



Antonette Plate, a member of the Garden Club of Cape Coral, places caterpillars on a plant in the Library's Butterfly Garden. The garden, which is maintained by the Garden Club and funded by the Friends of the Library, is located in the courtyard behind the circulation desk.

The ultimate Friends' reading list

Several Friends' members shared their summer reads at July's membership meeting. The following combines reader comments with material from the library card catalog.

The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini. **Marie Shively** found this story of the friendship between two boys growing up in Kabul book to be an interesting and new way to look at life in Afghanistan.

Uncommon Carriers by John McPhee. **Judy Manos** described this as a fascinating book about the author's journeys with people who work in freight transportation -- driving trucks, captaining ships, piloting towboats, driving coal trains and more.

The World is Flat: a brief history of the twenty-first century by Thomas Friedman. Recommended by **Crystal Revak**, the book is an interesting reading on economics, designed for the lay person. It explains how today's computer connectedness is giving individuals the ability to collaborate and compete on a global scale. Crystal also recommended the **Kevin Kerney mystery/detective series** by Michael McGarrity.

The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd. **Maria Maddalena** enjoyed this story about mothers and daughters and the women in our lives who become our true mothers. She also recommended:

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Russian author at September meeting

The Friends of the Cape Coral Library will hold its next meeting on Saturday, September 16 at 10 a.m. in the Cape Coral Library meeting room. The speaker for this meeting is Anatole "Tony" Kurdsjuk.

Kurdsjuk's book, *The Long Walk Home with Miracles Along The Way*, is an historical memoir recounting his family's life and struggles during the birth of Communism in the Soviet Union, the Stalinist purges of the 1920's and 30's, and ultimately through Nazi occupation and imprisonment during the Second World War. Since its release *The Long Walk Home* has been lauded as an amazing tale of love, courage and strength through adversity, imparting a very personal viewpoint on some of the most troubling times of the Twentieth Century.



"Tony" is retired and lives in Fort Myers with his wife of forty-plus years. Born in Russia on the shores of the Sea of Azov, he was forced from his home at the onset of World War II and survived three years in a German slave labor camp before being liberated by Patton's Third Army. After serving in the US Air Force and working as an Information Systems Executive, he retired in 1997 and began writing his family history as a legacy to his children.

A special "thank you"

From the Branch Librarian

Summer is always an active time for our library. Over 3000 children and teens participated in the Cape Coral Library Summer Reading Team. In order to provide service, we had a table set up for registration and weekly reading log updates. This table needed to be staffed during our hours of operation and several of our wonderful adult volunteers helped.

However, this year, the table was mostly staffed by 23 teen volunteers over our eight weeks of the reading program. Judy Smith, our volunteer coordinator sent out a thank you message to each teen and she suggested a modest gift certificate would be nice. The cost was covered by the Friends and the teen volunteers were very pleased with their thank you card and gift certificate. Many of the teens have contacted us to express their appreciation.



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Much to see and do in the month of September

Message from the President

The "lazy days" of summer are winding down (do any of us have lazy summer days any more?), and the evenings are becoming cooler, a sure sign to Floridians that fall is just around the corner.

We're happy to welcome new member Crystal Revak as our new Publicity Committee chair. Beginning with the November issue, Crystal will also serve as the new editor/publisher for the *Accents*. Crystal has been very busy getting publicity out for various Friends' activities and events.

There are many things happening this month, and I hope you'll make time to participate or check them out.

One of the most important events this month are the **library budget hearings**. This is a great opportunity to be an advocate for our library. You'll find details for the budget hearings below.

We have, as usual, a wonderful gallery exhibit this month, featuring dramatic photographs and interesting sculptures. Read all about it on page 5.

The Butterfly Garden is in bloom, so be sure to stop out there when you visit the library. Many thanks to **Paula Novander** and **Antonette Plate**, hard-working members of the Garden Club of Cape Coral who keep the garden looking beautiful.

The Friends membership meeting on September 15 will feature author Tony Kurdsjuk speaking about his memoir of life during the birth and rise of Communism in Russia. Don't miss this opportunity to hear first-hand experience with world historical events.

I hope to see you there!

Marcy Schaller

Be a library advocate!

The Lee County Board of County Commissioners will hold its first budget hearing on September 7, 2006 followed by the final budget hearing on September 21, 2006. Both meetings start at 5:05 p.m. in the Commission Chambers. The public is invited to attend and speak at these hearings, where the library millage rate will be set.

It is important that we are represented at these hearings to let the Board of County Commissioners know that the community supports our libraries. The building of the new Northwest Regional Library indicates strong Board support for the importance of additional library services in our community. We need to let the Commissioners know that we appreciate their continued commitment to quality library services.

Community advocates

The Southwest Florida Library Network (SWFLN) has named **Commissioner Ray Judah** SWFLN's Library Champion. This award is given annually to recognize an elected or appointed official who has demonstrated exceptional support and attention to libraries. Commissioner Judah is a tireless supporter of libraries on the local, state, and national levels. He recognizes that libraries add significantly to the overall quality of life in our communities.

WINK-TV news anchor **Lois Thome** has been named SWFLN's Library Advocate. The Library Advocate Award is given annually to recognize and honor a member of the community who has demonstrated exceptional support for and attention to the promotion of libraries. Lois Thome has been the voice of the Lee County Reading Festival since its inception. She has given countless hours and boundless energy to promoting the Reading Festival.

Friends and Trustees Workshops on fall schedule

The Friends & Trustees Regional Workshops, sponsored by the State Library, are scheduled for this Fall. The Regional Workshops are an opportunity for attendees to learn about issues affecting libraries and Friends of Libraries, and to network with other Friends groups. One of these Regional workshops will be held here in Lee County at the South County Regional Library. Friends will be notified of the exact date and details of the workshop when these are available.

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The Other Side of Me by Sydney Sheldon. Memoir of entertainment legend Sidney Sheldon, an Academy Award-winning screenwriter and creator of many television hits; and

Blink by Malcolm Gladwell. After studying how people make instant decisions Gladwell describes how we can make better instant judgments by training our mind and senses.

Best Friends by Martha Moody. Beverly Woodburn described this story of two women who meet in college and become friends for life. One is from a working-class Protestant family, the other from a wealthy Jewish family. Over the years, one is drawn deeper into the other's family-until she uncovers the kind of secret that no one wants to tell a best friend.

Red Hat Club by Haywood Smith. Nellie Slaton calls this a "laugh out loud" read, great for light summer reading by the pool. A novel about a group of irrepressible women and the power women can find when they accept and support each other. Nellie also enjoyed **We Are All Welcome Here** by Elizabeth Berg. Based on a true story about a young mother who contracts polio at 22 while pregnant, delivers her baby from an iron lung, and is left alone after her husband divorces her. Despite the fact that she can move only her head, she determines to live as normal a life as possible and to raise her daughter.

Twelve Sharp by Janet Evanovich. Carolyn McKinney says that Janet Evanovich's most recent book about New Jersey bounty hunter Stephanie Plum's latest caper is well worth reading. Carolyn also recommends the **culinary mysteries of Diane Mott Davidson**, and assured her Friends that reading mysteries keeps your mind sharp!

Julie and Julia by Julie Powell. Kathryn Nelson's summer read chronicles Powell's yearlong odyssey of cooking every recipe in Julia Child's *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*. Kathryn also read **The Jungle** by Upton Sinclair for a book discussion group. First published in 1906, *The Jungle* exposed inhumane working conditions and led to new regulations that forever changed workers' rights and the meat packing industry. While it was a somewhat depressing book, it was interesting to draw parallels to today's labor force.

Library Program Sampler

There are some of the programs available at the library during the months of September and October. For a complete listing, visit www.lee-county.com/library. Register for library programs by calling 542-3953.

Play Lego's Fantasy Bionicle 11 a.m. Saturday, September 9

Challenge other players of this exciting board game, set in a mysterious world that has its own cast of characters and codes of conduct. Come test your skills and race for the Mask of Life (for ages 9-18).

How to Apply for a Habitat for Humanity Home

7 p.m. Tuesday, September 12
Habitat for Humanity representatives will offer instructions on applying for affordable housing through their program. Please preregister.

Anime Club @ Your Library 6 p.m. Tuesday, September 12 and Wednesday, October 11

Join a group of teens with an interest in anime, manga and other interesting aspects of Japanese culture. Registration requested.

Going to College? Who? Me? 6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 21 6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 28 (presented in Spanish)

Graduating from high school is an exciting time, but deciding what to do afterwards can be scary. Maria Torres, Edison College student development specialist, will help 10th-12th graders plan their future as she discusses ways to enter and pay for college. Registration requested; parents are welcome.

Craft Corner: Knitting, Crocheting and Cross-Stitching

4 p.m. Mondays, September 11 and October 16 and 30

Bring your ideas to light and needle a handmade treasure. Registration requested.

Ancestry 2006: Pre-Spanish Archaeological Social Series

6 p.m. Mondays, September 18 - October 2 Registration requested.

September 18 – Aztec Empire Conference presented by the La Tertulia Society with cultural promoter Quintin Perez
September 25 – Inca Empire Conference with poet Alvaro Ique
October 2 – Mayan Empire Conference (presenter to be announced).

Teen Scrapbooking 101 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 3

Come and learn the basics of scrapbooking. Bring five to 10 photographs; supplies provided. Registration requested.

Dig Into Family History 2 p.m. Wednesday, October 4

Lee County Genealogical Society members will offer an introduction to genealogy in honor of the Youth Heritage Fair (Oct. 21 at the Burroughs Home). Learn how to access public records and identify local resources – ideal instruction for newcomers or for family historians seeking a refresher. Registration requested.

Discusión del libro: Cometas en el Cielo de Khaled Hosseini Miércoles, 4 de octubre a las 7:00 p.m.

Book Discussion: Khaled Hosseini's The Kite Runner 7 p.m. Thursday, October 5

Cartooning With Doug MacGregor 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 10

Learn cartooning techniques from famous, News-Press cartoonist Doug MacGregor. Aspiring artists of all ages are welcome. Registration requested.

Hispanic Heritage Program 7 p.m. Thursday, October 12

Dr. Natalie Underberg, folklore scholar, will share her knowledge and research of Hispanic heritage and folklife and relate folktales from her work at the University of Central Florida's Heritage Alliance School of Film and Digital Media. Registration requested.

Learn to Paint 2 p.m. Thursday, October 26

Get a free painting lesson from the Decorative Artists of Southwest Florida. Go home with a one-of-a-kind decorative piece: a unique card created with different painting techniques. Registration required.

Pirate's Masked Ball 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 25

Test your pirate-mask designing skills as you and your crew work together to make pirate garb. Then, play more games, win prizes and find treasures! Materials provided and pirate booty awarded (for ages 9-18). Registration requested.

Gallery chair receives award

Congratulation to Gallery Committee Chair **Joyce Lyons**, who received an award for Outstanding Achievement in the Cultural Arts from the Cape Coral Council for Arts and Humanities in May. Joyce credits the hard work and commitment of all the members of the Gallery Committee: **Marian Borne-man, Beryl Bouchard, Honey Costa, Dorothy Lockhart, Pam Macabio, Don Nelson, Phil and Shirley O'Donnell, Rose Sapecky, and Ann Shuey.**

The Friends of the Library appreciate the Gallery Committee's efforts to enhance the services offered by our library!

Calendar of Events

September 2	Board Meeting
September 16	Membership Meeting
November 4	Board Meeting
November 18	Membership Meeting
December 8	Holiday Luncheon
January 6	Board Meeting
January 20	Membership Meeting



"Lunch Bunch", a sculpture by Daniel Vall, featured in the Gallery at the Cape Coral Library through September 30.

Friends welcome new Publicity Chair

Crystal Revak, Friends member since May, will be serving as the new Publicity Chair and Accents Editor.

Crystal and her husband Ken Ricketts moved to the Cape from Ohio seven years ago. She directs market, public and shareholder communications for SmartDisk Corporation, a high-tech company located in Fort Myers. She received a B.S. from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and an M.B.A. from Youngstown State University. Her business career has included public relations, investor relations and marketing. A love of reading, the library and work with an Ohio Friends group made joining the Cape Friends an easy decision.

Crystal has already been actively publicizing Friends meetings and activities, with a special publicity campaign for the Author's Luncheon fundraiser in February.



Book donations needed

The Friends of the Library are in need of book donations, especially recent books in good condition for the First Dibs ongoing book sale shelf.

If you have books you'd like to donate, please contact Bob Novander at 945-6548, or call the Friends of the Library at 477-5100.

The "First Dibs" book sale

shelves are restocked several times a week with new hardcover and paperback books, including bestsellers, by **Diane Payson** and **Maria Maddalena**. The ongoing sale is averaging over \$100 a week for the Friends of the Cape Coral Library to help with library programs.

Upcoming

Gallery Shows

August 19-September 30

Elisabeth Pollaert, international photographer, lends her talent to subjects including landscapes, light and shadow, unexpected juxtapositions and felines. Formerly a corporate energy lawyer and vice president at an investment bank, Ms. Pollaert has traveled throughout the United States, United Kingdom, Scandinavia, Southern Europe and the Middle East to capture inspirational photos.

Daniel Vall, acclaimed wood sculptor with Sculptors Unlimited, has had his exquisitely graceful water birds displayed in hundreds of homes and businesses around the world. His perceptions truly make birds in flight, stalkers and wandering waders come alive. Vall sees profound beauty in wood for which nature no longer has use. Sun, sea, salt and time have made their essential contributions to this sculptor's work.

October

Linda Koenig lives in Cape Coral with husband, Tom, and faithful puppydog, Pnut. She has studied at the University of Wisconsin and the Peninsula Art School in Door County, Wisconsin. She delights in painting the lighter hues that depict the Floridian style. Water is her medium of choice because of its spontaneity and transparency. She paints landscapes, florals, human and canine portraits, and in addition has been doing experimental watercolor murals.

Linda Wildman began painting seriously in the early 1980s. Most of her art are paintings of nature and flowers with the concept of realism. She mixes all of her own colors and has a reputation of her unusual variety of greens. June Bennett was born and raised in England where as a child she spent many hours in the historical castles and cathedrals of the country, fascinated by the great stained glass windows where the sunlight shone through and exposed them in all their glory. It wasn't until a few years later and a new life in the United States that the opportunity arise for her to pursue her childhood dream of becoming a glass artist. An award winning artist, her work has been shown in exhibitions and juried shows in Sanibel, Ft. Myers, and Cape Coral.



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