

Check This Out!

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

May - June
2010



Upcoming Events at Your Library

Wednesday, May 5, 2:00 p.m.

Adventures in Art

Prof. Ginger Sheridan of JU Film Dept.
"The Art of Photography"

Wednesday, May 12, 6:00 p.m.

Ponte Vedra Forum

"Meet Ben Franklin"

Monday, May 17, 6:30 p.m.

Book Talk Café

Author Pamela Bauer Mueller, *Splendid Isolation: The Jekyll Island Millionaires' Club*

Wednesday, May 19, 6:30 p.m.

Library-sponsored program for adults, Dr. Doree Lynn, Adult Relationship Psychologist

Thursday, May 20, 10:00 a.m.

Breakfast Book Club,

Pearl of China, by Anchee Min

Thursday, May 20, 12:00 p.m.

Volunteer Luncheon

(Mailed invitations will follow.)

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

Dr. Gerson Yessin Music Series

Dr. Guy Yehuda, Clarinetist

Thursday, May 27, 11:00 a.m.

Bingo for Books for Adults

Refreshments and prizes.

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Meet Ben Franklin



Art Yeaman,
Presenter

Wednesday, May 12,

6:00 p.m.

FOL Community Room

MEET BEN FRANKLIN for an entertaining presentation at the Ponte Vedra Library. The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a chance to **Meet and Greet Ben**. You are welcome to bring your own Social Media Technology for this portion of the program. The formal presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Ben Franklin, aka **Art Yeaman** will present an overview of the life, wit and humor of one of America's founders. Mr. Yeaman will highlight the **1752 Kite Story**, Ben's friendship with local historic figure **John Bartram** and Franklin's **1765 trip to St. Augustine**. It will include a patriotic tribute to freedom, liberty and independence. This is an interesting and educational opportunity for all ages and children, accompanied by parents, are welcome to attend.

The Ponte Vedra Forum Series is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. No reservations are required, and the program is free and open to the public. For further information, please call 904-514-4499.

Visit our Website at: www.friendspvlibrary.org Contact us at: pvfriends@comcast.net

The continuing

Spotlight on individual FOL Board Members

series is pleased to introduce you to three more of the members who guide the Friends of the Library Board.



Liz Brazis,
2nd Vice President,
Membership Chairman

Elizabeth Brazis, a Chicago native, relocated to Ponte Vedra Beach when her husband joined the original group of physicians at the Mayo Clinic in 1986. Her community involvement started soon thereafter, as **President of the Mayo Clinic Wives' Club**. She also published the Neighborhood Newsletter while she was on the board of the **Cypress Creek Homeowners' Association**. For eight years, Liz comprised the entire ticket committee of the Jacksonville Library's annual book fair, **Much Ado About Books**.

She is justifiably proud of her two children who graduated from Nease High School. Her son holds a Ph.D. in electrical engineering and is the Research Manager for the Underwriters Laboratory. Her daughter received her MBA and works with Chase Mortgage Services in Jacksonville.

Liz admits to being devoted to playing bridge and cooking; she has even volunteered to cook lunches for the homeless at the **Mission House** in Jacksonville Beach.

As chairman of **Membership Services** for the Friends of the Library, she is dedicated to developing new ideas and programs to increase membership interest in the organization. Liz states she "feels a connection with each family that join the FOL", and welcomes them into the library and the many services for children and adults it provides to the community.



Vic DiGenti,
President

Vic DiGenti describes himself modestly as a broadcaster, a writer, speaker, Gator fan, a husband, father and grandfather, and a rescuer of wayward cats, not necessarily in that order. After suffering a short gig selling vacuum cleaners to support his new wife, he joined Jacksonville's Public Broadcasting Radio station, **WJCT**. During the next thirty-five years he was public affairs producer, head of corporate communications, and producer of the nationally acclaimed **Jacksonville**

Jazz Festival. His spare time was devoted to his freelance humor column for *The Beaches Leader*.

Upon retiring in 2001, he turned to his first love—writing. Inspired by his household of feline critters, he wrote *Windrusher*, *Windrusher and the Cave of Tho-hoth*, and *Windrusher and the Trail of Fire* (Ocean Publishing), which have won multiple awards. His latest unpublished manuscript, *Matanzas Bay*, has already been named a Book of the Year in the 2009 Royal Palm Literary Awards

Competition. Agents are reportedly battling over publication rights of this mystery novel.

Vic joined the FOL in 2006 and immediately contributed his expertise to the **Major Author Events**, including author Khaled Hosseini's, *The Kite Runner*, among others. As Regional Director for the **Florida Writers Association**, Vic's professional relationships with many regional authors have facilitated his creation of the FOL's very popular program series, *Book Talk Café*.

His writing and volunteer work is supported by his wife, Evanne, and proud sons and granddaughter, who live in California. Currently, serving his second term as **President of the FOL**, Vic's leadership and enthusiasm have helped the organization to thrive and offer more varied, innovative and new programs and services to the Ponte Vedra Library and community.



Sandy Gryb,
Secretary

Sandy Gryb, a Montreal, Canada native, has lived in five states, the latest being Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida for a period of 20 years. She and her second husband Bob, have a combined family of six children, and thirteen grandchildren. Her career path has included airline stewardess, administrative assistant in the insurance, banking and telecommunications industries, as well as being a real estate agent in two states. **To say her life has been large and varied would be an understatement!**

After a moving personal experience at a Ronald McDonald House in Pittsburgh when her grandson had a liver transplant, Sandy and Bob have committed to volunteering once a week, for 20 years, at the **Ronald McDonald House in Jacksonville**. Her community involvement also includes having served on the board of the **Ponte Vedra Woman's Club** and editing their newsletter.

Sandy's lifelong relationship with libraries began as a child, with the joy of checking out her own choice of books. As a young mother with two babies, she frequented a small storefront Los Angeles branch library. She states, "[I] read through the fiction section, starting with 'A' and going forward. I would check out as many books as they allowed, then return them the next week and get another bunch."

After her career and raising her family, Sandy's interest in libraries was renewed when she was asked to edit the **Friends of the Library "Check This Out" newsletter**. She joined the FOL board, served for many years, took a year off, and returned to the Board in the position of **Secretary**.

She describes her experience as, "I enjoy being on the FOL board because we accomplish so much with little or no discord and everyone has been a delight to work with." **She has served with six different FOL presidents and three library branch managers.** Sandy contributes as an invaluable and integral member of the FOL Board with her positive attitude, willingness to work cooperatively, belief in the FOL's Mission Statement, and her dedication to the importance of libraries in our community.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



Message From the President

Dear Friends,

Sir Richard Steele, the eighteenth century Irish writer and politician, and co-founder of the magazine, *The Spectator*, once said, “**Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.**” That quote got me to thinking about how our visually-oriented culture is producing young people who don’t read books nearly as much as prior generations. They spend time instead with their computers, TV sets, game systems, and cell phones, texting one another.



I know this marks me as a hopeless old fogey from the dark ages. Still, when I read stories of how parents use television as a babysitter instead of reading to their infants and toddlers, I have to wonder what the long-term results might be. Of course, scientists have already answered that. They warn that **too much television can negatively impact young minds, leading to lowered academic performance, especially reading scores.** They also say that the “two-minute mind” is being altered by the visual, swift-moving nature of the stimulus, giving them shorter attention spans and impatience “... with any material requiring depth of processing” (American Academy of Pediatric News, May 1998).

Reading, on the other hand, teaches us to think in a logically connected manner and cultivates a sustained attention span. Your library is part of the solution to these reading problems. If we make more visits to the library with our children and grandchildren; if we get them their own library cards; if we take our young children to the Family Story Time on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 a.m., and if we take advantage of the bargain books on sale at Seymour’s for readers of all ages, we can do our part to boost the reading quotient in our little part of the world.

Libraries are embattled institutions these days because of funding cuts at both state and local levels. Here in Florida, the legislature removed the \$21.2 million State Aid to Public Libraries, which would have eliminated more than \$8 million in federal matching funds. Because of the outcry from library supporters and the media, the program was refunded for \$15 million. Perhaps, with enough public outcries, by the end of the legislative session on April 30, the rest of the funding will be restored. Let’s cast a vote for both education excellence and improved reading skill by continuing to support our libraries and encouraging our young people to read.

Your FOL membership goes a long way to helping fund another generation of readers. Thank you!

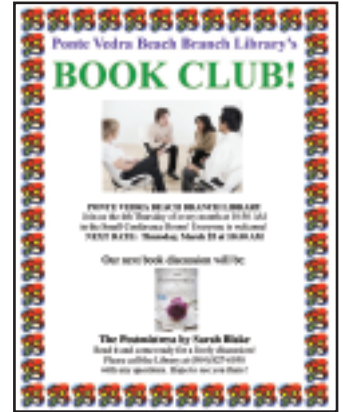
Sincerely,
Vic DiGenti,
President

Programs

Ponte Vedra Library Book Club

The Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library Friends of the Library are proud to sponsor a new book club. **Books are chosen by librarians who are knowledgeable about the newest and highest-reviewed fiction and non-fiction publications.**

At the end of each meeting, participants will be able to check out a copy of the book selected for the following month’s meeting. No more trying to reserve a special book or hunting down a copy of a difficult-to-find book within a timely period.



Meetings of the Book Club are held the **4th Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Small Conference Room.** Enjoy reading the book, and come ready for a lively discussion with other interested readers. Call the library at 827-6950 with any questions.

FLYP (Florida Library Youth Program) Summer Reading Program

Join us for summer reading fun at your library with a **weekly performance designed to get your child excited about reading and coming to the library.** These events, sponsored by the FOL, are targeted at elementary-aged children but the whole family is welcome to attend. Weekly performances will include the **Jacksonville Zoo, Magician Mark Alan,** and many more. For information, please pick up your FLYP brochure at the Library starting May 1.



The FLYP will kick-off on **Thursday, June 10 at 2:00 p.m. with the “Meet Your Local Superheroes” event.**

Find out what St. John’s County firefighters, police officers and lifeguards do, learn how to be safe this summer, ask questions, and come check out their fire trucks and police cars. Reading logs, which you use to win prizes for every 5 days you read or are read to, will be available at the FLYP Kick-Off, or the Children’s Desk anytime after the kick-off on June 10. The whole family is welcome to attend!

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.

This way, you shouldn’t experience any interruption in being notified of the upcoming events at your library!



MAY - JUNE

ADULT LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

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

Great Books
The Great Books Discussion Group will meet in the PGA Media Room. For information contact the library or Liliana Preble at (904) 273-1658, or e-mail legapreble@aol.com.

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Internet Basics
Thursday, May 13, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
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 visit the Reference Desk.

Great Decisions
Mondays, May 17, June 21, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Great Decisions meets monthly on the 3rd Monday each month from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. We choose topics on current international issues for the following month, for group discussion. Our group welcomes new participants. No meetings are scheduled for July and August; meetings resume on September 20 for the fall session. For more information, contact Bonnie Morrow at 285-6096 or bonimor12601b@aol.com.

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Volunteer Luncheon
Thursday, May 20, 12:00 p.m.
Luncheon and program to honor library volunteers. The Jack Morgan Scholarship will also be awarded to a Teen Volunteer. Invitations will follow by mail.

Dr. Gerson Yessin Music Series
Tuesday, May 25, 6:30 p.m.
Music program presented by virtuoso clarinetist, Dr. Guy Yehuda. This program, which concludes this season's music series, is free and open to the public. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

ADULT LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Bingo for Books for Adults
Thursday, May 27, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
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.

Internet Searching
Thursday, June 3, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Learn how to effectively search the Web using directories and search engines. Participants must be familiar with the Internet or have taken Internet Basics. To sign up for this class, please contact the Reference department at (904) 827-6950, or visit the Reference Desk.

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CHILDREN'S & FAMILIES' LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Teens Read with Kids
Saturday, May 8, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Children (birth - 5th grade) are invited to be read to be a teen—or read to a teen! Use the library's selection or bring your favorites from home. Program is presented by the Ponte Vedra High School's Book Club. Program will not be held during June - August, will resume in September.

After-School Crafts
Wednesday, May 12, 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. Make your own bookmarks to take home to celebrate Children's Book Week. No registration, all materials provided and the program is free. Program will not be held during June - August, will resume in September.

"Fun with Flowers...for KIDS!" Workshops
Saturday, May 22, 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.
Children (5 - 11) are invited to learn about gardening and growing to make their own flower arrangements with the Sisterhood of the Traveling Plants. Materials are provided; each child must pre-register by stopping by the Reference Desk or call the library at 827-6950. Children must have an adult present for the duration of the program.

Family Story Times
Tuesdays, June 1 and June 15;
July 6, 20, 11:00 a.m.
Designed for children ages 16 months to 5 years, but all children and their families are welcome. Families with a baby and older sibling are encouraged to attend this program. Contact Ms. Anne at 827-6952 for more information. This program will not be held during the months of May and August.

CHILDREN'S & FAMILIES' LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Just for Babies Storytime
Tuesdays, June 1, 15;
July 6, 20, 10:15 - 10:30 a.m.
For babies birth - 15 months. Infant lapsite program designed for one-on-one interaction between caregiver and baby. This program will not be held during the months of May and August.

FLYP Kick-Off Program - "Meet Your Local Superheroes"
Thursday, June 10, 2:00 p.m.
(See article on FLYP program on pg. 5 for more information.)

FLYP Program (8 weeks)
Thursdays, June 17, 24; July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29; August 5, - 2:00 p.m.
Join us for summer reading fun, including a weekly performance at each program. Whole families are welcome. **Please note that program have been changed this year, to Thursdays at 2:00 p.m.** (See article on FLYP program on page 5.)

Summer Family Movie Afternoon
Wednesday, June 30 - 3:00 p.m.
The whole family is invited to a popular book-based movie (rated G or PG), projected onto our large screen. Light refreshments will be served. Movie selections will be announced later and book copies will be raffled off at each program. This program is free and open to the public.

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"TWEENS" & TEENS LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Teen Gaming
Monday, May 10, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Monday, June 14, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
All tweens and teens ages 11 - 18 are invited to come to the library to challenge your friends on our Nintendo Wii (on our big screen) and our X-Box 360! This event is held the second Monday of each month and co-hosted by the Ponte Vedra High School's Book Club, Gamestop of Jacksonville Beach, and Anne Crawford, Youth Services Librarian. Come to compete and have fun doing it! Light refreshments provided.

Crafts for Tweens and Teens
Saturdays, June 19; July 17;
and August 21, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
All tweens and teens ages 12 - 18 are invited to join the teens from the Arts in Motion Club of Nease High School in the Small Conference Room for fun crafts this summer. Hang out with your friends and make cool stuff for yourself. No registration, all materials provided and it is free! Please call Anne Crawford, Youth Services Librarian at 827-6950 with any questions.



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

Seymour's Bookstore GENTLY READ BOOKS

Book Sale Operations

During the week of April 13 – 17, we have completed another successful semi-annual book sale. Once again it was a financial success. Book sales netted **\$8200**, which was in line with last spring's book sale results. Once again the Friends, through the generosity of its members and Ponte Vedrans, will be able to fulfill its mission to make the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch an outstanding educational, cultural, civic and recreational center for the community.

On to our favorite subject: SEYMOUR'S

Forgive the favoritism, but this is our life. All the volunteers are enjoying the new life of the store since our expansion. It is exciting to come to work and experience an average of **40+ patrons each day**. **This represents a 25% increase**. We continue to have a high percentage, over 50%, who will purchase a book or books. **In fact Seymour's has sold over 4,000 items in the first three months!**

Patrons continue to rave about the new store. They like the new look. They immediately notice that **a far greater number of books are for sale**. **More categories that were previously not available in the old store have been added.**

It's likely that the expansion is also responsible for the **increase in the number and quality of books that are donated**. It is not uncommon to experience days when hundreds of books are donated. The volunteers hurry to stay ahead of the donations. We always keep track of the books we sell. **The volunteers daily replace books sold with new donations that interest our patrons**, and add and change often so different titles are available each time someone comes into the store.

We've said it before and we'll say it again: **It is always a great feeling to know that members' patronage keeps Seymour's the wonder of wonders**. In addition, more and more library patrons are finding our store the answer to their reading needs.

Guy DiCarlo,
Vice President, Book Sales



Children's Book Review CHILDREN WHO CARE

A recent book is Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace... One School at a Time. The author, Greg Mortenson remarked that **"it was hard to explain to adults why I wanted to help students in Pakistan, but kids got it right away..."**. Most parents, grandparents, teachers, etc. who are in a position to influence young minds have numerous choices to promote humanitarianism with books. Reading true stories of children who make a difference enables us, by example, to promote a helping attitude in our children.

The burning of the Alexandria Library and the great Baghdad



Alia, Librarian of Basra, Iraq

Library made a significant impression on Alia, an Iraqi librarian of the Basra Central Library. In Alia's Mission, Saving the Books of Iraq, thousands of books were removed by Alia, her husband, friends and neighbors before the library was set on fire at the invasion of Iraq.

A children' version of Mortenson's book is Listen to the Wind, the Story of Dr. Greg and Three Cups of Tea. It's in picturebook format with brilliant, colored collage illustrations. Children all over the world have collected pennies, and the first school built by **"Pennies for Peace"** was in a small village of **Korphe** in Pakistan. The premise was to have each community involved in the planning, materials and labor. Since that first school, Dr. Mortenson has helped build fifty-seven more schools for children in **Pakistan** and **Afghanistan**.

Kids Care! 75 Ways to Make a Difference For People, Animals and the Environment has many ideas how to help others and make a difference. For example, it explains how to organize a "Help the Animals" fair selling home-made items such as pet toys or bird feeders.

Paul Fleischman's book Seedfolks tells the story of a Vietnamese-American girl who builds a garden in an empty inner city lot, bringing together people of different cultures and nationalities, sharing their life stories and transforming the neighborhood.

Encourage your children to read books of great deeds by other children they will be inspired to use their own initiative. Let's do all we can to promote this spirit of generosity!

Marianne Stein,
VP Library Support

RAPID REVIEWS, By Carolee Bertisch *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery

A best seller in France and England, published in thirty five languages, **The Elegance of the Hedgehog** is a book not to be missed. Combining a heart-warming story with the most exquisite writing, it is composed of journal entries by two unusual characters. Renee Michel is the 54 year old concierge in a Paris apartment house, where 12 year old Paloma Josse lives. Both disguise their brilliant minds behind ordinary facades until Kakuro Ozo enters their lives and their building, and everything changes. The book embraces philosophy, art, beauty, tea, class structure, and Japanese culture through characters who will make you smile, laugh and cry.

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

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Branch Manager's Report

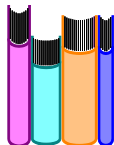
Shake off those winter doldrums! The cold weather is leaving, the sun is shining, and that can mean only one thing-- things are starting to heat up at the library! First, **psychologist and media expert Dr. Dorree Lynn** (*Sex for Grownups*, HCI Publishers, Spring 2010) will be here on Wednesday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. to share her insights on how to best ensure that your relationships are as healthy and enjoyable as possible. As a regular media expert for the American Psychological Association, Dr. Lynn has been featured on PBS and ABC's "Good Morning America", among others, and has been quoted in such publications as *Newsweek*, *Time*, and *The Washington Post*. Mature patrons are invited to a responsible and insightful program about relationships, healthy intimacy, and positive communication. For more information please contact Branch Manager, Amy Ring, at 827-6950, or through e-mail at aring@sjcfl.us.



Did you know that the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Friends of the Library are now sponsoring a Book Club? That's right! **But what, you may ask, makes this Book Club different?** First, our book choices are made by librarians who keep tabs on the newest, highest-reviewed fiction and non-fiction. Second, when you come to a Book Club meeting you will actually be able to check out a copy of the next month's book at the end of that meeting! That means no more hunting down a copy of a difficult-to-find book and then finding yourself in the situation of finally getting a copy when it's too late to even read it! Our next Book Club meeting will take place on Thursday, May 20 at 10:30 a.m. We'll be discussing **Anchee Min's Pearl of China**. Call us at 827-6950 to reserve your copy today! (Book club meetings will not be held in July and August.)

There is always something going on at our library. Be sure to stop by and check things out!

Amy Ring,
Branch Manager



Enjoy New and Old Books at the Book Talk Café'

For three years, the FOL's Book Talk Café program has brought an array of outstanding authors to our library. The program continues in May and June with a look back at the colorful crowd of legendary business titans who were part of the Jekyll Island Millionaires' Club, and an expert on old books who will tell us what to look for when collecting first editions.

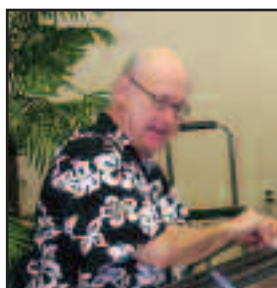
Monday, May 17, 6:30 p.m.
Author, Pam Mueller

Splendid Isolation: The Jekyll Island Millionaires' Club

After a series of award-winning children's and young adult books, Pamela Bauer Mueller wrote *Splendid Isolation: The Jekyll Island Millionaires' Club*. Jekyll Island, our neighbor to the north, was developed by and for millionaires as a place to relax from the pressures of business. Well-known tycoons such as the **Astors, Rockefellers, Morgans, Pulitzers and Goodyears** were among the many members of this exclusive Millionaires' Club who built their "cottages" on the island. *Splendid Isolation* chronicles the history of the club during the Gilded Age through the eyes of four longtime employees.



Monday, June 21, 6:30 p.m.
Doug Tappin, Book Appraiser



This Book Talk Café program doesn't focus on any one book, but on old books in general. Doug Tappin, longtime proprietor of **Tappin Book Mine in Atlantic Beach**, and one of the appraisers at this year's Antique Appraisal Showcase, will share some of his **extensive knowledge about first edition books**. Doug will tell us what makes a book valuable, how to determine its age, and learn how much a book is worth. Bring your questions for Doug to answer.

Book Talk Café is presented by the FOL, and is free and open to the public. Each program begins at 6:30 p.m. with light refreshments served.

October 18-24, 2010



TPC Sawgrass-Dye's Valley Course
Save \$10 off the gate price, and FOL receives 100% of the proceeds!

Order your tickets at this exact web address:
<https://www.winn-dixiejacksonvilleopen.com/tickets>

FOL, in partnership with PepsiCo® Tickets for Charity, will receive 100% of ticket proceeds, when you use the above web address to order your tickets, and DESIGNATE FOL AS YOUR CHARITY.

Not only will you get a chance to see the PGA TOUR stars of tomorrow at TPC Sawgrass, but you will be helping the Friends of the Library with our many projects that enhance our community.

Buy your tickets now!

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Internationally known virtuoso clarinetist, **Dr. Guy Yehuda** serves on the faculty of the UNF as Professor of Clarinet where he also teaches music theory and Chamber Music. He served as **Conductor-in-Residence of the Royal Conservatory Orchestra in Toronto**, and is also a published composer and winner of the prestigious **Israeli Sharet Composition Award**.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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Sisterhood of the Traveling Plants

The Friends of the Library sponsored the first program of the “Sisterhood of the Traveling Plants” on Saturday, March 27. More than 50 attendees enjoyed learning from “sisters” Cathy and Marilyn how to use food and flowers in wonderful spring arrangements and for table settings. Below are pictures of the beautiful arrangements, the program presenters, and members of the group in attendance.



Cathy and Marilyn inform and entertain their audience with clever “chatter”.



Attendees show off their own personalized arrangements.



A lovely setting for a tea party.



Tulips and other spring flowers complete a pretty table centerpiece.

This interesting, fun and very successful program will resume in the fall. Keep watching for posters in the Library announcing the next “Sisterhood of the Traveling Plants” program and make plans to attend!

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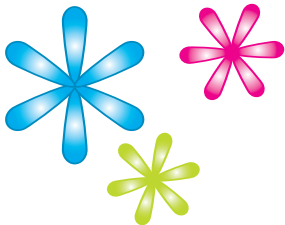
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