



I ♥ Polaris

Marcy Schaller

Have you tried the library system's new website software? I have been using it extensively ever since it was installed.

For this faithful ex-Dynix user, Polaris has opened up a whole new world. Yes, I can still search the library catalog from home, reserve my books online, check my due dates, and email myself book lists. But with Polaris, I can do so much more!

♥ Create lists - I can save book lists to my library account. I've already created a list of books to read, a list of e-books to download to my PDA, and a list of audiobooks to download to my iPod. Before Polaris, I kept these lists in a separate place, either on my computer or in my PDA. Now it's all right there together in my patron account. (The library website will warn you that it must provide your lists to law enforcement entities if they have a warrant.)

♥ Subscribe to newsletters - Each month, I receive a newsletter from the library website with recommendations for mystery and thriller books, my favorite genre. There are several genres to which you can subscribe, so if your passion is romance or nonfiction, there's a newsletter out there for you!

♥ Pay fines online - I especially love this feature, since I rarely carry cash. Now I can pay my fines at the website with my debit card, any time day or night. (Let's not even discuss the fact that my fines are substantial enough to warrant a debit card transaction, ok?)

♥ User book reviews - Think of it as your online book discussion group! Books are reviewed not only by readers here in Lee County, but in other library systems using Polaris.

Add to these great features an updated search capability that makes it much easier to find what you're looking for, and... no doubt about it: I love Polaris!

FUND RAISERS

Show your support for the library by flashing these handy items!

Got an armload of books to carry home from the library? Pick up a Friends tote bag at the circulation desk, and everyone will know that you're a library supporter. A new, heavier canvas tote has replaced the light-weight tote formerly available. It features a 4-inch bottom gusset, and a convenient outside pocket for small items such as cellphone or keys. The totes sell for \$10.00 each.

While you're perusing the books you carry home in your tote bag, you can sip a cup of coffee or tea from a Friends of the Library mug, available for \$5.00.

USB Flash drives are a handy way to carry files from one computer to another. The Friends offer a 2GB flash drive for \$10.00 - a great bargain!

The Friends of the Library use proceeds from the sale of these items to enhance the services of the Cape Coral-Lee County Public Library.





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President's Letter

Dear Friends,

The summer is almost at an end. It sure has had its ups and downs, as you will see throughout this month's President's letter.

It saddens me to tell you that Joyce Lyons lost her husband on Aug 6th. We will miss him as he often attended meetings with Joyce and always escorted her to the spring and holiday luncheons. Joyce has gone to Maine for the funeral service and to spend time with her family. She expects to return sometime in mid October. Memorial donations may be sent to the Friends of the Cape Coral Library or to Hope Healthcare Services.

Since I am so involved with the library art gallery, I always have to write a little something about the art work. If you have not taken a walk through the gallery, please do. Each month always seems to be so different from the last month. September is Hispanic month. On September 15th we will be hanging a show of Hispanic artists' work.

We have a new position titled Computer Specialist. The specialist will report to the Community Services Coordinator. It involves solving any problems we might have with our web page. It also involves information we may need to give the foundation, whose web page we are a part of. Marcy Schaller has agreed to accept

the position. Thank goodness. Speaking for myself and probably most of you, I am glad someone knows something about computers.

Recently our Vice President, Joyce Calabrese, advised me that it was necessary for her to resign from that position. We all wish her well in her future plans and will truly miss her being on the Board. At the last board meeting I asked Marcy Schaller, as past president, to do a search for a new Vice President. I am pleased to write that Kathryn Nelson has agreed to accept that position.

Did you know that FIRST DIBS brings in approximately \$100.00 each week? I would like to thank all of you who make this happen. Special thanks go to Shirley O'Donnell, who has set up a system for turning over the books, Diane Payson, Lucille Holden, and our newest volunteer, Cathy Lutz, who keeps the shelves neat and changes out the books when they don't sell. Cathy also takes the money to the bank and keeps the treasurer up to date on sale of books, tote bags, and mugs. Thank you all.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, and I hope to see all of you at the general meeting on September 19th.

Pam Macabio, President

Another Successful Summer Reading Program

This summer, the Cape Coral Library registered 1892 children and teens. Of these 998 participated in our poster contest and our Clue Game. We provided 60 programs with 3744 in attendance.

We have survived another banner year and could not have made it without the support of The Friends. Many of The Friends have provided desk help with registration and reading logs. Your financial support cannot be measured in its helpfulness.

Thank you so much.

Sharon Myers, Regional Manager

A Gallery Display of Latin American Artists for National Hispanic Month

September's display is a celebration of Latin American culture and artists in recognition of Latin American Month.

Ana Abreu was born in the Dominican Republic on August 9, 1952. At an early age her family migrated to New York City. While in High School, she won the highest honor in Art. She obtained a BA from the University of Massachusetts in Lowell, and has been a social worker for many years. Her experience in social work has been the basis for writing poetry and short stories about social issues. Well known as a Latin artist, she shows in many collective exhibits and galleries in Southwest Florida.



Cecilia Valadez was born in Matamoros, Tamps, Mexico. She studied drawing and the graphic arts under the mentorship of Jose Luis Rodriguez Escalera, Director of the Museum Casa Mata in Tamps. Currently Cecilia focuses on murals and canvas paintings emphasizing the human figure, integrating textures in high relief and tonalities clarified with metallic colors and accented with flora and fauna of the region.



David Acevedo attended the Visual Arts Program in the Humanities Department, at the University of Puerto Rico. He graduated Cum Laude in 1998. David opened his studio in Ft. Myers in 2007. He has become an active supporter of the arts in South West Florida.



Reynier Llanes is a young artist who fled from his home in Cuba. He paints scenes and memories of his home in oils. He exhibits in Naples.

Cesar Aguilera was born in Quito, Ecuador. He now works primarily with oils and acrylics and gets inspiration from old world masters. His work reflects society's struggles and successes with racism and current events. He lives in Naples, Florida.



Dilya Schauer, from Columbia, will also be exhibiting.

Mark Your Calendar

September 19	Member Meeting
November 7	Board Meeting
November 5, 6, 7	Fall Book Sale
November 21	Member Meeting

Member Meeting September 19

At the member meeting on September 19, we will have a special guest speaker, an editor from the News-Press, Tom Hayden. Mr. Hayden will discuss how the internet and the economy is affecting the newspaper industry.

In Sympathy

The Friends of the Cape Coral Library extend heartfelt sympathy to Bonnie Wagner in the demise of her son, Craig.

Bonnie was the second paid staff member of the Cape Coral Library. She worked as a clerk. Her duties went from typing to presenting programs for children. She remained on staff for eleven years, retiring in 1988.

Bonnie's address is:

Bonnie Wagner
The Palms
2674 Winkler Ave, Apt 119A
Ft Myers, FL 33901

Library Quote of the Month

“Bibliomaniac - someone who has been driven mad by his love of books.”

Anonymous



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