

## Summer Reading Program 2010 By Linda Riczo

Summer Reading Program was a big hit again this year! We registered a total of 1489 youth for the program. These children attended programs, filled in their reading logs and earned book prizes. They entered contests and many completed the "7 Clue Game" for a book prize.

The library offered 12 big program events in the meeting room, 5 family story times, 3 tween programs, 8 teen programs, and 8 outreach programs, for a total of 1374 patrons.

Students this year were very faithful in bringing back their reading logs for stickers. The students would receive a sticker for each visit where they had read at least one book. For every three stickers the student would earn a free book. This was very popular with both the students and the parents. The books were very well received and we thank the Friends for their generosity in purchasing books for the students. The county has many books for first through third grade reader, but a limited selection for fourth and fifth grades. Also, there were not many books for the beginning readers. We ordered with Friends funds to fill the gaps. We also ordered some popular titles for the teen auction baskets for the end of the summer Teen Party.

We distributed 257 Sesame Street Board Books to infants and toddlers and their parents. It was so much fun to watch the expressions of the little ones when they received a free book. It was precious!

Students can continue to receive stamps in their reading logs and earn books until Saturday, August 21.

We heard many positive comments throughout the summer from parents and students who enjoyed the various programs!

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, our generous Friends, and our hard working staff, we had another great Summer Reading Program!!

## Mark Your Calendar

September 4	Board Meeting
September 18	Membership Meeting
September 8	Initial Budget Adoption Hearings by Board of County Commissioners*
September 23	Final Budget Adoption Hearings by Board of County Commissioners*
November 4, 5, 6	Fall Book Sale

## September Meeting Program

Come join the Friends at the general membership meeting on Saturday, September 18, 2010 in the meeting room of the Cape Coral Library. Our guest speaker is Kraig Hankins, Environmental Services of the City of Cape Coral, who will talk about landscaping for the city.

Coffee, juice and other refreshments will be available at 9:30 a.m. The general membership meeting and the program will begin at 10:00 a.m.

## We're Are Greener!

We are now sending Accents by e-mail to all whose e-mail we have. If you are still getting Accents by Snail Mail, or, if you have an e-mail address but still wish to receive a printed copy, please sent an e-mail to accents@capefriends.org to let us know.

## Check Out Our New Book Page

*In future editions of Accents, we hope to dedicate page three to be our new Book Page. We will highlight book reviews and lists of books that are recommended by the library or our readers. Please send your reviews and suggestions to accents@capefriends.org*



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## President's Letter

Dear Friends,

I hope everyone is enjoying this lovely summer!!!! After the heat we've dealt with the past couple months, I think we might say that this past, cooler-than-normal winter was just great!

### **WELCOME TO CAPE CORAL LIBRARY: TORI HERSH**

By now most everyone is aware that we have a new library manager. Her name is Tori Hersh. Since she just started her job in August I gave her a break and said she didn't have to write an article for the Accents until the next issue. At that time I am sure she will tell us all a little bit about herself.

Thank you, Nancy Skabar, for acting as temporary manager, while the administration continued to look for a new manager. I know it was difficult being responsible for two jobs at once, but you were always so gracious to us anytime we came to you for help. Thank you again.

For those members of the Friends who attended our July member meeting, I am sure you enjoyed it. I know I did. It is fun to hear what everyone else has read and interesting to note how

many of the same books people have read. Many of us added authors and book titles to our "To Read" lists, after hearing about them from other members.

At our September meeting we will have Kraig Hankins as our guest speaker. He is the City of Cape Coral expert on landscaping. Since I joined the garden club this year I am now very interested in plants that will grow in my yard. Kraig has done - or is in the process of redoing - the landscaping for the city. This promises to be an excellent presentation and I encourage everyone to attend the meeting on Saturday, September 18th.

Did you take a walk through the art gallery this month? We have some very fine artwork this month, including photography and oil paintings on the walls, along with ceramics in the display cases.

Hope to see all Friends members, as well as potential new members, on September 18th . Keep reading!

Pam Macabio  
President

Friends of the Cape Coral  
Library

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### Thank You

to The Friends of the Library for the financial support that was given to the library Art Gallery. We now have a new 'hanging' system for the art we display each month. It has made a huge difference in the ease in hanging the art. Our volunteers do a great job and this helps make it so much faster for us all.

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### Library Quote of the Month

"The books that help you most are those which make you think the most. The hardest way of learning is that of easy reading; but a great book that comes from a great thinker is a ship of thought, deep freighted with truth and beauty."

Theodore Parker (1810 - 1860)

## The Book Page

### Sharing Reads

Elaine Berryhill

At the July membership meeting, the members shared the following books for the Sharing Reads:

The Forgotten Garden .....by Kate Morton  
Island Below the Sea .....by Isabella Allende  
The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo .....by Steig Larson  
Blue Horizon .....by Wilbur Smith  
Sizzling Sixteen .....by Janet Evanovich  
Body Parts .....by Vicki Stieffel  
The Day I Ate Whatever I Wanted

by Elizabeth Berg

The Guy Not Taken .....by Jennifer Weiner  
Molaka'i .....by Alan Brennert  
The Art of Racing in the Rain .....by Garth Stein  
Roses .....by Leila Meacham  
In the President's Service .....by Ronald Kessler  
The Ninth Judgement .....by James Patterson

It was exciting to have so many diverse books and subjects reviewed and discussed. We hope the Accent readers will find something of interest from this list.

### The Book Sale is Coming!

**Please save the dates  
November 4th, 5th, and  
6th.**



We are taking donations to prepare for this event. Any books you no longer want can be a great benefit to the library. Any small donation, can be brought to the library and left with the librarians. Or, if you have a lot you would like to donate, a pick up can be scheduled. Leave a message on the Hotline or web site for Bob, and we'll schedule a pickup. So clear your shelves and make room for the new books you want. Bring us your discards!

Book  
Review

March

by Geraldine Brooks

Reviewed by Maria Maddalena

When one of the women in my book club selected March, I thought "Oh no, because it is set in the Civil War. As we all know, it was a horrific war and I wasn't sure I wanted to read more about then I already had. But I must tell you that I consider it one of my all time favorite books.

Geraldine Brooks has taken the character of the absent father, March from Louisa May Alcott's beloved classic "Little Women" and added adult voices to portray the moral complexity of war and a marriage tested by the demands of absence and idealism.

It is a powerful love story. An idealistic Concord cleric, March becomes a Union chaplain and later finds he is assigned to be a teacher on a cotton plantation that employs freed slaves. He begins with cheerful letters home, but March gradually reveals to the reader what he does not to his family: the cruelty and racism of Northern and Southern soldiers, the violence and suffering he is powerless to prevent and his reunion with Grace, a beautiful, educated slave whom he met years earlier as a Connecticut

peddler to the plantations. In between, we learn of March's earlier life: his whirlwind courtship of Marmee, his friendship with Emerson and Thoreau (which is a refreshing aside) and the surprising cause of his family's genteel poverty.

When March ends up in a Washington hospital, sick with fever and guilt, the narrative switches to Marmee, who describes a different version of the years past and an agonized reaction to the truth she uncovers about her husband's life. In other words, you read about events from both perspectives.

The author based the character of March on Alcott's transcendentalist father, Bronson who left behind his diaries. She relies heavily on primary sources for both the Concord and wartime scenes; her characters speak with a convincing 19th-century formality. Through the shattered dreamer March, the passion and rage of Marmee and a host of very human minor characters, Brooks's beautifully written novel drives home the intimate horrors and ironies of the Civil War and the difficulty of living honestly with the knowledge of human suffering.

So I recommend that you take a copy out of the library and hope that you enjoy it as much as I did.

## September Gallery Exhibits

Exhibiting August 1 to September 15

**John O'Brien** is a ceramic artist who works mainly with porcelain, stoneware, and premium porcelain mixtures. He tries to create things that have never been seen before, and so his work is very imaginative.



**Renate Rueter** is a fine artist who has displayed her work locally in galleries in Sanibel, Cape Coral, Bonita Springs, Naples and Fort Myers. She does a lot of tropical scenes, wildlife, and still life studies. Her subjects come from the beaches and sanctuaries of southwest Florida. She is inspired by the color and moment of things in nature. She works in all mediums, including watercolor, acrylic, and oil.

**Andrew Miller** is a photographer. His work will be displayed on the gallery walls in August.

Exhibiting September 15 to October 30

**Terry Halek** started taking painting classes about 30 years ago. She is currently studying at the Alliance of the Arts in Ft. Myers.

## New Members

Judi Mitchell-Smith

### Please Renew Your Membership

for 2010, if you have not yet 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 go to our web page and renew there. Visit [www.capefriends.org](http://www.capefriends.org)

### Membership Dollars at Work

Marcy Schaller

Your membership dollars and the Friends fundraising allowed the Friends to provide support for several programs over the summer!

Puppets and musical programs for Youth Services	\$960
Summer Reading Program, including programs and purchasing books given to children	\$1870
English Cafe	\$78
Bagels, Books and Banter	\$47
Chess Anyone?	\$78

In addition, the Friends provided support for Banned Books Week - \$97

Thanks to all Friends members and supporters for helping to make these programs and events happen!

## New Fundraising Item Available for a Limited Time! Marcy Schaller

For a limited time, the Friends will be offering the Book Lover's Page-a-Day calendar for sale at the circulation desk. Supplies are limited, so get yours while you can!

The Book Lover's Calendar features a year's worth of good authors, good books, and good reading. This calendar makes a great gift for your favorite book lover. This calendar sells for \$10-\$12 in stores or online, but is available for only \$5.00 from the Friends of the Library!

If the calendar doesn't fit your shopping or gift-giving needs, don't forget you can help the Friends support the library when you shop

at Amazon.com. Just start your Amazon search from [www.capefriends.org](http://www.capefriends.org), and Amazon will donate a percentage of anything you purchase to the Friends of the Library.

The First Dibs bookshelves also give Friends Members and library patrons an opportunity to get "first pick" of donated books (\$3) and support the library at the same time.

The Friends continue to offer tote bags (\$10), USB flash drives (\$10), headphones (\$3) and earbuds (\$1) at the library's circulation desk.



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