



Accents

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**Awards Ceremony for
“Coloring the Earth” Art Contest
Wednesday, May 9 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM
at the Cape Coral Library**

The Awards Ceremony for the 13th annual “Coloring the Earth” Art Contest for children ages 7 to 12 will be held in the Large Meeting Room at the Cape Coral Library. This year’s theme is *Let’s Protect Our Loggerhead Sea Turtles*. The public is



Keynote Speaker Kelly Sloane

encouraged to join youngsters, parents, teachers and prominent members of the community at this popular annual event sponsored by the Friends of the Cape Coral Library. Hear a presentation by keynote speaker Kelly Sloane, marine biologist and sea turtle coordinator of Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) and enjoy some refreshments.

The Cape Coral-Lee County Public Library is located at 921 SW 39th Terrace. Contact contest organizer Alessia Leathers at alessialeathers@yahoo.com for more information.

Winning entries will be displayed in the library’s art gallery from May 16 to the end of June. Sponsored by Friends of the Cape Coral Library.

Mark Your Calendar		
Sat., May 5, 2018	10:00 AM	Board Meeting
Wed., May 9, 2018	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Kid’s “Coloring the Earth” Art Contest Awards Ceremony
Sat., May 12, 2018	10:00 AM	Friends Volunteer Brunch Library Meeting Room—RSVP*
Sat. July 7, 2018	10:00 AM	Board Meeting
Sat., July 21, 2018	9:30 AM	General Meeting
Sat., Sept. 8, 2018	10:00 AM	Board Meeting
Sat., Sept. 22, 2018	9:30 AM	General Meeting
* RSVP by May 2 for Friends Volunteer Brunch: monica4608@comcast.net or 239-258-2991		

Welcome New Members

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| Mary Ahrens | Anita Lindner |
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| Dawn Ard | Lauri Mikell |
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President's Letter

Dear Friends,

Heartfelt thank you's are in order to members who recently stepped up to the plate and volunteered at some special events. Mary Anne Ferrarese and Linda Shorey helped with refreshments at the Conversation with Local Authors program. Dawn Lavacque, Cathy Atchison and Celeste Yost were great with the kids who visited our table at the Burrowing Owl Festival. Dawn, Cathy, Betsy Koscher and Shirley Hogan were wonderful at our SWFL Reading Festival booth. Thanks to one and all who worked their butts off to make the April Book Sale fundraiser a success. (A complete list of book sale volunteers will appear in the July/August issue of Accents.)

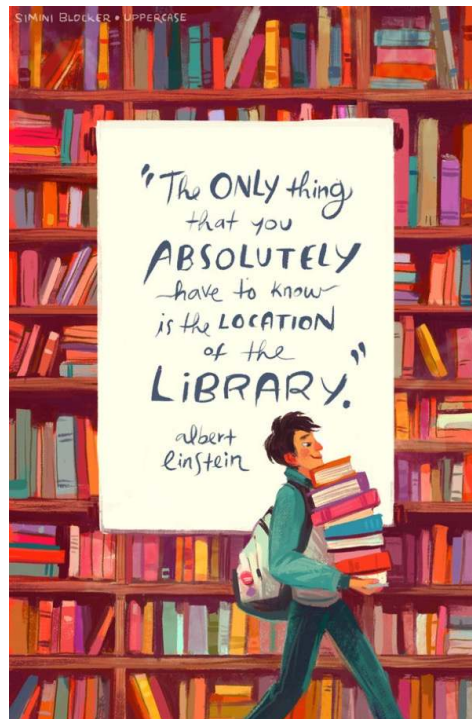
As always, I'm looking forward to seeing you at our meetings and events and at the many worthwhile library programs we sponsor.

Yours Truly,

Monica

Monica Rahman, President
Friends of the
Cape Coral Library

Quote of the Month:



Adorably illustrated by Simini Blocker

Recent Membership Drive Was a Smashing Success!

By Monica Rahman

We signed up 25 new members between January 1 and March 17! Kudos to Dawn Lavacque, our current Fundraising Chairperson (and also new Membership Chair, by the way) who deserves a ton of credit for organizing the drive and contest.

Big prize winner of \$100 in gift certificates was Linda Gumm, who referred 7 new members! Wow!

Names were picked at random from the pool of eligible participants at our March 17 annual meeting, and the lucky winners were announced: Sharon Stump, Audrey Wren, Helen Crim, Linda Holland, Eleanor Jean Kurowski, Diane Robertson, and Debbie Bunch.

A note of thanks to the local businesses who generously contributed the prizes: Dr. Mel's Wellness Spa Services, FINS Seafood and "Dive" Bar, Ford's Garage, Lobster Lady, Nevermind Awesome Eatery, Rib City Grill, and an Anonymous Donor.

Thank You to Cape Coral Kiwanis Foundation

Thank you to the Cape Coral Kiwanis Foundation for their grant of \$1000 to the Friends of the Cape Coral Library for the Summer Reading Program. Their generosity is greatly appreciated.

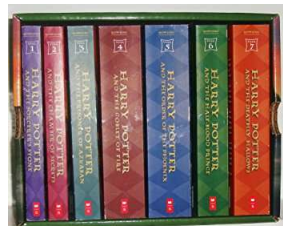
Thank
you

Books Purchased

To Honor Memory of Nellie Slaton

We recently found a great way to honor our long-time member Nellie Slaton, who passed away in December, 2016.

Many people had sent contributions to the Friends of the Cape Coral Library in her memory.



Nellie was a dedicated advocate for libraries, supported literacy initiatives, and enjoyed the company of youngsters. So when

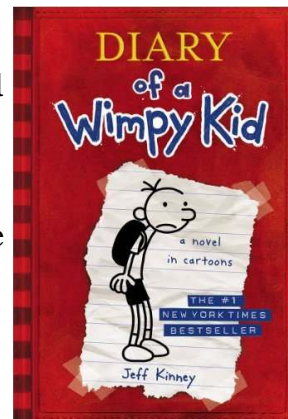
the Cape Coral Library asked about purchasing replacement copies for two of the most popular series that are beloved by kids and teens, our board agreed that it would be a most appropriate use of the funds. The books are part of the Cape Coral Library's permanent collection and are already on the shelf with bookplates that read:

"Donated in Memory of Nellie Slaton"

There are now 21 beautiful new hardcover copies in the Harry Potter series and 36 in the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series.

Also, members of the book club to which Nellie Slaton belonged recently coordinated with the Garden Club of Cape Coral to plant a bush

with her favorite color of flowers (yellow) in the Butterfly Garden with a sign honoring Nellie.



Southwest Florida Reading Festival:



From left to right: Cathy A. Busy at our Booth; Dawn L. Volunteering at our Booth; We Sponsored Author Carla Neggers; Volunteers Cathy A., Shirley H., Betsy K. and Monica R. at our Booth

Our Booth at Burrowing Owl Festival:



From left to right: Young Artist Drawing at our Booth; Our Volunteers, Cathy A. and Celeste Y. Pose with the Big Owl; Celeste Made a New Friend; Creating Artwork at our Table; Girl Scout Artist Came with her Mom

Photos from Author Events:



From left to right: FOCL Booth & FGCU Volunteers at Jan Brett Author Event; Kid's Play Game at Jan Brett Author Event; Library Staff & Friends Volunteer for Local Author Event.

Spring Book Sale Results

By Monica Rahman- President
Friends of the Cape Coral Library

The recent Spring 2018 Book Sale exceeded all expectations. We counted 1,034 people who came through the door for the Friends of the Cape Coral Library fundraising event, and we grossed \$9,510. Kudos to Bob and Paula Novander for their enormous efforts in putting together another successful sale. In addition, our wonderful team of cashiers (Marlene, Tenza and Nora) sold a total of 72 green tote bags made of recycled material and imprinted with our logo — a record! We're also grateful to all the people in the community who've donated books and those who've shopped with us. Thanks to librarian Dora Schilling and her staff who helped gather books throughout the year. Last but not least, a salute is in order to the volunteers who gave their time and energy to the sale. (A complete list of volunteers will appear in the next issue of this newsletter.) Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Fall 2018 Book Sale. The Members Only Preview Sale is scheduled for the afternoon of Thurs., Nov. 15. The sale will be open to the public on Fri. and Sat. Nov. 16 and 17. And thank you again for helping make the recent Spring Book Sale such a resounding success!

Gallery Exhibits

Artists on Exhibit in the Cape Coral Library Art Gallery

Brought to you by the Friends of the Cape Coral Library

Changing exhibits are featured in the spacious art gallery of the Cape Coral Public Library, which is located at 921 SW 39th Terrace. For information, contact Art Gallery Chairperson Monica Rahman: (239) 258-2991 or monica4608@comcast.net.

April 1 through May 11, 2018

If you missed the exhibit last month, you still have a little time to enjoy the two-dimensional artwork by Elisabeth Arena featured on the walls and her three-dimensional art (including some remarkable ceramic pieces) on display in the gallery cases. Elisabeth received a BFA from Tufts University in conjunction with the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston and spent two semesters of undergraduate study in Italy at Studio Art Centers International, Florence. She then went on to Radford University to obtain a Master's degree with a concentration in Drawing. Elisabeth Arena is also an art educator, currently teaching at Orangewood Elementary in Fort Myers. She recently launched Studio Brunnen, creating fine art stamps from her drawings.



Ceramic Pitcher by Elisabeth Arena

May 16 through June, 2018

A new tradition was established a few years ago, and it is one that we hope to continue in the future. This time of the year has been dedicated to exhibiting the work of young local artists.

Winning entries from the "Coloring the Earth" Contest will be displayed on the alcove walls. The annual environmental art contest for children ages 7 to 12 is organized by Alessia Leathers and is now in its 13th year. The theme this time is "Let's Protect Our Loggerhead Sea Turtles." The Friends of the Cape Coral Library sponsors the event and has provided frames so that the children's artwork can be displayed professionally in a gallery setting.

Kindergarten through Second Grade Fine Arts Teacher Elizabeth Olancin from Gulf Elementary School in Cape Coral will exhibit her students' creations on the walls and in the large cases in the library's gallery. Young though they may be, Mrs. Olancin's students already have previous experience exhibiting their artwork: at the Estero Art show, Cape Art on the Parkway, Lee County Fair, the Lee County School Board, and Alliance for the Arts, to name a few. A large collaborative painting created by the students was on display at RSW Airport in Fort Myers, for an entire year. Liz Olancin encourages the youngsters to give back to the community; eighteen of them gather twice a week before school to create paintings on rocks for the Relay Life event. Being an author and artist herself, Elizabeth Olancin has taught adults as well as children, has served as a judicator at local galleries, and was a presenter at the 2016 LAEA Art Conference held in Naples. Among the four books she has published, two of them are children's books, written and illustrated by Elizabeth: *One Inch at a Time* and *The Beginning Adventures of Popeye & Biscuit*. Elizabeth is currently finishing up her third children's book.

In the small case, view watercolors created by students age 6 to 12 in the Children's Art Class taught this winter by Betsy Koscher at the Cape Coral Art League. Koscher studied at the Rhode Island School of Design, is an accomplished artist herself, writes for art magazines, and has taught art for over 15 years. "Miss Betsy," as her students call her, has a way of inspiring creativity and motivating kids to paint and draw with originality. But most of all, they have a lot of fun in her class!



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