Satisfy your hunger at this year’s Book Feast!

Readers and writers of all ages are invited to attend!
With this issue of WORDS we are playing up the food theme a bit in recognition of the upcoming program, Book Feast!, which is a celebration of local authors. I thought, “Why not take that food theme a little further and share with you an exciting, new, FREE service and support the food theme too!”

All of you already know that the Marion County Public Library System offers an outstanding smorgasbord of cookbooks which can be checked out to find that special recipe, explore ethnic and regional cuisine or learn helpful tips to make your favorite dish just that much better. Did you also know that we have a feast of recipes, articles, healthy living, and food related travel information — online? Our online offerings are available through an awesome online magazine service called ZINIO.

For those of you with an iPad, iPhone, PC, Mac, Android, Kindle Fire or Blackberry Playbook this new service is for you! You can download magazines or eZines for free and in many cases you can even print from the magazine. If you are interested in healthy eating or healthy living, peruse Weight Watchers, Whole Living, Clean Eating or Vegetarian Times. Do you want luscious, down-home recipes? I suggest you download Taste of Home. Do you want to imagine all the wonderful donut offerings around the country? Saveur magazine has a mouth watering article in the March 2013 issue which shares the 50 best donut shops in the United States. You can learn more about preparing food, sometimes quick and easy and sometimes complex and detailed, with Food Network Magazine or Everyday Eating with Rachel Ray.

To find these, and other, interesting online magazines go to http://library.marioncountyfl.org and click on the “Digital Media” tab at the top of the page. Scroll down until you see the ZINIO icon. Enjoy, what will surely become, your new-found fascination!
Combine local authors, interested readers and the public library and you have a recipe for success! Kick off National Library Week (April 14-20) with a visit to the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library’s “Book Feast” event (2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd.). The tasting will be held Saturday, April 13, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. with a celebration of talented writers and authors who have made Marion County central to their creative careers. What better place than Marion County Public Library to bring out the flavors of local Florida writers; the creators of prose and poetry, fiction and non-fiction, dreams and realities?

The upcoming “Book Feast” is truly a smorgasbord of brain food that will fill your cravings for the craft of writing. May we suggest you taste a short story, consume a novel, drink in a biography or indulge in poetry? Whatever your menu choice, the feast is calorie free, but rich in style and infused with ideas and imagination.

As the name aptly describes, this upcoming “Book Feast” is also a Marion County Public Library salute to the local readers who support these homegrown writers. With every page you turn, you complete the

**2012 AUTHOR EXPO PARTICIPANTS**

- Allan E. Ansorge
- Kate Barnes and Sally Morrison
- Carol Bartolet
- Marguerite Cavanaugh
- Kathryn Charles
- Sheryl Cohn
- Doreen Cox
- Ray Cunningham
- Mark Damohn
- Claudine Dervaes
- Iris M. Diaz
- Gregory L. Didaleusky
- J. David Fowler
- Betty E. Gilbert
- James Grady
- Judy Haisten
- William Hatfield
- Jan H. Hitchcock
- Marlene Matias Jacobowitz
- Ernest H. Jernigan
- Carol Jones
- Evelyn B. Kelly, PhD
- Kenn C. Kincaid
- David Koller
- M.K. Landstein
- Annie Kate Gaskins Laws
- Karen Estes Lowry
- Don Lubov
- Maritza Manresa
- Madge Mason (Gunia)
- John Mataya
- Angelia Vernon Menchan
- David Carl Mielke
- Joyce Elson Moore
- Jessica Nelson
- Connie Neumann (Connie Mann)
- Sylvia R. Norfleet
- Galeigh Parkin
- Randy Patton

**Iris Díaz** (far right), author of “Cuba: Another Side of the Story,” speaks with a visitor at last year’s event.
National Volunteer Week will be celebrated April 21-27. This year’s theme, “Celebrate Service,” reminds us to recognize the volunteer efforts of the many teens and adults who generously share their time and talents with the Marion County Public Library System. Last year, 260 regular volunteers provided 13,874 hours of service system wide. According to the Independent Sector, Florida’s hourly value for volunteer service is $18.66. That translates to an estimated $258,889 worth of service to Marion County Public Library System.

How do volunteers serve their public libraries? Lots of ways. On any given day, you’ll find teens and adults shelving books and shelf reading. Volunteers help with administrative duties including data entry and provide clerical support. They read to young children through the Library Express program. And they are literally the backbone of each and every special event that the library conducts, including the Fairy Tale Festival, CREATE and many, many others.

The Marion County Public Library System salutes the men, women and teens who help enhance the efforts of library staff and enrich our lives on a daily basis.

Calling all Marion County teens! If you’re a teen age 13-18, and would like to have a voice in the planning of public library teen activities, meet other teens, earn volunteer hours and just have fun, YALLA is for you! YALLA meets at the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library on the first Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m. and provides an opportunity for teens to express their opinions regarding teen library programming, suggested teen books and volunteer opportunities. For more information, contact the library at 352-671-8551.
At his birth in a dreary upstate New York town, no one would have predicted that Richard Russo would become a bestselling novelist. Russo’s mother was emotionally troubled and his father absent. While his grandparents were supportive, they could not see any future for him beyond a job in the town’s staggeringly toxic leather-processing industry, just like everyone else in the family.

In his new memoir “Elsewhere,” Russo gives a bitter-sweet rendition of his escape from Gloversville. Urged on and accompanied by his mother, he moved to Arizona to attend college with the idea of becoming a writer and an academic. Their journey across the United States in a ja- lopy aptly named “Gray Death” is an epic itself. Russo’s Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, “Empire Falls,” marked his success as an author, but he continued to struggle with his mother’s mental illness throughout her long life. “Elsewhere” is the story of a mother’s ambitions for her son and his attempts to live up to her expectations while forging a writing life of his own.

Melancholy at times, with touches of bitter-sweet humor, “Elsewhere” defines a time, a place, a family, and one man’s evolution as an author. It is available at the Marion County Public Library System in regular print, large print, and as an audiobook.

Do you have writerly ambitions? The Marion County Public Library System has memoirs by authors such as Stephen King’s “On Writing” and “A Writer’s Life” by Gay Talese. There are many books on developing your skills as an author in a variety of genres and styles. Guides to getting published like “The Writer’s Market” are invaluable, as are magazines like “The Writer” and “The Writer’s Digest.” “The Writer” is available on the Library’s new Zinio digital magazine collection. Check it out!
**Book Feast: An Event for Readers and Writers of All Ages!**
Saturday, April 13, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Headquarters-Ocala
Kick off National Library Week with a visit to the library and meet authors from Marion County and beyond. Feast your eyes on a banquet of history, romance, personal triumphs and more! Authors will have books available for sale and personal signings.

**VIVA FLORIDA 500**
Down on the Old Florida Farm!
Saturday, May 4, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Headquarters-Ocala
Join in the barnyard fun and celebrate Florida agriculture — complete with chickens, ducklings and rabbits! All families welcome.
Presented by Farmland Awareness Alliance and Crane’s Cradle Conserve.

**The Yearling: A Special Saturday Movie Matinee**
Saturday, May 4, 1 p.m.
Fort McCoy Public Library
For adults and teens ages 13+.
Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by a parent.
Light refreshments will be served.

**Make Your Mark! A Workshop for Writers**
Wednesday, May 15, 11 a.m.
Headquarters-Ocala
Planning to submit your organization’s history for inclusion in the library? Having trouble honing your history to meet the 1,500 word limit? Bring your history with you and let us help with editing.
Reservations are required.

**MEET THE AUTHORS**

**Jim Strickland**
“322 1/2 Whitehall Street”
Accomplished gospel singer and former member of the Oak Ridge Boys, Jim Strickland recounts his colorful early childhood when he was raised by his grandmother in a downtown Atlanta hotel.
Tuesday, March 19, 10:30 a.m.,
Belleview Public Library

**Bob Grau**
“Five Million Steps on the Journey of Hope: Thru-Hiking the Appalachian Trail”
Bob Grau, a retired professor with no hiking experience or equipment, decided to attempt to thru-hike the entire length of the Appalachian Trail, a distance of 2,181 miles. Hear the tales of his 6-month journey through some of the most majestic terrain in North America!
Tuesday, March 26
10:30 a.m. Belleview Public Library
2 p.m. Dunnellon Public Library

**Tales of the Blue and Gray**
Saturday, March 23, 2 p.m.
Headquarters-Ocala
Visit with Union and Confederate re-enactors and come into contact with the uniforms, gear, tents and stories of that stormy period in our history.

**BLURT It Out!**
Belleview Library’s Unique Reader’s Theater
Thursday, April 18, 3:30 p.m.
Belleview Public Library
Be part of an afternoon of live theater with Community Theater director and actor Bill Collings.
Poetry Out Loud!
Sunday, April 21, 2 p.m., Headquarters-Ocala
Celebrate life through poetry with the poets of Poetry Ocala, including Marion County’s remarkable bard, Lena Lewin. Bring your favorite poem and join in!

Presidents and Their First Ladies, Dramatically Speaking
Saturday, April 27, 10:30 a.m., Dunnellon Public Library
Professional presidential portrayers William and Sue Wills bring the lives of Franklin D. and Eleanor Roosevelt to the stage.

AARP Tax-Aide
Find help with the nation’s largest free, volunteer-run tax assistance and preparation service assisting low- and middle-income taxpayers with routine tax returns and questions. Contact the library for information.

SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders)
Obtain free Medicare counseling through the Florida Department of Elder Affairs. Available at Forest and Belleview Public Libraries. Call for information.

HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL DAYS
Easter Sunday
Sunday, March 31, All libraries closed.

Maintenance Day
Friday, May 3, Headquarters-Ocala and Freedom Public Libraries closed.

Memorial Day
Monday, May 27, All libraries closed.

HEADQUARTERS-OCALA
2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala
352-671-8551
Programs are sponsored, either in whole or part, by the Friends of the Ocala Public Library.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES
Tales of the Blue and Gray
Saturday, March 23, 2 p.m.
See Program Spotlight for more information.

Book Feast: An Event for Readers and Writers of All Ages
Saturday, April 13, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
See Program Spotlight for more information.

Poetry Out Loud!
Sunday, April 21, 2 p.m.
See Program Spotlight for more information.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS
The Monday Matinee
Mondays, 2 p.m., March 4–April 22
Movies for adults and teens ages 13+. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by a parent. Refreshments will be served.
Co-sponsored by Golden Flake.

March 4
March 11
March 18
March 25
April 1
April 8
April 15
April 22

Earn Your GED With CTAE on the GED Bus
Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 11:30 a.m.*
March 4-May 31
It’s never too late to get your GED. Note: under new state guidelines, CTAE will charge fees for this service. Call CTAE at 352-671-7200 for details.
(*Schedule is in accordance with Marion County schools.)

Wired Wednesdays
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
March 6-April 24
Learn about computers and databases in these classes for adults. Space is limited.

Computers for Beginners
March 6 Intro to Computers
March 13 Basic Keyboarding
March 20 Basic Internet

Good for You!
March 27 Music From Freegal and Pandora
April 3 Online Recipe Sources
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<td>the midst of your search, genealogy help is here! Genealogy gurus from the Marion</td>
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<td>Young Adults Leading Library Awareness (YALLA) plans for future programs and</td>
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<td>services. Make the library experience a better one for all!</td>
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<td>Discover the awesome services available in your virtual library including e-books,</td>
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<td><strong>Monday-Friday, March 1-May 31, 3:30 p.m.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Wednesday, May 1, 2 p.m.</strong></td>
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<td>Surprise mom with the perfect handmade gift. For grades K-6.</td>
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**Calendar**

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Spring 2013
Spring Break Fun
Tuesday-Friday, March 26-29, 2 p.m.
Fun and games for grades K-6 and their families.
March 26  Movie Time
March 27  Spring Crafts
March 28  Wii Gaming
March 29  Construction Zone

Super Saturdays
Selected Saturdays, times vary
For grades K-6 and their families.
March 2, 10 a.m.-noon
Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss
Co-sponsored by the Marion Education Association.

March 26  Movie Time
March 27  Spring Crafts
March 28  Wii Gaming
March 29  Construction Zone

El día de los niños/
El día de los libros
Many Children/Many Cultures/Many Books
Tuesday, April 30, 3:30 p.m.
Commemorate Children’s Day with books! Light refreshments will be provided.

Preschool Club
Saturday, April 6, 2 p.m.
For 3-5-year-olds and caregivers.

STORY TIMES
Each story time contains a variety of stories, finger plays, flannel boards and music often followed by hands-on activities. Caregivers must accompany children.

Terrific Three’s
Tuesdays, March 12-April 23, 10:15 a.m.
Limited to 25 children.

Fabulous 4’s and 5’s
Tuesdays, March 12-April 23, 1:15 p.m.

Family Story Time
Tuesdays, March 12- April 23, 6:30 p.m.
For infants-age 5 with caregivers.

Toddling Two’s
Wednesdays, March 13-April 24, 10:15 a.m.
Limited to 20 children.

Bouncing Babies
Thursdays, March 14-April 25, 10:15 a.m.
For infants-23 months.
Limited to 15 children.

Mother Goose on the Loose™
Third Saturdays, March 16
and April 20, 10:15 a.m.
For infants and toddlers up to 36 mo. old.

BELLEVIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY
13145 SE Highway 484, Belleview
352-438-2500
Programs are sponsored, either in whole or part,
by the Friends of the Belleview Public Library.

Ask Your Master Gardener
First Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.
Learn gardening techniques from the masters.
Presented by UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners; UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.
March 7  Right Plant, Right Place
April 4  Growing Roses in Florida
May 2  The Potato: The Plant that Changed the World

Friends of the Belleview Public Library
Monthly Meeting
Tuesdays, March 19, April 16, May 21, 10 a.m.

Meet the Author
Selected Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.
See Program Spotlight for more information.
March 19  Jim Strickland
March 26  Bob Grau

PRoGRAMS FoR TEENS
Chill on Tuesdays
Third Tuesdays, 4 p.m.
Chill at the library with a variety of fun activities for ages 13-18.
March 19  Get Ready for Earth Day!
April 16  Poetry Unbound!

PRoGRAMS FoR FAMiliES
Family Games unplugged
First and third Thursdays, 3 p.m.
Don’t be bored! Play board games!

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Family Flicks
Selected Wednesdays, 2 p.m.
March 27
May 1

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Be Excited About Reading!
Tuesdays, March 5-April 23, 3:30-4 p.m.

Super Saturdays
Selected Saturdays, 2 p.m.
For grades K-6 and caregivers.
March 9 Tremendous Tea Party
April 20 Construction Zone

STORY TIMES
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Babies! Babies! Babies!
Wednesdays, March 6-April 24, 11:30 a.m.
For infants-18 months old.

Toddler Time
Thursdays, March 7-April 25, 10:30 a.m.
For 18 months-3 years old.

Preschool Adventures
Fridays, March 8-April 26, 10:30 a.m.
For ages 3-5.

Basic Computer Classes
Selected Mondays and Fridays, 10:30 a.m.-noon, March 4-April 22
Seating is limited. Registration required.
March 4 Mouse Play
March 8 Internet/Email
March 11 Intro to Word
March 18 Mouse Play
March 22 Internet/Email
March 25 Intro to Excel
April 1 Mouse Play
April 5 Internet/Email
April 8 Intro to Word
April 15 Mouse Play
April 19 Internet/Email
April 22 Intro to Excel

Friends of the Library Meetings
First Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
March 5, April 2, May 7

Ask Your Master Gardener
Third Tuesdays, 2 p.m.
March 19-May 21
Learn gardening techniques from the masters! Program topics to be announced.
Presented by UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners; UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.

Drop-In Book Club
Third Thursdays, 11 a.m. March 21-May 16
March 21 Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival Resilience, and Redemption by Laura Hillenbrand
April 18 Cat’s Table by Michael Ondaatje
May 16 Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox by Maggie O’Farrell

Meet the Author:
Bob Grau and Thru-Hiking the Appalachian Trail
Tuesday, March 26, 2 p.m.
See Program Spotlight for more information and other library presentations.

Genealogy Classes
Selected Fridays, 10:30 a.m.
March 29, April 12, May 10
Whether you’ve just begun digging up your family roots or find yourself stumped in the midst of your search, genealogy help is here in the guise of genealogist Madeleine Mitchell. Registration required.

Presidents and Their First Ladies, Dramatically Speaking
Saturday, April 27, 10:30 a.m.
See Program Spotlight for more information.

Let’s Be Creative
Tuesday, April 23, 10:30 a.m.
Turn old picture frames into unique and fabulous jewelry holders. Registration required.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Chill on Saturdays
Selected Saturdays, 3 p.m.
Chill at the library with a variety of fun activities for ages 13-18. Registration required.
April 27 Games Unplugged! Don’t be bored! Play board games and other nonelectronic diversions.
May 11 Paper Mosaic Masterpieces Create a paper masterpiece.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Imagination Station
Selected Wednesdays and Thursdays, 4 p.m.
March 6-May 15
Stories, games and crafts for children in grades K-5. Registration required.
March 6 Tickled Pink by Pigs!
March 13 Lucky Leprechauns!
April 11 Where Is Peter Rabbit?
April 24 Let’s Go Green!
May 1 Alligators All Around!
May 15 Bookmark Bonanza!

STORY TIMES
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Baby Songs and Nursery Rhymes
Tuesdays, March 5-April 23, 11 a.m.
For infants-23 months old.

Toddler Story Time
Wednesdays, March 6-May 15, 11 a.m.
For ages 2-3.

Preschool Story Time
Fridays, March 8-May 17, 11 a.m.
For ages 4-5.
FOREST PUBLIC LIBRARY
905 S. County Road 314A, Ocklawaha
352-438-2540
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PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Computer Confidence
Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m.
March 6 and 20, April 3 and 17, May 1 and 15
Find answers to your computer questions.

Forest Readers’ Book Club
Selected Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
March 13-May 22
Everyone is welcome.
March 13  Echo Park by Michael Connelly
March 27  The Guemsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer
April 10  The Rope by Nevada Barr
April 24  The Curious Incident of the Dog In The Night-time by Mark Haddon
May 8  The Camel Club by David Baldacci
May 22  Dreamers, Schemers and Scalawags by Stuart B. McIver

Friends of the Forest Public Library Monthly Meeting
Third Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
March 20, April 17, May 15

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Imagination Station
Wednesday, May 1, 2:30 p.m.
For preschool-grade 6.

Friday Favorites
Twen Book Club
Fridays, 3:30 p.m.
March 1-May 24 (No program March 29)
For grades 4-6.

STORY TIMES
Each story time contains a variety of stories, finger plays, flannel boards and music often followed by hands-on activities. Caregivers must accompany children.

Mother Goose on the Loose™
Selected Fridays, 11 a.m.
March 1 and 15, April 5 and 19, May 3 and 17
For infants-age 3

Family Story Time
Tuesdays, March 5-May 21, 11 a.m.
(No program March 26)

STORIES AND STUFF
Thursdays, March 7-May 23, 3:30 p.m.
(No program March 28)
For grades K-6.

FORT MCCOY PUBLIC LIBRARY
14660 NE Highway 315, Fort McCoy
352-438-2560
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PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Friends of the Fort McCoy Public Library Monthly Meeting
Second Thursdays, 10 a.m.
March 14, April 11, May 9
New members are welcome!

Saturday Movie Matinee: The Yearling
Saturday, May 4, 1 p.m.
For adults and teens ages 13+.
Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by a parent.
Light refreshments will be served.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Preschool Adventures
Selected Wednesdays,
March 6 and 13, 10:30 a.m.
Each story time contains a variety of stories, finger plays, flannel boards and music often followed by hands-on activities. Caregivers must accompany children.

FREEDOM PUBLIC LIBRARY
5870 SW 95th Street, Ocala
352-438-2580
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PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

Poetry on Parade!
April 1-30
Read, write, paint and love poetry during this month-long interactive experience. Don’t miss the parade!

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Tea and Talk
Selected Fridays, 10:30 a.m.
March 22  Florida, Read All About It!
April 19  The Civil War in Florida
May 10  Women’s Health

Friends of Freedom Public Library Monthly Meeting
First Mondays, 10 a.m.
March 4, April 1, May 6
Book Sale Thursday-Saturday, March 28-30, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Ask Arnold! Comprehensive Computer Assistance
Thursdays, noon-2 p.m. March 7-May 30
Volunteers are available to help with all your computer needs.

Theater Thursdays
First Thursdays, 2 p.m.
Movie matinee for adults and teens ages 13+.
Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by a parent.
March 7  Hope Springs
April 4  The Perks of Being a Wallflower
May 2  Mommy Dearest

Basic Computer Classes
Thursdays, 2 p.m., March 7-April 18
Tickets will be distributed one hour prior to class.
March 7  Email Basics
March 14  Internet Health Information
March 21  Basics for Beginners
March 28  How to Search
April 4  Document Basics
April 11  Email Basics
April 18  Internet Health Information
PROGRAMS FOR TEENS
Teen Think Tank
Wednesdays, 4 p.m.
March 6-May 29
Take an active role in planning library services!

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN
Bunny Brunch
Friday, March 15, Time TBA
In partnership with Marion County Parks and Recreation.

Library Connection!
Selected Fridays, 10:30 a.m.
Assorted activities for grades K-12.
April 12 Poetry Rocks!
May 17 Library Orientation

Florida Fiction Factory
Monday-Friday, May 13-18
A hands-on writing experience for all!

Spring Fling!
Tuesday, March 26, 2 p.m.
Games and crafts for grades K-5.

Fooling Around on April Fools!
Monday, April 1, 2 p.m.
Funny stuff and funnier food for grades K-5.

Whatever Wednesday: May Baskets!
Wednesday, May 1, 2 p.m.
Celebrate May Day! For grades K-5.

STORY TIMES
Each story time contains a variety of stories, finger plays, flannel boards and music often followed by hands-on activities. Caregivers must accompany children.

Baby and Toddler Time
Tuesdays, March 5-April 30, 10:30 a.m.
For infants-age 2.

Preschool Adventures
Thursdays, March 7-April 25, 10:30 a.m.
For ages 3-4.

MARTON OAKS PUBLIC LIBRARY
294 Marion Oaks Lane, Ocala
352-438-2570
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PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN
Ask Your Master Gardener
Third Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.
Learn gardening techniques from the masters.
Presented by UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners; UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.
March 21 Right Plant, Right Place
April 18 Growing Roses in Florida
May 16 The Potato: The Plant that Changed the World

Friends of Marion Oaks Public Library Monthly Meeting
Third Tuesdays, 11 a.m.
March 19, April 16, May 21

HEADQUARTERS-OCA
March
Oil Paintings by Hugh Patrick Philly
April
Geometrics! presented by Ron Nelson
May
Paintings by Lauren Manera

BELLEVIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY
March
Making Jams and Jellies presented by Patty Grantham
Natural Scenic Photography by Norma Jean Birth
April
Sons of the Confederate Veterans presented by Chuck Kadel
Paintings by Deyanira Zarate
May
Postcard Collection presented by Patty Grantham
Oil Paintings by Hugh Patrick Phillip

FOREST PUBLIC LIBRARY
March
Vintage Florida Postcards presented by Bob Van Scotter
April
Marion County History and Artifacts presented by the Marion County Museum of History and Archaeology
May
Marion County Ghost Towns Photos and stories about abandoned communities from Marion County’s past presented by the Friends of the Forest Public Library.

FREEDOM PUBLIC LIBRARY
March
Ocala Art Group Selected Works Opening Reception Tuesday, March 5, 5-7 p.m.
Shell Craft by The Art of Retirement
March-May Photography by the On Top of the World Shutterbugs
April
Trains presented by the Ocala Model Railroad Historical Preservation Society
May
Adventures in Continuing Education by the Senior Learning Institute.
On January 30, 2013, the Marion County Public Library System joined hundreds of Florida libraries participating in “Snapshot: A Day in the Life of Florida Libraries.” An initiative of the Florida Library Association, the goal of “Snapshot” is to tell the story of local libraries and to showcase what happens during one day of providing services to the community.

Nine hundred thirty-seven public library visitors completed a survey stating how they use their library. Various Friends of the Library volunteers assisted with the effort of collecting surveys, taking photos and greeting the public. The following information is a compilation of the results and selected comments received that day.

**SNAPSHOT: A Day in the Life of Marion County Public Library System**

- **4,922** people visited the library
- **4,032** items were checked out
- **939** people used a computer
- **191** were taught computer skills
- **2,272** received answers to their questions
- **103** students were helped
- **33** job seekers received help
- **38** received help with government sites
- **91** children attended a program

“I have received my B.A. and Master’s solely because I have been able to utilize the study rooms. I am currently working on my Ph.D.”

“I come to the library to search for employment, or during the day, check DVDs VHS tapes, documentaries, online computer classes, technology books. Online nationwide job search.

“Provides a service I would not be able to have it not for the Library — I found a job thru the service.”

“I do scholastic community service hours for my high school.”

“The library is very helpful in my daily life since I constantly receive homework that only the internet can help me solve. I seriously enjoy reading, but don’t usually go to the bookstore so the library really helps with that.”

“The library helps me with homework and has helped me to help a friend learn to read.”
Photos and Events of the Marion County Public Library System

Coming through the door to Marion Oaks Public Library’s “Book Lovers’ Ball.”

Everyone makes crafts at the Marion Oaks Public Library’s “Book Lovers’ Ball.”

Silver Springs Photographer Bruce Mozert speaks at Belleview Public Library.

Carol Jenkins Barnett reading the “Polar Express” at Headquarters-Ocala.

Mercedes Ramirez, Damonie Jackson and Caryeon Bright at the “Book Lovers’ Ball.”

Decorated Christmas tree at Headquarters-Ocala library donated by Dr. Paul and Joyce Urban.

Children’s Services manager Nancy Young retirement party.

Groundhog Day crafts at Dunnellon Public Library.

April 13, 2013, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Book Feast (formerly Author Expo) Celebrating local authors and their books Headquarters–Ocala Public Library

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MEET THE AUTHOR

You’ll want to attend the Friends’ May 5 program with author, essayist, and columnist Jeff Klinkenberg. As a reporter, he interviewed Marjory Stoneman Douglas and the original girl pictured on the Coppertone ads. He’s also written about the The Highwaymen and the 1928 Okeechobee hurricane. He has written for the St. Petersburg Times (now the Tampa Bay Times) since 1977, and has authored a collection of essays entitled Pilgrim in the Land of Alligators and an anthology called Seasons of Real Florida. Klinkenberg writes about Florida history and culture, weaving in stories about Florida’s people. Carl Hiaasen says about Klinkenberg, “He has a rare eye for marvelous detail, and an affectionate ear for those small, wise, bittersweet voices that tell the true story of Florida.” Join us as we welcome Jeff Klinkenberg on May 5.

THANK YOU, Book Market Volunteers!

A very special “Thank you” goes to all of the volunteers who work in our Book Market. Every day they greet and answer questions from customers, shelve books, sort and clean them, prepare for quarterly book sales, and carry out many more jobs in making our Book Market a marvelous success. During Volunteer Appreciation Week in April, the Friends of the Library will be hosting a luncheon for these hard-working volunteers. We thank them again for all they do for the Book Market and our library.

CALLING ALL LOCAL AUTHORS

In celebration of National Library Week, the Friends of the Ocala Library are pleased to sponsor the Book Feast, formerly known as the Author Expo. This year the event will be on Saturday, April 13, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you are a local author and would like to participate in this event, contact Domina Daughtrey at 352-671-8551 or visit the library website at library.marioncountyfl.org for an application and more information. If you are interested in books (and who isn’t?), drop by during the Book Feast. You’ll be treated to mysteries, novels, biographies, and all sorts of different books to keep your interest. Plus, you’ll be supporting local authors. We look forward to seeing you there.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 13, 2013, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Book Feast
(formerly Author Expo)
Celebrating local authors and their books
Headquarters–Ocala Public Library

May 4, 2013, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Quarterly Book Sale
Held in Meeting Rooms,
Headquarters–Ocala Public Library

May 5, 2013, 2 p.m.
Author Jeff Klinkenberg
Telling stories of Florida’s culture and people
Held in Meeting Room C, Headquarters–Ocala Public Library
For more than three decades in the political arena, Kenneth Hood “Buddy” MacKay ably represented Marion County and Ocala, the town where he was born in 1933. But, retirement from politics did not mean a retreat to the proverbial rocking chair, because MacKay was then appointed by former President Bill Clinton to serve as his Special Envoy to the Americas. To this day, MacKay firmly believes that Florida should seek more trade with South American countries. He is convinced that Marion County could play a vital role in a burgeoning trade with this area, given its close proximity to I-75, and potentially making it an ideal location for an inland port. “Our future lies south—I feel that more strongly than ever,” said MacKay.

Native son MacKay was delighted with the news that the state Division of Recreation and Parks was approved for the buyout of Silver Springs. He envisions Marion County becoming a center for eco-tourism at its best, with the Greenway, the Horse Park, the Ocala National Forest, the Ocklawaha River, and the Water Management District all coming together to attract nature lovers from all over the country.

As Florida launches its “Viva Florida 500” anniversary of the Spanish occupation, MacKay had some interesting facts to relate as well. A research project undertaken by former Governor Lawton Childs’s wife Rhea revealed that Florida had more Spanish governors than any other state in the U.S. Mrs. Childs also unearthed a copy of a letter from the Bishop of St. Augustine to the Archbishop of Cuba about a charity opera to support Catholic hospitals in Florida. “So much Florida history was never recorded because, under Spanish rule, the state was primarily Catholic and the Protestants wrote the history books.”

Five generations of MacKays have lived and are currently living in Ocala. His grandfather came from Scotland in 1880 and made his way to Ocala where he developed the first commercial rock crusher to separate phosphate from flint rock. Buddy and his wife Anne currently reside in their home on Lake Weir. Once a familiar occupant of the Halls of Congress and in the State Capitol, MacKay keeps it simple these days. “I had a great career, but I am happy to be a private citizen again,” he said. We talked for a long time—after all, my Florida history dates back to when Leroy Collins was governor and should at least make me an honorary Floridian? This is a title Buddy was happy to bestow upon me.