that his teacher will keep a tarantula in the closet. His nice teacher Mr. Johnson makes a lesson very exciting with live animals, minus tarantula.

There are hundreds of picture books that can help children through the fears of beginning school.

Check them out! It's simple therapy, and it works.

**Marianne Stein,**  
FOL Board Member

## RAPID REVIEWS

Two of the most fascinating books I've read recently are *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks and *The Forgery of Venus* by Michael Gruber. Brooks, the Pulitzer Prize winning author of *March* and *People of the Book*, sets her new novel on Martha's Vineyard, where a group of Puritans fled from the colony on Massachusetts Bay in the 1660s. The language and descriptions in this book, told from the point of view of the young Bethia Mayfield, are lyrical and beautiful to read, including many archaic terms used by the early settlers. Her father is a missionary to the Wampanoag Indians, and Bethia becomes very fond of an Indian boy, Cheeshahteumauck, whose English name becomes Caleb. The education Bethia yearns for and Caleb achieves, creates a vivid path through the history of the times as they both cross over into new worlds. Don't miss it.

*The Forgery of Venus* is an intriguing puzzle that begins with four undergraduates at Columbia University. Chaz Wilmot, a talented painter who spent much of his career doing commercial art, returns years later to give his lawyer friend a CD relating a wild story about his re-creation of paintings while he time traveled into the persona of Diego Velasquez in Spain and Italy. Another roommate, who became a doctor, introduced Chaz to an experimental drug that studied the effect of creativity, causing Chaz to experience long periods of confusion about his own identity and reality. Enter the sinister art dealer Werner Krebs, who is willing to pay one million dollars to have Chaz forge a lost painting that he can sell as a genuine Velasquez. Keep a grip on your own identity as you try to separate delusion and actuality in this page turner of a book.

**Carolee Bertisch**

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ADULT LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

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

**Bingo for Books for Adults**  
**Thursday, Sept. 1, 11:00 a.m.**

Kick-off National Library Card Sign-Up Month and don't miss this opportunity to win free adult popular 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.

**Great Books**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 6, and Monday,**  
**Oct. 3, 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 the richness of ideas and the quality of writing. We welcome all interested readers. For more information, call 273-1658.

**Great Decisions**  
**Mondays, Sept. 12, and Oct. 10, 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](mailto:bonimoro2601b@aol.com)

**Genealogy Online**

**Thursday, Sept. 15, 10:30 a.m. – Noon**

Learn the basics of using Ancestry.com and start discovering your family's history. Participants must have a basic knowledge of computers. Class size is limited. Pre-registration is required. Call 827-6950, or inquire at the Reference desk.

**Book Talk Café**

**Monday, Sept. 19, 6:30 p.m.**

Drew Berquist will talk about and sign his book The Maverick Experiment, a political thriller set in Afghanistan.

**PV Library Book Club**

**Tuesdays, Sept. 27 and Oct 25, 3:00 p.m.**

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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**Art Program**

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Artist Joyce Gabiou gets you involved with Hands-on Collage. Reservations required, call 280-2976.

ADULT LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

**Intro to Microsoft Word 2007**

**Thursday, Oct. 20, 10:30 a.m. – Noon**

Learn how to change fonts, margin settings, use copy & paste, and print & save documents. Participants must have a basic knowledge of computers. Class size is limited. Pre-registration is required. Call 827-6950, or inquire at the Reference desk.

**Dr. Gerson Yessin Music Series**

**Tuesday, Oct. 25 6:30 p.m.**

Serafini Brillanti Trio, Rhonda Nus Tinnin, soprano, Randy Tinnin, trumpet, and Erin Bennett, piano.

**Halloween Bingo for BOOOOKs for Adults**

**Thursday, Oct. 27, 11:00 a.m.**

Who says only kids can have fun at Halloween? If you wear a Halloween costume to this event, every time you yell BINGO, you'll win TWO books instead of one!

CHILDREN'S & FAMILIES' LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

**Just for Babies Storytime**

**Tuesdays, Sept. 6 & Sept. 20;**

**Oct. 4 & 18, 10:15 a.m.**

All babies 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, Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27;**

**Oct 4, 11, 18, 25, 11:00 a.m.**

Families with young children are invited to come out to enjoy songs, dancing, stories, nursery rhymes. The Sept. 13 program will feature books on firefighters and other helpers who play such important roles in our communities. The Sept. 27 program will feature books on peace in honor of International Peace Day on Sept. 21.

**After School Crafts With Teens**

**Wednesday, Sept. 7, 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. In remembrance of Sept. 11, this program will feature crafts honoring our St. Johns County Fire Fighters.

CHILDREN'S & FAMILIES' LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

**Un-Scary Halloween Party for Babies, Toddlers, and Pre-Schoolers**

**Thursday, Oct. 13, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.**

Join us for lots of fun, including a costume parade. Costumes are encouraged, but not required. Bring your own cameras for the PUN-Kin Picture station. Call 827-6950 for more details.

**Teens Read With Kids**

This program will return in the fall—dates and times to be announced later.

"TWEENS" & TEENS LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

**Lego Club for Tweens**

**Wednesday, Sept. 14, &**

**Oct. 12, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

Join us for our Lego Club for 4th – 7th graders on the second Wednesday of the month in the Small Conference Room. You can make creations with Legos with your friends at the Library. Legos provided by the Friends of the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library.

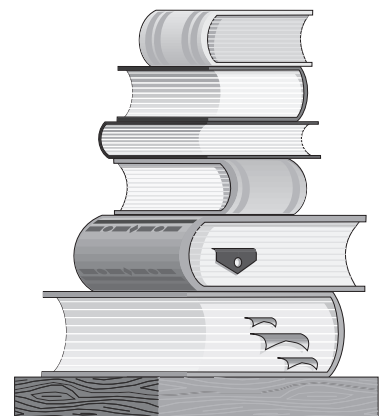
**Teen Gaming**

**Monday, Sept. 26 &**

**Oct. 24, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

**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

Dear Friends,

While I never expected to write another "Message from the President" column, I am honored to be selected as a replacement for our departing president Shari Naman. Shari and her husband Steve are off to Atlanta to start a new life closer to their daughter and brand-new grandson. While serving as a member and as President of the Friend's Board Shari made a huge difference in our programming. The popular Ponte Vedra Forum brought many interesting and timely speakers to the Library. The Antiques Appraisal program brought crowds winding out the door on two past February Saturday mornings with treasures clutched in their arms, lining up to ask the antique experts if the object was truly a find. Thank you, Shari; we owe you so much and are saddened by your leaving. We wish Shari and her husband the best.

There has been so much in the papers and at town meetings questioning the need and expense of libraries, not to mention predictions of the death of books due to the onslaught of e-readers that I would like to share this quote by Winston Churchill on the virtues of books. "What shall I do with all my books?... Read them.... Let them fall open where they will. Read on from the first sentence that arrests the eye. Make a voyage of discovery, taking soundings in uncharted seas." I know that all our members recognize the value of books and libraries and I hope that you will share your views with the naysayers.

### Jan Bialka

*Interim President of the Friends*

### Message from departing FOL President Shari Naman

I would like to thank the Friends for the privilege of being your president. A six pound competitor named Rhys Benjamin has captured my heart and has precipitated a move to Atlanta to be a part of his daily life. I value my five years on the Friends' board as doing vital work for our community. The people that I have worked with are magnificent and so dedicated! The professional library staff, headed by branch manager Amy Ring, is an asset to our county. Amy is a bright, caring, and mature young woman who keeps our library humming, along with assistant librarian Anne Crawford. The board members are talented, intelligent, experienced, and warm. They have taught me many things, and were always there for me when I needed their advice and hard work. Our projects are award winning activities meant to enhance the cultural, artistic, and educational needs of the area.

As I move to my new role as grandmother Mimi, I know that the board will be in great hands with the gracious return to the presidency of Jan Bialka to complete the year leading the board. She reached out when we needed her, and I am so grateful for her service.

It is my wish that the Friends' organization continues to grow as it provides programming, funds, and advocacy to keep our library, as well as the state and county libraries, the outstanding institutions that our citizens desire. Please continue to be a member, volunteer, and bring your friends, because we always need more Friends.

Best Wishes,  
**Shari Naman**

## BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT

Greetings from the manager's desk! It's hard to believe that the kids are back in school and that Fall programming is on its way! This summer was a great one at our library. Perhaps you were one of the over 1,800 people who attended one of our 40 programs this summer. If so, I hope you had a great time! Each summer we provide free programs for kids and their families to help encourage reading and exploring the world thanks to our wonderful Friends of the Library and patrons like you who understand the importance of supporting your local library. Thank you for your financial support and for trusting us with the responsibility of fostering literacy in our community.



This is a great opportunity for me to announce the prize winners in our adult summer reading program we called 'Novel Destinations.' Winner of the 1st place prize, a \$50 gift certificate to Book Mark, is Heather Schillig. A \$25 gift certificate to Book Mark went to Darlena Duryea, our 2nd place prize winner. Winner of the 3rd place prize, a \$5 gift certificate to Seymour's book store, went to Suzanne Egel. Other winners this summer included Margaret Warren, Vance Johnson, Amanda Cornett, and Jodi Rolison. Congratulations to all our winners and thank you for participating! We will definitely repeat this reading contest next summer.

September and October are going to be busy months for us at the library. Our library system will be honoring the 10th anniversary of 9/11 and International Day of Peace (9/21) through special displays and art projects. Programming will really rev up. Please look carefully at all the programs that will take place here in just these two months. I'm sure you'll find something that will interest you and every member of your family. Remember- this is your public library, so come on out and experience what we have to offer!

**Amy Ring,**  
*Branch Manager*

**Volunteer Statistics for May, June, and July:**  
**72 adult volunteers**  
**48 teen volunteers**  
**1,396.5 Total volunteer hours**

### 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.

## DR. GERSON YESSIN MUSIC SERIES

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 6:30 P.M.**  
**SERAFINI BRILLANTI TRIO**



*Erin Bennett, Randy Tinnin,  
Rhonda Nus Tinnin*

The celebrated and widely traveled "Serafini Brillanti Trio" will open the 2011-2012 Dr. Gerson Yessin Music Series on Tuesday, October 25, at 6:30 PM. The group consists of Rhonda Nus Tinnin, soprano, Randy Tinnin, trumpet, and Erin Bennett, pianist. All are on the

faculty of the University of North Florida.

In addition to appearances in Chicago, Boston, Providence, Seattle, Denver, Honolulu, and Cornwall, England, Ms. Tinnin has performed opera, oratorio, and musical theater revues with numerous New York City companies at such well-known venues as Town Hall.

Dr. Tinnin was the winner of the 2006 North American Brass Band Association Solo Cornet Competition, and has appeared throughout the continental U.S., Hawaii, and in England as a soloist, and in ensemble.

Erin Bennett has appeared as a soloist throughout the U.S. and in the Czech Republic, Belgium, France, and Spain. She has performed with the University of Florida Symphony Orchestra and in collaboration with members of the Oregon Mozart Players.

**They will perform a lively and varied program.**  
**Admission is free and doors open at 6 PM.**

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## IN MEMORIAM

The Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library will host a special exhibit of Beaches artist Robert Johansen's mixed media collection, "In Memory of Those Who Died at Ground Zero on September 11th." Johansen's series of mixed media blends actual newspaper headlines and photos to highlight the reality of the event, channeling onto canvas what the nation witnessed that day, to keep it fresh in our collective memory. The exhibit will be on display through September 30.

## ADVENTURES IN ART

**Presented by FOL and FOCUS Cummer**  
**2011 – 2012**

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011, 2 p.m.

Joyce Gabiou, Artist

"Get Involved with Hands-on Collage"

Please call 280-2976 to reserve your seat

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011, 6:30 p.m.

Susan Gallo, Cummer Director of Education

"Exotic Streets of North Africa as seen through French Artist Eugene Charvot's Paintings, Prints and Drawings"

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2012, 6:30 p.m.

Nadine Terk, Artist

"Asian Woodcuts and Their Influence on Impressionism"

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2012, 2:00 p.m.

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 October and March programs.** For further information, please call Marianne Stein, 280-2976, or Gerry Bialka, 285-1114.

# SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

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*Teen magicians Haley, Alex, Corey, and Bryan with magician Mark Allan, Youth Services Librarian Anne Crawford, and Volunteer Jarred*



*Nease H.S. Arts in Motion Club teens assist with Fun with Flowers...For Kids*



*Fun with Flowers...For Kids*

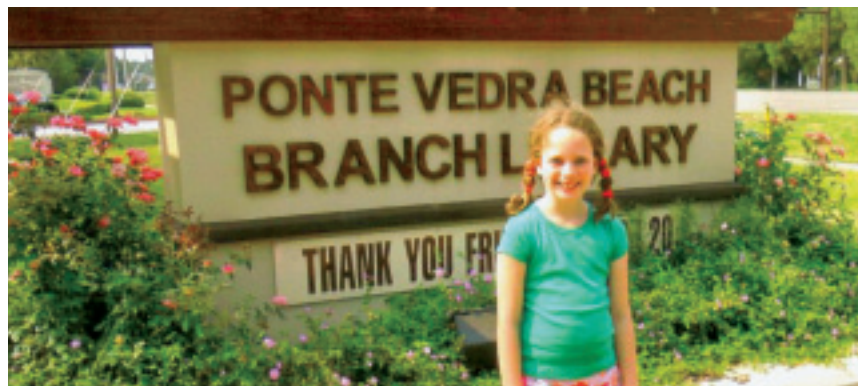


*Fun with Flowers...For Kids*

## National Library Card Sign-up Month — You are Never too Young!



*Ella Richardson, in 2003 with Librarian Betty Frederick, gets her first library card. Ella is the granddaughter of Barbara Levoy, former FOL board member*



*Ella Richardson, still reading at 8 years old, is a great fan of the Harry Potter series and Lemony Snickett*

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## THIRD ANNUAL WRITING CONTEST FOR YOUTH

*Deadline: December 1, 2011*

The Friends of the Library invites entries for its third annual **Student Essay Contest**. The topic for this year's contest is, "In a world of electronic media, why we still need a library full of books."

FOL Board Member and contest chairwoman, Owene Weber, stated that the contest is designed to encourage young people to consider the value of books printed on paper in their lives and to explore the meaning of books to our world. "All of us have computers, I-pods, or blackberries, but most of us would be reluctant to give up the books we love so well. Since young people are the future of America, we want them to think hard about the library with its books as one of society's most important features and one we do not want to lose."

The theme of last year's competition was, "Right or Wrong: A Book That Helped Me Make a Decision." First Prize Winners from High School, Middle School and Elementary School were: Cayte O'Connor of Ponte Vedra High School, Garrett Gimbel of Palmer Catholic Academy, and Mijkalena Smith of The Webster School.

**Cash prizes will be awarded** for first, second, and third place in each division, and the High School winner will be invited to read the winning essay at the FOL Annual Dinner Meeting in January 2012.

For further information pick up a contest flyer at the Library after September 1, 2011.



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### LIBRARY CLOSINGS

**CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 (LABOR 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.