

## No July Member Meeting

Because many of our members are either snowbirds or are away in July, we have decided to not meet that month to give as many members as possible the opportunity to participate in our annual book review usually held at the July membership meeting. Instead, book reviews by members will be the program for the September membership meeting. Please take this summer to read a good book or two and be prepared to share your thoughts and recommendations at the September 2011 meeting.

## Mark Your Calendar

September 10, 2011.....Board Meeting  
 September 17, 2011.....General Meeting  
 November 5, 2011.....Board Meeting  
 November 12, 2011.....General Meeting  
 November 17, 2011.....Fall Book Sale Set up and  
 Member preview at 3:30P.M.  
 November 18 & 19.....Book Sale General Public  
 December 4, 2011.....Holiday Brunch  
 April 7, 2012.....Library Program  
**THE FOUR LOVES OF FDR**

## Library Funding

By Nellie Slaton

Undoubtedly you are aware that Lee County is facing serious budget issues. And, as library supporters, we are concerned as we have already experienced budget constraints on library services, staffing, etc. over the past few years.

As reported in the News-Press, June 12, 2011 issue, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) will attempt to craft a budget that avoids any tax rate increase and helps fill a spending deficit set to grow to \$60 million dollars next year. More than half of the County operating budget is fair game for cuts, including libraries--\$24 million dollars. If libraries were to close, this would rob 288,000 cardholders of library services, as well as, countless visitors who use our libraries in person and online.

Thus it is important that we let our County Commissioners know of our concerns and the value of libraries to the quality of life and to the economic health of our community.

You can e-mail, call or send a letter to your commissioner:

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Another effective way to show your support for libraries is to attend the budget hearings and workshops and speak out on behalf of libraries.

### Dates to Remember

Monday, June 27—Budget workshop—9 a.m. to noon.  
 Tuesday, August 2--Commission meeting--9 a.m. to adjournment. Millage rates will be established for consideration at the September budget hearings; the BOCC could reduce these millage rates in September but cannot raise them. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ALLOWED.**  
 Wednesday, September 7--Public hearing on budget--5 p.m. Millage rates tentatively adopted. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ALLOWED.**  
 Wednesday, September 21— 5p.m.  
 Final public hearing on budget. Final adoption of millage rates. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ALLOWED.**  
 All meetings are held in the Old Lee County Courthouse, 2120 Main Street, Fort Myers. If you plan to attend, please contact Nellie Slaton, nslaton17@comcast.net or 542-0363.



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## President's Letter

Dear Friends,

As your new President I find this a difficult message to compose as I am thinking only of RAIN !

Many of you know my other passion, besides books, is gardening and right now even my native plants are saying "help me". Where are those rainy afternoons made for reading a good book ? Remember we do not meet in July any longer so save your "What I Read This Summer" reports for our meeting Saturday, September 17th. I want to welcome our new Vice President Patty Duncan and thank her for a great spring luncheon at the Palmetto Pines Country Club. She is busy planning our November meeting program – which will be on the 2nd Saturday, Nov. 12th.

Yes, we are already planning for the fall and the next book sale which will begin Thursday November 17th with the "Members Only Preview" from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. I also want to welcome our new Financial Coordinator Bob Powell, who will be helping my husband Bob and I line up workers. If you wish to volunteer please leave a message on our new Hotline at 477-5100 and we will be in contact

with you. Please remember that we are always looking for donations from you and your friends and can arrange to pickup large donations at your home.

We used some of those book sale proceeds to purchase a new refrigerator for the large meeting room. The old one barely made it thru the book sale so we will be all ready for November's sale, Bagels, Books and Banter, Earth Day refreshments and our Membership meetings. The refrigerator gets a surprising amount of use.

The summer reading programs have begun at the library, an important part of many children's summer activities and many are sponsored by the Friends of the Cape Coral Library. The first program is Joseph Brummet's Around the World in 60 Minutes Tues. June 21 at 2:00 pm.

Hope that everyone enjoys their summer – a little quiet time after a busy spring in Florida. And pray for rain !

Thank-you.

Paula Novander  
President

## Summer and the Summer Reading Program Is Here at Your Library

Summer at the library focuses on our younger library patrons. Each year the library serves approximately 35,000 to 40,000 children and their families. Florida Library Youth Programming is off to a great start here at the Cape Coral Library. We have tons of programs and games to offer the summer readers. There are programs for 6-12 year olds, tweens, and young adults. Please visit the library or visit our website at <http://library.lee-county.com/>

[Pages/default.aspx](#) and link to the online calendar in order to see what is offered. Many of the programs and prizes are sponsored by the Friends of the Cape Coral Library, Thank You Cape Friends for your volunteerism and donations!!

If you need anything more please let me know and I will be happy to get that to you.

Tori Hersh  
Branch Manager  
Cape Coral Library

## Notes and Information

### Sixth Annual Art Contest Winners Are Recognized

by Paula Novander

Cape Coral Public Library and the Friends of the Cape Coral Public Library recognized fifteen children from different public and private schools around Lee County for participating at their Sixth Annual Art Contest "Coloring the Earth." The theme this year was all about manatees in Southwest Florida and ways to protect their natural habitat.

The award ceremony was held on Wednesday, May 4 at the Cape Coral Public Library and included a colorful slide show about manatees by Rebecca Wolff, Refuge Ranger Visitor Services Specialist at J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

There were five awards for each age category with special prizes and ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place as well as for two honorable mentions. The awarded artworks was exhibited at the Gallery of the Cape Coral Library for the month of May.

The theme for 2012 contest will be all about shells in Florida and the guidelines will be promptly posted at the children's section in the Cape Coral Public Library.

### Art Contest Winners



(Left to right) Paula Novander, president of the Friends of the Cape Coral Public Library with some of the winners of the Sixth Annual Art Contest Back Row: Ava Benkhatar, Journi Northorp, Matthew Hariprasad, Abbey D'Souza, Adam Henry, Lema Abuogab, and Rebecca Wolff, park ranger at J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Front row: Louisa Cadiou, Whitney Ward, Olivia DeBoest, Lindsey Stayoch, and Jessica Snyder. Courtesy: Rafaella Jimenez.

### Congratulations! The Winners of the Art Contest

#### for this year are:

##### Category 7-8 years old

- 1st place: ..... Oliver Garramone (8)  
Canterbury School  
2nd place: ..... Adam Henry (8)  
Canterbury School  
3rd place: ..... Lindsey Stayoch (8)  
Canterbury School

##### Honorable Mentions:

- Daniel Blitz (8) Canterbury School  
Abbey D'Souza (8) St. Francis Xavier

##### Category 9-10 years old

- 1st place: ..... Louisa Cadiou (10)  
Canterbury School  
2nd place: ..... Olivia DeBoest (10)  
Canterbury School  
3rd place: ..... Lema Abuogab (9)  
Canterbury School

##### Honorable Mentions:

- Jessica Snyder (10) ..... Canterbury School  
Whitney Ward (9)....Canterbury School

##### Category 11-12 years old

- 1st place: Matthew Hariprasad (12)  
Gulf Middle School  
2nd place: Journi Northorp (11)  
Trafalgar Middle School  
3rd place: Morgan King (11)  
Noonan Academy

##### Honorable Mention:

- Kyle Gabor (11) Noonan Academy

#### Hotline Number

The Friends of the Library have a hotline number! Call us with questions or comments. Our number is

**(239) 477-5100**

Leave a message with your phone number and we will get back to you. And don't forget to check the website [CapeFriends.org](http://CapeFriends.org) for more information.

#### Library Quote of the Month

Knowing I lov'd my books, he furnish'd me  
From mine own library with volumes that  
I prize above my dukedom.

William Shakespeare (1564 - 1616),  
"The Tempest", Act 1 scene 2

# The Book Page

## Notes from the Novelettes A Book Review **The Help** by Kathryn Stockett Reviewed by Monica Rahman

A group of female friends in Cape Coral formed a book club last year, and we call ourselves the Novelettes. To follow is an overview of this popular novel and some comments about the book from club members.

*The Help* is a fictional account of a young, white, aspiring writer named Eugenia "Skeeter" Phelan who interviews black maids in segregated 1962 Jackson, Mississippi. The maids not only handle all the household chores, but also raise the children of the white country club women who pay them poorly and treat their employees as non-entities. Skeeter's Caucasian female friends meet regularly to play cards, and Novelette Phillis found their cliquish and mean behavior to be "so relatable." As Jan rather succinctly described the storyline, "It's about women's inhumanity to women." The majority of book club members liked the novel and became very absorbed in the story. "Great book!" commented Mary. Marianne was "captured immediately at the first page" and thought it was "wonderful". As Kathy pointed out, those of us who lived in the northern US have never had a lot of insight on how things were in areas such as Jackson during the 60's, and this book opened our eyes. Several women in our group were particularly touched by the interaction between maid Aibileen and Baby Girl Mobley. The little white girl's mother doesn't appear to be very fond of her physically unattractive child, but Aibileen tries her best to teach Baby Girl to love herself and to be color blind. The novel sparked conversation among the Novelettes about race relations; prejudice against various socio-economic and ethnic groups; and discrimination against people because of their age, lifestyle, background, or appearance. Despite the serious topic, the book is very entertaining and has many moments of humor. The Novelettes agreed that *The Help* surely deserves its popularity and longevity on the Bestseller List. We look forward to the upcoming release of a film version based on the book.

This novel is available through the library in a variety of formats. These include traditional printed book as well as large print, audio book (sound disks), downloadable e-book and audio e-book.



## Hot Titles

Only Time Will Tell ..... Jeffrey Archer  
Back of Beyond ..... C. J. Box  
All the Pretty Horses : a Bed-and-Breakfast Mystery  
..... Mary Daheim  
Heartwishes ..... Jude Deveraux  
Cat in a Vegas Gold Vendetta : A Midnight Louie  
Mystery .....Carole Nelson Douglas  
The Ideal Man ..... Julie Garwood  
Victory and Honor .....  
W. E. B. Griffin and William E. Butterworth  
The Betrayal ..... Jerry B. Jenkins  
Retribution ..... Sherrilyn Kenyon  
Northwest Angle : A Novel .... William Kent Krueger

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

## LIBRARY VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON

"We could not do it without you"

It looks like the volunteers are enjoying their lunch sponsored by the FRIENDS



## Gallery Exhibits

Exhibiting June 16 to August 1

*Sandra Faye Mark* has a love of art that centers on having fun with it. She enjoys experimenting with different mediums, and so has become interested in fused glass and kiln-firing her own pieces. Her paintings are mixed media, and display her love for color.

*John Merchant* creates the images on his computer using Corel Photopaint X3 software. They are created either from scratch, or by modifying photographs. The images are reproduced digitally on gallery quality paper, using archival inks. I usually limit the number of reproductions to no more than 100, and provide a certificate to this effect. John is a member of the Bonita springs Art League, and takes full advantage of their classes and studio facilities.



*Petra Kaiser* has been able to work in glass full-time. Specializing in creating and developing new forms, she combines interesting design with high quality standards. Her inspiring glass will spark your curiosity, transforming your perspective every time you look at them. With minimalist designs and subtle effects, the pieces change depending on light reflection, or your position and mood at the time.. During her many years as an artist, author and instructor she has met many wonderful people and shown all over the United States as well as internationally. Petra is a published author of glass fusing, a teacher of glass art, well known in the glass art community, and creator of original works of beauty.

Exhibiting August 1 to September 15

*Rod Clarke* is an award-winning journalist. He has spent more than 45 years as a writer, photographer and media specialist. He is a former Vermont bureau chief and state editor for United Press International, where he earned a Pulitzer Prize nomination for national reporting. In addition to his free-lance work, he writes, produces and narrates documentaries for WVCU public television, where he has earned three Telly Awards and been nominated for three Emmys. For 10 years, he was the official photographer for the Boston Red Sox fantasy baseball camp, as well as the Minnesota Twins and Field of Dreams camps.

*Daniel Vall* is a wood sculpture whose principle objectives are the grace, fluidity and frozen motion of birds in flight. He works with wood that Mother Nature has no other wood for, and enjoys the unique characteristics of each piece to bring out the motion of the birds.

## New Members

Karen Alderson  
Kim Bryant  
Jeremy Comer  
Bonnie Cook  
Dee Cooper  
Kelley DeCamp  
Anthony Edwards  
Jo Flanagan  
Robert Fliss  
Christina Gallagher  
Megar Gibson  
Christian & Jennifer Groepl  
Barbara Hewitt  
Beverly Hoering  
Phyllis Kaye  
Barbara Klemm  
Mlina Willis Lahi  
Tom & Jill Noonan  
Regina Nudyk  
William and Bonnie Potter  
Rebekaj & John Procter  
Steve Qua  
Carol I. Saul  
Elsie Schmidt  
Raleigh & Carolyn Talley  
Jane Wittman-Roll  
Nancy Yehyaw  
Pat Zeidman





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