

November Book Sale

It was another fantastic book sale – we had people lining up for the Member’s Only sale over an hour before the 3:00 pm opening rush on Thursday Nov.17th. We made almost \$2,000 just that evening. The sale was busy all day Friday and Saturday, bringing in over \$6,500 for 3 days. I really want to thank Bob for all his hard work all year; picking up books, sorting and cleaning and boxing books, moving books – I really don’t know how he does it all. (Must have a very understanding and supportive wife). Thanks to all the volunteers that make it possible to put a huge book sale together twice a year. Now the good news – between the book sales, First Dibs, sales of earbuds and headphones, USB drives, etc. we have raised over \$100,000 in the past 5 years. That is just amazing.

Please remember and remind your friends that we are always looking for donations. They can be brought to the library – if you’re going that way. If you have a couple of boxes – let the librarians know and you can drive to the back loading dock and unload right at the Friends collection area.

Book Sale co-coordinator Bob Novander can also come and pick up at your home if you have a large donation. Leave a message on our Hotline at 349-2572 or send an email from capefriends.org.



May all of our wonderful Friends have a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

Mark Your Calendar

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| January 7, 2012 | Board Meeting |
| January 21, 2012 | General Meeting |
| March 3, 2012 | Board Meeting |
| March 17, 2012 | Reading Festival |
| March 24, 2012 | General Meeting |
| April 7, 2012 | Library Program |

THE FOUR LOVES OF FDR

Russian Cossacks Ride for Buffalo Bill

For the January 21st meeting, we will have Richard A. Georgian, who discovered, late in life, that his grandfather, Alexis, worked as a “Russian Cossack” in Buffalo Bill’s Wild West Show. His grandfather, he found, wasn’t alone. Cossacks, from the Russian Revolution, came to the U.S. to build a life as trick riders for Buffalo Bill. As a result of his family discovery, Georgian has become a leading expert on “Russian Cossacks” in America’s tent shows.

Richard is a world traveler, having lived in India, Vietnam, Australia, Bahrain, Italy and Puerto Rico. He was a radioman in the U.S. Navy. His presentation will be compelling as he discusses his “AHA” in life -- his grandfather’s legacy, which he spent years researching and now generously shares with others.

Join us at 9:30 for an interesting program.

This issue of Accents is loaded with information. So get comfortable with a good cup of coffee, and enjoy reading about what is coming.



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President's Letter

Dear Friends,

Wow is all I can say after our November book sale. We just keep getting such great donations, great help from our volunteers and terrific customers, all adding up to an amazing fund raising event for the Cape Coral library. I really want to thank "Buck and the boys" who help Bob move all the boxes from the storage units to the library meeting room. To Pam who was there every day, Kathryn and Tom for all their help getting signs out, taking care of the money and the Oreos! To Ada, Ann, Alita, Autumn, Beverly, Bob, Charlene, Connie, Diane, Elaine, Ingrid (visiting from Germany), Joan, Lucille, Mary, Mary Ann, Pat, Patty, Phillis, Rachell, Susan and Tenza for all their help getting those boxes unloaded and out on the tables. We always have a great time and many laughs as we try to figure out where that particular non-fiction book should go. But I really believe that our well organized and categorized sale helps sell the books. If you're looking for a French-English dictionary – we know right where to point you. I want to thank Meghan and Michael from the Cape Coral BREEZE for the super coverage they gave us – people can't come

if they don't know about it. We had front page coverage, pictures, even an interview with branch librarian Tori Hersh. Thank-you to the library for their withdrawals, we had a great collection of books on CDs; some of which were donated to the Military Support program of Lee Memorial at the end of the sale. It is an exhausting 4 days for all of us but so rewarding to see people's smiles as they leave with their arms loaded. AND, we're already getting some nice donations for next April.

If you missed our Holiday brunch Sunday, Dec 3rd you missed a great chance to relax and actually visit with some of the Friends. Thank-you to Patty for arranging the best tables at Palmetto Pines Country Club, and the good food. Something a little different this year and it was nice to meet some of the spouses of our hard working volunteers. So enjoy this Christmas holiday and we will see you all in January. Our next meeting is January 20th with a program on "Cossack Cowboys" – look for more information in Patty's article.

Paula Novander, President
Friends of the Cape Coral Library

Download Depot Digital Bookmobile - Event

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Digital Bookmobile event that took place on November 16, 2011 from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. The event was a resounding success with volunteers and staff helping 170 visitors. The Friends of Cape Coral Library donated an Amazon Kindle and two Sansa Clip+ 4gb MP3 players. Everyone who entered the raffle went on a tour of the bookmobile and learned all about downloading ebooks, and audiobooks. The raffle winners were of course, very happy and excited to have new devices to load up with audiobooks and eBooks. Again, many thanks to the Friends of the Cape Coral Library for donating the devices and to all volunteers and the staff of the library Collection Development Team and the Cape Coral Library Team.

Tori Hersh
Branch Manager

Notes and Information

Upcoming Library Programs – Cape Coral Library

Tori Hersh

Happy Holidays! Please take a look at our website for all the fun and exciting new programs coming up in January and February.

Children: In January we have:

Winter Story Time session beginning on January 11, 2012 and ending on February 18, 2012.

Kids Read Down Fines programs are scheduled on select Monday evenings and Thursday afternoons.

K-12th Grades: In February there are special programs for K-12:

Cartooning with Doug MacGregor on 2/21/2012 at 1 p.m.

Come Play with Us with the Gulf Coast Symphony on 2/25/2012 at 11:00 a.m.

Tweens & Teens:

On Tuesday, January 10 at 5:30 there is the regularly scheduled Chess Anyone?

Additionally, there are two special programs for Tweens and Teens in January and February. They are:

The Art of Trading Cards 1/25/2012 @ 5 p.m.

Poetry Reading with Dr. Jaffin at 6:30 p.m.

Adults: In January there are some fun adult programs including:

English Café on Tuesday evenings and Friday Mornings.

Craft Corner Knitting and Crocheting @ 3:30 p.m on Monday afternoons

Bagels, Books And Banter on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

The award winning photojournalist Stephen Hayford will be talking about The Decisive Moment in photography on January 27th @ 1p.m.

Do not forget about our great book discussion group sessions. Check out what will be coming up under Book Discussions on page 4.



Update on Nellie

Some of you may know that Nellie missed the book sale by landing in the hospital that weekend – a stroke was the diagnosis. But fortunately she “dodged a bullet” and will have no lasting affects. She is well and will be staying with her sister-in-law this winter. I’m sure she would appreciate hearing from anyone if you get the chance. Her email is nslaton17@comcast.net or cell 239 240-5002. Nellie, take care and get rested; we need you ready for Library Days in Tallahassee Feb. 1.

Library Volunteer Luncheon

“We could not do it without you”

The Friends met for a Christmas brunch in December. It was held at Palmetto Pines Country Club and was enjoyed by many members. There was a chance to chat with members and hear some of their stories.



All Lee County Library System programs are free and open to the public. A sign language interpreter is available with 48 hours notice. Call the Deaf Service Center at 461-0334 (voice) or 461-0438 (TTY). Assisted listening devices are available. Lee County Library System also offers free access to books, DVDs, videos, books-on-tape, electronic resources and other items from a vast collection. The Lee County Library System makes it possible for people who ordinarily couldn’t visit the library to enjoy reading through the Bookmobile, Books-By-Mail, Talking Books and Literacy programs. There’s something for everyone at our libraries.

The Book Page

New York Times Best Sellers

A Novel.....Stephen King
Locked On by Tom Clancy with Mark Greaney
Kill Alex Cross James Patterson
The Litigators by John Grisham
Death Comes to Pemberley by P.D. James
The Best of Me by Nicholas Sparks
Red Mist by Patricia Cornwell
Explosive Eighteen: A Stephanie Plum Novel
..... Janet Evanovich
The Drop: A Novel by Michael Connelly
V Is for Vengeance by Sue Grafton
The Art of Fielding: A Novel by Chad Harbach
1Q84 by Haruki Murakami;
translated by Jay Rubin and Philip Gabriel

Find more books on Lee County Library System page of best sellers at:

<http://www.nextreads.com/Display2.aspx?sid=3bf78282-cee4-4bba-9fea-5d99d1aaa64a&N=272390>

Book Discussions

Tori Hersh

Do not forget about our great book discussion group sessions. The following discussions are scheduled:

- January 11 at 2:00, Robert Macomber's At the Edge of Honor
- February 8th at 2 p.m. the book discussion title is Sarah's Key by Tatiana De Rosnay.
 - January 26 at 1:00 for Adults is the Page to Stage performance and book discussion of Joan Didion's The Year of Magical Thinking
 - Also, January 27th at 1:00 the award winning photojournalist Stephen Hayford will talk about decisive moments in photography.



Notes from the Novelettes - A Book Review of Long Gone by Alafair Burke

By Monica Rahman

The Novelettes, a book club comprised of female friends in Cape Coral, has been meeting monthly for the past year and a half. Here is a review of one of the many books we've read and discussed.

The book club selected Long Gone on the recommendation of member Phillis, who had met Alafair Burke on Facebook and participated in on-line "Kitchen Cabinet" discussions with the author while the book was being written. Ms. Burke solicited suggestions from her fans, and Phillis voted on which head shot photograph the author should use for the book jacket, offered input on selecting the title for the novel, and provided many other comments while the book was in progress. The Novelettes were impressed to see Phillis' name printed in the back pages of the book under "A Special Note of Thanks to My Readers"!

Author Alafair Burke, the daughter of well-known writer James Lee Burke, has proven to be a first rate mystery novelist in her own right. Ms. Burke's experience as a prosecutor lends authenticity to her books. In Long Gone, previously unemployed heroine Alice Humphrey is happy to land a job as the manager of a new Manhattan art gallery, that is until she arrives at work one day to find that all traces of the gallery have vanished and a dead body has appeared. Alice becomes the subject of police scrutiny and struggles to prove her

innocence. By interweaving subplots and introducing a variety of characters, Ms. Burke constantly surprises the reader with the story's twists and turns.

Long Gone received positive responses from the Novelettes. It sparked member Dee's interest so much that she read it in one shot. Dee found it to be "smartly and crisply written." Fran felt the author's understanding of human behavior and the character development made the novel satisfying. Member Loni is an attorney who has prosecuted cases similar to certain incidents described in this book and found that Ms. Burke's handling of the topic was quite credible. Janet commented that the heroine seemed to get in deeper and deeper trouble the more she tried to extricate herself, and Janet was surprised at the ending. Susan compared the Long Gone plot to a recent NCIS episode in which "you would never have guessed" the identity of the killer. Rather than running the risk of spoiling the suspense for prospective readers, I won't provide any additional hints about the storyline. Let me just sign off by saying that Long Gone is available in traditional printed book and large print versions through the library and has received the Novelettes' stamp of approval as a good read.

Gallery Exhibits

Exhibiting in January

Weavers of Char-Lee is a craft guild encouraging weaving, spinning and the fiber arts. Their work includes afghans, and needlepoint hanging for you to view.

Exhibiting in February

Jeanette Chupack is a fine artist who gains inspiration for her painting from her kayaking trips. Her themes are full of tropical foliage and architecture. Jeanne has a BFA from Syracuse University, and a MFA from Indiana University.

David Goodspeed will have a display of Raku Pottery in the display cases.

New Members

Susan Bird
Marjorie Simmons
Lois Hybarger
Sue St. Louis
Maralisa Abbis
Lauren Anderson
Cornelius and Maria Boerman
Wilbur and Joyce Easton
Jean Edwards
Richard Janisch
Richard and Monica LLOYD
Babu Mathew
Mary Mayerl
Doris Mock
David Sim
Kathy Stitt
Jennifer Thomas
Sue Underwood
Ruth Broullire

Please renew your membership for 2012 if you have not already done so. We would like to keep all our friends. Fill out the form on the back page and mail it in. Or you may renew on our web page, www.capefriends.org.



Library Quote of the Month

“Read, every day, something no one else is reading. Think, every day, something no one else is thinking. Do, every day, something no one else would be silly enough to do. It is bad for the mind to be always part of unanimity.”

Christopher Morley (1890 - 1957)



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