

Summer Reading Program 2011

"One World, Many Stories"

Linda Riczo

The Cape Coral Library had another successful Summer Reading Program running from June 10th through July 31st, for a total of seven weeks. We had 1244 youth registered for the program. They entered the books they read in their reading logs, received stickers for each week and a book prize after the sixth sticker. A total of 1755 students attended 12 youth programs featuring various performers and artists. Six of these twelve were funded by the Friends, for which we are very thankful! We would announce this at the beginning of those programs and the audience would applaud. All totaled, students received 1240 books as prizes throughout the summer.

Babies and toddlers received 252 board books along with the schedule of our summer Storytimes for preschoolers. The little ones were so cute. It made them feel special to get their own book. Staff presented four Storytimes to a total of 369 patrons. Everyone had a good time!

There were four special programs for Tweens, the 8 to 12 year olds. These included two juggling workshops sponsored by the friends which everyone enjoyed, a decorate your duck craft which was very popular, and Wii sports. Attendance for the Tween programs was 125 students.

The teen summer program consisted of 8 programs/ events attended by 425 students. Teens could also read books, log them in the teen notebook and received "teen bucks" to be used at the end of the year party and auction. Forty-two teens read a total of 540 books in this part of the program. The end of the summer party was a fun time attended by 26 of these teens. One of the programs and many of the prizes and food for the party was funded by the friends. Again, we say thank you! We could not do it without your support!!

Students and parents alike enjoyed the programs. We received positive feedback on the program evaluations across the board. Thank you to all whose hard work and dedication to children made the summer a success!!!

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

November Book Sale

Paula Novander

Please mark your calendar now for our next book sale beginning Thursday afternoon Nov. 17th, 2011 with the "Members Only" sale from 3:30 until 5:30 pm. You can join at the door for only \$10 and that will also cover early entry to our sale in April 2012. We continue Friday the 18th from 9:00 am until 4:30 and Saturday from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. We are always looking for donations, so if you have books, CDs, DVDs, even VCR tapes please think of the Friends of the Cape Coral Library. You can leave small quantities with the librarians at the circulation desk; just make sure they understand the donations go to the Friends. If you have a large donation leave a message on the Friends Hotline at 477-5100 or email the book sale coordinator at Capefriends.org and we can pick them up. All donations are tax deductible, ask for a receipt.

We will have sign-up sheets at our meeting September 17th so consider volunteering to help setup. It takes a lot of hands to get all those books out on the tables and organized. We will begin setting up on Wed. Nov.



16th and finish on Thursday in time for the members-only sale beginning at 3:30. To volunteer to help with the sale leave a message for Bob on the Friends Hotline at 477-5100.



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President's Letter

Dear Friends,

Can you believe the kids are back to school already? The librarians can. Pam Macabio and I got to sit down for lunch with some of the library staff as they celebrated the end of summer reading programs. They all work so hard at finding interesting speakers, coordinating the performer's contracts, signing up the students and running the programs. They are happy to still be standing at the end of summer break. And none of this would be possible without The Friends of the Cape Coral Library's generous support. We pay for all these performers; juggling workshops, a Native American culture presentation and "the snake & reptile man" – a real favorite for the children. The librarians make sure to announce at the beginning of each program that they are sponsored by the Friends, which earned us some appreciative applause. And possibly some grateful parents as new members.

And this brings us to fund-raising. The next book sale will begin Thursday November 17th with the "Members Only Preview" from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. The sale continues on Friday and Saturday at 9:00 am. We continue to have good response with the ear bud and larger headphones, USB drives and tote bags sold at the library. First Dibs is our on-going book sale at the library with 2 bookcases located on the right as you head for the large meeting room. Good quality, fairly recent hardcover books are only \$3 – be sure to check it out next time you are at the library.

I have asked Nellie Slayton to head up our new Advocacy committee. Nellie has attended many a County Commissioners' meeting on behalf of the Lee County Library system. She faithfully attends Library Day events in Tallahassee and frequently reminds our Board of the need to get out, be seen and be heard in support of libraries. Libraries are important in many ways beyond checking out that latest bestseller. We provide Internet access to those looking for a job or just keeping in touch with family "up north". Think how much money you save by checking out DVDs instead of paying for rentals. Many come in to browse the daily newspaper or magazine subscriptions they can no longer afford. Our Cape Coral library also hosts a revolving Art Gallery; take time to browse thru and see what's new including an installation in the Butterfly Garden. Please let Nellie or myself know if you are interested in joining this important committee. Thank-you Nellie – we are so lucky to have you!

Our September meeting is Saturday the 17th beginning at 9:30 am in the large meeting room at the library. After a short business meeting we will have a roundtable discussion of "What I Read this Summer", so please come, enjoy some refreshments and maybe discover a new author. Hope to see you in September.

Paula Novander
President

Friends of the Cape Coral Library

The Book Page

Hot Titles

Take Four Karen Kingsbury
Corduroy Mansions Alezander McCall Smith
The Search Nora Roberts
The Rembrandt Affair Daniel Silva
Betrayed Robert K. Tanenbaum
Fly Away Home Jennifer Weiner
The Omen Machine Terry Goodkind
Ghost Story: A Novel of the Dresden Files
..... Jim Butcher
The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest
..... Stieg Larsson
Rules of Civility Amor Towles

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>



Notes from the Novelettes- Two More Book Reviews from the Club's Reading List

By Monica Rahman

The Novelettes, a book club comprised of female friends in Cape Coral, recently celebrated their first anniversary. The club's reading list contains an assortment of books for a variety of tastes, and reviews of some of those novels have appeared in previous issues of this newsletter. Here are overviews of two more vastly different novels that they've read and discussed over the past year.

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

The Book Thief is narrated by Death, who is not the sinister character that one might expect. Rather, Death describes himself as "affable" and explains that his purpose is simply to carry away the souls of people who have died, a job he handles with extreme tenderness in the case of children. Death tells the story of a young German girl name Liesel who comes to live with foster parents in a poor section of a Munich suburb just prior to the outbreak of World War II. The girl bonds with a Jewish man named Max whom the family has hidden in their basement. Both Liesel and Max suffer from recurring nightmares based on painful memories. The novel explores the value of books as escape as well as self-expression, strong connections between people amidst chaos, children being able to enjoy playing despite poverty and hunger, the politics of hate, and wartime horrors as experienced by German citizens during that difficult time in history.

The Book Thief is, member Mary states, "a fine piece of literature." A couple of Novelettes went so far as to label this book a masterpiece. Several Novelettes registered surprise at finding this novel in the teen section of the library, because it is a sometimes dark,

often deep, and generally intense piece of fiction. Other members savored the moments of humor, the fair share of irony, and the descriptive language that is purely poetic. Several of the characters are truly beautiful souls, and so much love permeates this story that Kathy found the book "almost uplifting."

The Novelettes were inspired to share their insights regarding the relationship between body and soul, war, patriotism and humanity. Many agreed with Phillis' view that The Book Thief is a well-written and thought provoking work, but is not for everyone. As Marianne stated, this book would be recommended for "a serious reader with intellectual prowess, because it is the perfect book to explore concepts...."

The Undomestic Goddess by Sophie Kinsella

The Novelettes were in the mood for lighter fare when they decided to read The Undomestic Goddess. As with some of Kinsella's other popular novels (Twenties Girl and Remember Me? readily come to mind.), the reader must be able to identify with the main character and accept a somewhat fanciful premise as plausible to fully enjoy the ensuing tale. Luckily, the book club members found Kinsella's heroine Samantha to be likeable, and most had little difficulty dealing with the believability factor.

The story is simple. Samantha is a young workaholic attorney who feels compelled to quit her job with a prestigious London law firm after she makes a very costly mistake. She flees to the countryside, and thanks to some miscommunication, is hired as the housekeeper for a mansion. Samantha can't cook at all and is wholly

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Gallery Exhibits

New Members

Exhibiting September 15 to October 30

Ada Knight

Sheryl McLure

Nancy Green minored in art in college and was certified to teach art. She has enjoyed years of doing ceramics, wercolor, and most recently working with fused glass. She has entered art and craft shows and has submitted work to glass galleries and shops across Florida. She has found fused glass a wonderful way to combine her love of color, realistic drawing and painting techniques. Her work will be in the display cases

Carole Rae Ortinau will be displaying her work on the walls of the Gallery. Carole Rae has worked in watercolor, acrylic, oils, and charcoal. She has had a life long interest in art and painting. She won a scholarship to the Art Institute of Chicago when she was 10. She studied for four years at the Main Street Art Centre in Lake Zurich, Illinois under



Cathy

Barry, and has done workshops with various artists including Terry Madden, Carole Rae prefers drawing landscapes and has an attention to detail that draws the viewer into her paintings. She states that she likes to feel that she can step into one of her paintings and walk around. Carole Rae makes her home in Cape Coral, Florida



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lacking in any other domestic skills, so her attempts to cope keep the reader entertained. Samantha eventually earns the respect of her wealthy but unsophisticated employers and even finds love along the way.

Member Geri e-mailed the club long distance to say she enjoyed it. While some of the British wording was a bit difficult to decipher at first, Geri looked up the meaning for terms such as “hoovering” (vacuuming) and found them amusing. Book club member Pat thought Samantha’s first attempt at cooking “hysterical”, and this sparked the group to trade humorous stories of their own kitchen nightmares. Regarding Samantha’s decision to ditch her legal career, Novelette Carol commented that “Some (real life) high powered attorneys would love to give it all up.” Members discussed the opportunities for young women today to find balance in their lives, to make their own career choices and to hopefully, as Fran put it, “have a better sense of self.” While no one could ever mistake The Undomestic Goddess for literature, it is an appealing piece of chick lit and an amusing and welcome diversion.

Library Quote of the Month

My mother and my father were illiterate immigrants from Russia. When I was a child they were constantly amazed that I could go to a building and take a book on any subject. They couldn’t believe this access to knowledge we have here in America. They couldn’t believe that it was free.

Kirk Douglas

The Book Thief and The Undomestic Goddess are available through the library in a variety of formats in addition to the traditional printed book. Both novels can be found in large print, audio book (sound disks), downloadable e-book and audio e-book.





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