A little help from our Friends!

Get to Know The ‘Friends’ of The Marion County Public Library System

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hour after hour. Day after day. Year after year. Imagine being so committed to an organization or a cause that you are willing to donate years of service. What is it that motivates one to demonstrate that kind of voluntary dedication? Is it the desire to effect change, to make one’s community a better place to live, learn and work? Is it the desire to be a part of something bigger? Is it the desire to develop relationships? Is it the desire to utilize personal knowledge and skills? Is it the belief in the mission and values of the organization?

In each of our libraries one will find a group of individuals who have a different answer as to why they are an active participant. However, one thing they have in common is that they are some of the most committed and hard working individuals you will ever encounter.

They are our Friends of the Library.
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**Get to Know the “Friends” of the Marion County Public Library System**

**By Karen Jensen**

**Friends of the Ocala Public Library**

**Established:**

1980

**Contributions**

This past year: $57,080

**Highlights:**

Dedication of new, renovated Book Market bookstore and launch of award-winning web site in 2009

**Accomplishments:**

Proceeds from annual book sales that benefit various library & scholarship programs have increased from $62,000 to $80,000.

**Members:**

353

**Words from President Sara Dassance:**

“I am amazed at the dedication of our volunteers and at the wonderful donations of books from the citizens of Ocala. Seeing the number of people using our library every day, I realize how these volunteers and donations allow us to provide vital support to the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library.”
Friends of the Marion Oaks Public Library

**ESTABLISHED:** 1991

**CONTRIBUTIONS** this past year: $1,205

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Sponsored the second annual St. Patrick’s Day luncheon and Card Party fundraiser to benefit the library, as well as annual book sale.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** On-going support of Summer Reading and children’s programs.

**MEMBERS:** 60

**WORDS from President Mary McCray:** “It’s wonderful when people come together for the good of their neighborhood & community. Our library brings us together.”

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Friends of the Belleview Public Library

**ESTABLISHED:** 1987

**CONTRIBUTIONS** this past year: $8,200

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Provided over $7,000 in donations for books for the new library; provided Christmas decorations.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** Over the past 23 years, helped fund major renovations to the old and current libraries. Purchased benches for the front porch of the new facility, and supported the children’s programs.

**MEMBERS:** 100

**WORDS from President Helen Kimberl:** “Our motto is ‘an organization where strangers become friends in pursuit of a common goal.’ That really summarizes what the Friends of the Belleview Public Library is all about.”

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Friends of the Forest Public Library

**ESTABLISHED:** 2001

**CONTRIBUTIONS** this past year: $1,600

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Hosted the reception for the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the brand, new Forest Public Library.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** Support of the Summer Reading programs; purchase of GED books; sponsored the annual Trunk or Treat fundraiser; and books sales.

**MEMBERS:** 20

**WORDS from President Patricia Holcomb:** “The Friends of The Forest Public Library enjoy knowing their contributions help open new worlds for all ages.”

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Herman B. Oberman Library Advisory Board

**ESTABLISHED:** 1969 • **CONTRIBUTIONS** this past year: $543

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Purchased tables and chairs for children’s area and sponsored 2 annual book/bake sales to benefit the library.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** Supported the Summer Reading & Year-Round programming.

**MEMBERS:** 7

**WORDS from President Eugene M. Thomas:** “We may be small, but our public library serves everyone in our community. Proceeds from book & bake sales help to support year-round programming that the library provides.”

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Friends of the Marion Oaks Public Library

From left to right, front row: Ruth Walsh, Una Kerr, Annette Brown, Nancy Sullivan; Back row: Theresa Grenier, Doris St. Laurent, Farida Ramsey, Mary McCray, Marge Abramski

Friends of the Forest Public Library

From left to right, seated: Nancy McFarland, Sandi Norsworthy, George W. French, Joan Greenwood; Standing: Donna Poole, Janice L. Burgess, Janet Prestwood

Friends of the Belleview Public Library

2009 Friends of the Belleview Public Library Christmas Party.
Friends of the Reddick Public Library

ESTABLISHED: 1988
CONTRIBUTIONS: $920
HIGHLIGHTS: Donation of a new 36-inch flat screen television last year.
ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Over the past 20+ years, the group has purchased audio, video, and other equipment, as well as supported various programming for children.
MEMBERS: 17
WORDS from President Martha Cromwell: “Here in Reddick, we love our library and we love our librarian, Mrs. Lee Fanelli.”

Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library

ESTABLISHED: 1981
CONTRIBUTIONS: $45,217
HIGHLIGHTS: Established the Dunnellon Public Library Book Endowment.
ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Provided funding for the library Reading Garden, audio system, bicycle racks, and ongoing support for library programming.
MEMBERS: 192
WORDS from President Gloria Pettit: “The Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library are the most dedicated, cooperative, and energetic volunteer group I have ever had the honor of being associated with in my lifetime.”

Friends of the Freedom Public Library

ESTABLISHED: 2000
CONTRIBUTIONS: $3,450
HIGHLIGHTS: Annual book sales; Freedom Quilter’s fund raiser; Art in the Library event; and planning the 10th Anniversary for the Freedom Public Library.
ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Support of children’s programming; purchase of new book carts; and a canopy for children’s programs, as well as a camera and media table.
MEMBERS: 125
WORDS from President Pat Babski: “Being a part of the Friends is a wonderful way to connect to the community.”

Friends of the Fort McCoy Public Library

ESTABLISHED: 2003
CONTRIBUTIONS: $750
HIGHLIGHTS: Hosted the John Sikorski Antique Appraisal Event and fund raiser and received a Florida Library Association honorable mention for this event.
ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Annual book sales and fund raising events help fund Summer Reading programs for children.
MEMBERS: 36
WORDS from President Sharon Beavers: “The Friends of the Freedom Public Library strive to work together for the purpose of the patrons by providing great programs and interesting speakers to benefit the health, safety and interest of our patrons.”

Friends of the Reddick Public Library President Martha Cromwell and Reddick Mayor, the Honorable James Stroup.

From left to right: Pat Bruun, Janet Stevens, Fred Malkin, Alyce Stock (in front) Sybil Brennan, Elaine Blaylock, Sharon Beavers, Marty Crawford.
Summer Reading Program for Everyone!

Make A Big Splash @ Your Library...READ!

Be a part of the Marion County Summer Reading Program for Children, Tweens, Teens, and – yes – Adults! All ages from babies to seniors are invited to any Marion County Public Library branch during June and July for lots of fun. PLUS, chances to win prizes! Each time you check out materials from the library, you will be given an entry form for the Summer Reading Program prize drawings on July 31st at 3:00 PM at the Headquarters – Ocala Library. Call 352-671-8551 for more information. Need a library card? Visit any library and get one – they’re FREE. The Marion County Public Library System wishes to thank its Friends of The Library groups for their support of the Summer Reading Program.

Homeschool Expo
Bellevue Public Library
June 14, 2 – 4 PM
Headquarters – Ocala Public Library
June 19, 10 AM – 12:30 PM
Join guest speaker Vicki Leist, Director of the Florida Parent-Educators Association District 3, for an introduction to homeschooling, then browse homeschool-related booths.

Dive Into College
Headquarters-Ocala, June 19, 1 – 3 PM
Thinking about college yet? It’s never too early to get prepared. Get information from College of Central Florida staff about the application process and financial aid and dive into college!

The Random Players
Theatre presents “The Incredible Water Show”
Headquarters – Ocala
Public Library, June 22, 2 PM
Forest Public Library, June 24, 2 PM
Reddick Public Library, July 8, 10 AM
Dunnellon Public Library, July 27, 11 AM
Fort McCoy Public Library, July 28, 10:30 AM
It’s a live theatre presentation of the zany picture book that’s all about water.

Reptile Discovery with Bruce Shwedick
Dunnellon Public Library, June 22, 3 PM
Freedom Public Library, July 1, 2 PM
Experience live reptiles from North and South America, Africa and Asia with a focus on natural history, habits, and habitats! It’s ALIVE @ Your Library!

Land of Yo
Fort McCoy Public Library, June 30, 10:30 AM
Learn some tips and techniques of successful yo-yoing with yo-yo professionals, Robert & Stephanie Baybrook.

BubbleMania & Company
Oberman Public Library, June 16, 11 AM
Headquarters – Ocala
Public Library, June 26, 2 PM
Reddick Public Library, July 22, 10 AM
Experience shimmering, wiggling bubble magic with highly trained “Bubble-ologists”!

Windell Campbell, Storyteller
Dunnellon Public Library, July 1, 2 PM
Locally grown but nationally known, this dynamic storyteller and puppeteer extraordinaire wows the audience using his whole body to dramatize the words of favorite stories.
Jacksonville Zoo
Freedom Public Library, July 17, 11 AM
Headquarters – Ocala Public Library, July 17, 2 PM
Join us for a “Zoofari” and find out about all things scaly and slimy.

Curious Moon Puppet Theatre
Headquarters – Ocala Public Library, July 10, 2 PM
Fort McCoy Public Library, July 14, 10:30 AM
Join amateur detective Fry in a journey across the ocean in this sing-along shadow puppet mystery, “Fish’n Ships.”

“No Splash Bash” Water Festival
Headquarters – Ocala Public Library, July 31, 10 AM – 12:30 PM
Marion County Public Library System ends the summer with a celebration! Join Marion County Water Conservation, Stormwater, Utilities, Parks and Recreation, Watershed Action Volunteers, St. John’s River Water Management District, U.S. Forestry Department and others for crafts, games, and demonstrations for kids and families. Have fun learning about water resources and conservation!

Holidays and Special Days
Fourth of July
Sunday, July 4. All libraries closed.

July 5th
Monday. Holiday Observed. All libraries closed.

Maintenance Day
Friday, August 13. HQ-Ocala & Forest libraries closed for maintenance. All other library facilities will be open.

HEADQUARTERS–OCALA
2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala 352-671-8551

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

It’s Academic! Homeschool Expo & Dive Into College
Saturday, June 19
Homeschool Expo 10 AM – 12:30 PM
See Programs Spotlight for details.
Dive into College 1 – 3 PM
See Programs Spotlight for details.

No Splash Bash Water Festival
Saturday July 31, 10 AM – 12:30 PM
Water-themed crafts, activities, and demonstrations for all ages. See Programs Spotlight for details.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

The Monday Matinee
Mondays, 2 PM, June 7 – July 26
Movies for adults and teens 13+. Refreshments will be served. Co-sponsored by Golden Flake and RE/MAX Allstars Realty. For more information and movie titles, contact your library.

Wired Wednesdays
Wednesdays, 10:30 AM
Computer and database instruction for adults. Space is limited.

Beyond MySpace: Social Networking for the Rest of Us.
June 16: Social Networking for Foodies
June 23: Book Lovers’ Virtual Interest Groups
June 30: Social Networking for Genealogists

Virtual Vacations:
Travel the World from Your Computer
July 7: Florida Day Trips
July 14: Great Smoky Mountains National Park
July 21: Washington D.C.
July 28: Ireland
**PROGRAMS FOR TEENS**

**Read Any Good Books Lately?**
First Tuesdays, 4 PM
Teen book discussions for ages 13-18.
June 1: Arrgh You a Pirate?
July 6: Fabulous Florida

**Totally Wired**
Wednesdays, 2 PM, June 16-July 7
Computer classes for ages 13-18.
June 16: Design It: Web Design, Part 1
June 23: Design It: Web Design, Part 2
June 30: Picture This: Digital Photography and Photo Editing, Part 1
July 7: Picture This Digital Photography and Photo Editing, Part 2

**Chill on Fridays**
Fridays, 2 PM, June 18-July 30
Ages 13 - 18
Get out of the heat and chill at the Library on Fridays this summer.
June 18: Creased Lightning: Origami, the Art of Paper Folding
June 25: Get Your Game On: Wii Gaming and Board Games
July 2: Just Draw Manga! Create and share ideas with other Manga enthusiasts.
July 8: Creepy, Cute Crochet and Strange Sock Creatures: Practice crocheting and sewing while making interesting creatures to take home with you.
July 16: Get Your Game On: Wii Gaming and Board Games
July 23: Printmaking: Discover the art of printmaking with Shelia Ramos, director of the Artist Hub of Ocala.
July 30: It’s a Food Thing—Candy Sushi: Make yummy, beautiful sushi treats out of candy.

**PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES**

**Friday Flicks for Kids and Families**
Fridays, 2 PM, June 25-July 30
For more information and movie titles, contact your library.

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**Super Saturdays, 2 PM**
Children grades K-6 and their families. Seating is limited. Tickets may be picked up 30 minutes prior to program. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ocala Public Library.

June 26: BubbleMania & Company presents an entertaining program with bubbles of all shapes and sizes! See Programs Spotlight for more details.

July 10: Curious Moon Puppet Theater presents “Fish n’ Ships.” See Programs Spotlight for more details.

July 17: Jacksonville Zoo presents “Zoo to You.” See Programs Spotlight for more details.

**PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN**

**Camp Splash for K-3rd Grade**
Tuesdays, 2 – 3 PM, June 22-July 20
June 22: Bubble Explorations
June 26: Squish, Squash/Water All Around
July 6: Ahoy There, Book-a-neers!
July 13: Weather the Storm!
July 20: Under the Sea

**Tween Tribes for 4th-6th Grade**
Tuesdays, 2 – 3:15 PM, June 22-July 20
June 22: H2O is on the Go!
June 29: Over and Under
July 6: There She Blows!
July 13: Stop That Drip!
July 20: 310 Miles to the Beach

**Beach Party for Grades K-6**
Tuesday, July 27, 2 PM
Featuring Shana Banana and a cool treat! “Make a Splash Reading Club” membership card required for admission. See Librarian for details. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ocala Public Library.

**Summer Book Clubs**
Thursdays, 2 – 3 PM
Session 1: June 24 – July 8
Session 2: July 15 - July 29
Book clubs for K-1st, 2nd-3rd, 4th-6th grades. Registration required. See Librarian for details.

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**STORYTIMES**

**Family Storytime**
0 – 5 year olds
Tuesdays, 6:30 PM, June 22-July 27
Wednesdays, 10:15 AM, June 23-July 28

**BELLEVUE PUBLIC LIBRARY**
13145 SE Hwy. 484, Belleview
352-438-2500

**PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS**

**Health Screenings for Adults**
Saturday, June 12, 10 AM –2 PM
Comprehensive free health screenings will be conducted by Ocala/Marion County Health Education Partners.

**Homeschool Expo**
Monday, June 14, 2-4 PM.
See Programs Spotlight for details.

**Tuesday Movie Matinee**
Tuesdays, 1 PM, June 1-August 31
For more information and movie titles, contact your library.

**Basic Computer Classes**
Wednesdays & Thursdays 1 PM
June 2 – July 29
Seating is limited. Tickets will be distributed starting at 12:30 PM on the day of each class.
June 2 & 3: Intro to the Computer
June 9 & 10: Basic Internet
June 16 & 17: Basic Email
June 23 & 24: Internet Searching and Printing
June 30 & July 1: Mouse Play
July 7 & 8: Introduction to the Computer
July 14 & 15: Basic Internet
July 21 & 22: Basic Email
July 28 & 29: Internet Searching and Printing
PROGRAMS FOR TEENS
Make Waves! Crafts & Fun for Teens
Fridays, 2 – 4 PM, June 18-July 30
June 18: Photo Magic Part I Using a free web-based program to create special photo effects and digital art.
June 25: Photo Magic Part II Conclusion-using a free web-based program to create special effects and digital art.
July 2: Online Scrapbooking: What to do with those nice images created in Photo Magic.
July 9: Crafty Teens–Water Globes: A unique way to display photos or other artwork in a home-made water globe.
July 16: Board Games: Play Scrabble, Monopoly, Battleship, Chess, and cards. Unplugged!
July 23: Crafty Teens–Bottle Cap Jewelry: Use bottle caps to create pins, necklaces, bracelets, and magnets.
July 30: It’s a Food Thing–Candy Sushi! Make yummy, beautiful sushi treats out of candy.

PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES
Family Flix
Tuesdays 10:30 am
For more information and movie titles, contact your library.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN
Make a Splash... Read! School-Age Storytime
Ages 6-12
Thursdays, 10:30 AM, June 17–July 22
June 17: Get in the Swim Dance Program Guest instructor, Ron Johnson
June 24: Fun with Water
July 1: How Does Water Flow? Guest presenter, Barbra Hernandez
July 8: Ocean Commotion: Creatures of the Deep
July 15: Who Lives in the Marsh?

July 22: Beach Party Finale
Preschool Story Time
Ages 3-5
Fridays, 10:30 AM, June 11-July 30

DUNNELLON PUBLIC LIBRARY
20351 Robinson Road, Dunnellon
352-438-2520

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS
Computer Classes for Adults
Mondays, 10:30 AM – Noon
Space is limited.
June 21: Health Resources on the Internet
July 12: Search for Jobs using the Internet
July 26: Microsoft Publisher for Teens and Adults
August 9: Cool Tools for Booklovers
August 16: Price It!
Antiques and Collectible Resources on the Internet
August 30: What’s Cooking?
Internet Recipe Resources for Foodies

Genealogy @ Your Library
10:30 AM – Noon.
Fridays, June 11 & 25, August 13 & 27
Our computer lab will be open for sharing search methods with other genealogists. Genealogy coach, Madeline Mitchell, will be available to answer your questions. Space is limited.

Open Computer Lab
10:30 AM – Noon
Mondays, June 28, July 19, August 2 & 23
Practice your skills. We can answer your questions. Space is limited.

Comedy Movies for the Summer
Movies for adults and teens 13+
Fridays, 1 PM
For more information and movie titles, contact your library.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS
Name That Tune!
Monday, June 21, 2 PM
A call to all music-savvy teens to compete in our “Name That Tune” Challenge.

Get Stuck on Duct Tape!
Thursday, July 8, 2 PM
Create your very own tote bag or wallet with Duct Tape. Registration required.

Scrumptious Summer Snacks
Thursday, July 15, 2 PM
Learn how to make summer snacks with our very own Chef Wally. Registration required.

PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES
Family Game Day
Friday, July 16, 3 PM
Enjoy an afternoon filled with trivia, board games and fun for all ages.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN
Children’s Movie Matinee
Thursday, June 17, 2 PM, Grade K-5
Surf’s Up
Reptile Discovery with Bruce Shwedick
Tuesday, June 22, 3 PM
It’s ALIVE @ Your Library! See Programs Spotlight for more details. Sponsored by the Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library.

Water Science
Friday, June 25, 11 AM, Grade K-5
Discover the wonderful world of water with science experiments. Registration required.

Percy Jackson Challenge
Tuesday, June 29, 2 PM
(grades 4 – Middle School Only)
Travel to Camp Half-Blood and experience the Percy Jackson books. Registration required.
**Storyteller**
**Windell Campbell**
**Thursday, July 1, 2 PM, Grade K-5**
Storyteller Windell Campbell presents folktales and animal stories. Some stories include puppets! Sponsored by the Friends of the

**Make a Splash... Read!**
**School-Age Storytime**
**Wednesdays, 11 AM, June 23 - July 28**
June 23: Ocean Commotion
June 30: Rock the Boat
July 7: Florida Critters
July 14: Life at the Beach
July 21: Meet the Coast Guard
Enjoy this maritime program on boat safety, featuring an actual Coast Guard boat and officer.

**July 28: Wonders of Water**

**FOREST PUBLIC LIBRARY**
905 S. County Road 314A, Ocklawaha • 352-438-2540

**PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS & TEENS**

**The Wednesday Matinee**
**Wednesdays, 2 PM, June 16 – August 25**
Movies for adults and teens 13+.
Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Forest Public Library.
For more information and movie titles, contact your library.

**Computer Classes**
**Tuesdays, 3 PM, August 3 – 31**
Seating is limited. Tickets are required and will be distributed on the day of each class at 2:30 PM.

**PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN**

**Kids’ Club**
**Wednesday, June 9, 2:30 – 4 PM**
Grades K-5

**Funtime Thursdays**
**Thursdays, 2 PM, June 24-July 29**
Grades K-5
June 24: The Random Players Theatre presents “The Incredible Water Show”
July 15: Art Van-Go
July 29: “A Torrent of Talent” Talent Show

**STORIETIMES**

**Toddler and Preschool Storytime**

**Make a Splash!**
**Fridays, June 18 & July 9, 10:30 AM**

**Kindermusik for Toddlers and Preschoolers**
**Friday, July 23, 10:30 AM**
Share a morning of music and movement.

**Make a Splash... Read!**
**School-Age Storytime**
**Tuesdays, 2 PM, June 22-July 27**
Grades K-5
June 22: WOW! The Wonders of Water
June 29: An Ocean of Fun
July 6: High Seas Adventure
July 13: Squish Squash: Freshwater & Wetlands
July 20: Splish Splash Summer
July 27: Life at the Beach

**FORT MCCOY PUBLIC LIBRARY**
14660 NE Hwy 315, Fort McCoy
352-438-2560

**PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS**

**GED Education**
**Mondays & Wednesdays, 6 – 8 PM**
June 2 - August 30

**Friends of The Fort McCoy Public Library**

**August 26, Noon**
Bring your own lunch and enjoy learning about special events.

**PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN**

**Make a Splash... Read!**
**School-Age Storytime**
**Wednesdays, 10:30 AM, Grades K-5**
June 23: An Ocean of Fun
June 30: Land of YO: See Programs Spotlight for more details.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Fort McCoy Public Library.

**July 7: High Seas Adventures**
**July 14: Curious Moon Puppet Theater presents “Fish n’ Ships”**
See Programs Spotlight for more details.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Fort McCoy Public Library.

**July 21: Splish Splash Summer**
**July 28: The Random Players Theatre presents “The Incredible Water Show”**

**FREEDOM PUBLIC LIBRARY**
5870 SW 95th Street, Ocala
352-438-2580

**PROGRAMS FOR TEENS**

**Make Waves @ Your Library!**
**FLYP Support Crew & Think Tank**
**June 30 – July 28, Wednesdays, 2 PM**
Calling all teens and pre-teens! Help plan and present library programs.
Readers, artists, performers, and dreamers will all be welcome!

**PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES**

Make a Tiny Splash Pajama Party!
Tuesdays, July 6 – 27, 6-7:30 PM
Jump in, the reading’s great! Enjoy the magic of water in science, stories, poems, music, and art! Everyone is welcome! Refreshments will be served.

Stupendous Saturdays!
Arts, Film, and Fooling Around
July 3, July 10, July 24 – 2-4 PM
Ages 5 -15. Join another fabulous Library adventure! Electronic gaming, filmmaking and teen crafts included. Refreshments will be served.

Jacksonville Zoo! Zoofari!
Saturday, July 17, 11 AM
Ages 5-15. Refreshments will be served. See Programs Spotlight for more details. Sponsored by the Friends of the Freedom Public Library

FLYP Finale! No Contest Talent Contest!
Saturday, July 31, 2-4 PM
Perform before a wildly enthusiastic audience! All talent levels welcome! Refreshments will be served.

**PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN**

Make a Splash – Read!
School-Age Storytime!
Thursdays, 2 PM, July 1 – 29
Grades K-5. Where do we find genius? In your own library! Performance opportunities abound. Join us for the return of Ultimate Showdown!

July 1: Reptile Discovery with Bruce Shwedick. It’s ALIVE @ Your Library! See Programs Spotlight for more details. Sponsored by the Friends of the Freedom Public Library

July 8: TBA by Make Waves
July 15: TBA by Make Waves
July 22: Now You See It

**PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS**

Water your Mind…Read
Mondays, 11:30 AM, July 12 – 26
Plant new thoughts and bloom with our special guest speakers.

**PROGRAMS FOR TEENS**

 Totally Wired
Wednesdays, 11:30 AM, July 14 - 28
Computer classes for ages 13-18

**PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN**

Pre-School Story Time
Fridays, 10:30 AM, June 4–August 27

Make a Splash – Read!
School-Age Storytime!
Thursdays 2-3:30 PM, June 24-July 29
June 24: Wow! Wonder of Water: Guest speaker Nia Haynes-Marion County Utilities
July 1: An Ocean of Fun: Guest speaker Megan Brew-4-H Agent/Marion County Extension Service

July 8: High Sea Adventures
July 15: Splish Splash Summer
July 22: Squish Squash
July 29: Grand Finale
It’s summer time and the reading is easy. Whether your preferred reading spot is beach, poolside, or in air-conditioned comfort, the Marion County Public Library System has plenty to offer. Books and audiobooks abound on the shelves with reading ideas for every mood.

Summer and sweet romance go together like milk and cookies. Adriana Trigiani’s new novel, *Bra-va Valentine*, offers a hopeful love story, though the road is a bit rocky as Valentine struggles to modernize her custom shoe business while figuring out what she feels for Gianluca, a suave Italian.

Does your mood call for adventure of the fictional sort? William Dietrich’s latest novel, *The Barbary Pirates*, features adventurer Ethan Gage in a new escapade. Ethan is the 19th century version of Indiana Jones, but more fun and less scrupulous. Look for lots of page-turning excitement as Ethan searches for a lost artifact said to be the weapon of mass destruction of the ancient Romans.

Looking for something for the kids? Rick Riordan’s new book, *The Red Pyramid*, has just been released. Riordan, of *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* fame, offers his signature humor and lightning-fast action in this new series.

These books, and more, are available at the Marion County Public Library System.

**People’s Choice for Summer Reading**

My favorite summer-time read is *Artemis Fowl and the Lost Colony* by Eoin Colfer. *The Lost Colony* is fifth of a series that, so far, has six installments. In this story, the characters prove their loyalty, ability and bravery. Without giving too much of the story away, I will tell you to keep a few tissues handy. But don’t worry; everything turns out all right in the end. Remember not to rush while you’re reading because you don’t want to miss the important details.

— Paige Ramsey

A blend of Gothic romance and mystery reminiscent of the Brontes at their best, this book is an ode to the special relationship between readers and writers and the books they adore.

— Elizabeth Waller

The 44 Scotland Street series by Alexander McCall-Smith

I enjoy listening to the audio recordings of Alexander McCall-Smith’s *44 Scotland Street* series. I highly recommend *The Unbearable Lightness of Scones* — it is full of great characters and pleasant surprises. Listening to the Scottish voices and the interesting story makes you feel as if you are there.

— Anne Hamilton
Mural artists Anita Anderson (seated) & Mary Trowbridge were on hand for the dedication of their work in the Children’s Services Division at Headquarters-Ocala.

Nancy Young and Roseanne Russo with “Arthur” at HQ-Ocala.

Marion County Board of County Commissioners honors Friends of the Library member Frances A. Kolonia for 30 years of service. (L-R): Mike Amsden, Stan McClain, Julie Sieg - Library Director, Frances A Kolonia, Barbara Fitos, Jim Payton, and Charlie Stone.

Shayla Gibson volunteers at Headquarters-Ocala for the Give a Day, Get a Day project.

In the Dunnellon Public Library Reading Garden stands this statue of Booker and Buster.

Snow Ball Throw at Snow Festival 2010: It was “Snow Much Fun!”
And the Winner Is…
Marion County Public Library System Recognized at 2010 Florida Library Association Conference

The Marion County Public Library System was one of 20 award recipients from across the state recognized at the 87th annual Florida Library Association (FLA) Conference in April. FLA Award winning categories included the Friends, Foundations & Boards Outstanding Member, the Betty Davis Miller Youth Services, Library Innovation, and Friends of the Library Web site and Special Projects.

Frances A. Kolonia received the Friends, Foundations & Boards Outstanding Member Award and was recognized for her 30-plus years of service to the Friends of the Ocala Public Library. Fran’s expertise and support was instrumental in establishing the Friends group back in 1980, and she has remained an active member and advocate for libraries since then.

Headquarters-Ocala Children’s Services Division “Bee-a-Reader” program was the winner for The Betty Davis Miller Youth Services Award. Bee-a-Reader, established in 2005, provides a 15-minute read aloud program for school children and their families. Children attending the program receive a bookmark and other incentives at each visit.

New in 2010, the Library Innovation Award was developed to recognize a library’s innovative and creative service or program. The 2009 Headquarters-Ocala inaugural CREATE (Colossal, Reading, Artsy, Teen Event) that highlighted the talents of Marion County teens, won the award for this new category.

Friends of the Ocala Public Library were winners for their new Web site launched in 2009, and the Friends of the Fort McCoy Public Library received an honorable mention in the Friends Special Projects Category for their John Sikorski Antique Appraisal Event.

Calling All Volunteers: All Aboard the Library Express!

Volunteers are needed to join the Library Express program and lead storytimes at preschool locations throughout the county. Library Express volunteers bring the joy of library storytimes to children in the community who may not be able to attend traditional in-house offerings. A complete orientation and volunteer training will be provided. For more information on how to get on board the Library Express, or to find out about other volunteer opportunities within the library system, contact Cate O’Brien at 352-368-4502.
The Friends of the Ocala Public Library Web site was recognized as best in the state for 2009 by the Florida Library Association. A group traveled to the state convention in Orlando in April to accept the award. Please visit the site often for information on programs, book sales, and updates on Friends’ activities. The address is www.friendsoftheocalalibrary.org.

Many thanks to our web site designer, Steve Codraro, (stevenjcodrarodesigns.com) for his work, creativity and guidance.

Our Award-Winning Web site

A Great Big Thank You!
To Our Book Market Volunteers

From Monday through Saturday our Book Market is staffed with faithful volunteers who price, shelve and sell our donated books. Keeping it running smoothly is manager Pat Anderson (also a volunteer!). We recognize and thank all of you.

- Janice Bell
- Anne Berra
- Pat Bishop
- Doris Boseman
- John Bunyan
- Emily Cardinali
- Dot Carey
- Joan Cerrah
- Kandi Cole
- Sallie Collins
- James Conrad
- Joyce Corso
- Irmy Czarny
- Martha Delong
- Ellen Dreyer
- Dionne Ebisawa
- Valerie Ernst
- Phyllis Farrow
- Maranell Fleming
- Shirley Fleury
- Charlene Gorman
- Karin Harper
- Pam Hetlinger
- Rebecca Hicks
- Anne Houseman
- Patty Interdonte
- Carol Jaffee
- Jeanne James
- Gloria Koczwaski
- Joan Lee
- Sharla McElhaney
- Leila Mestrts
- Jean Milstead
- Elsie Priest
- Carol Pirm
- Mary Ralph
- Susan Rosiak
- Carolyn Ruhrort
- Ruth Schweighofer
- Ruthann Smiley
- Marilyn Stadick
- Joan Taylor
- Ruth Welch
- Mary Lou Welsh
- Barbara West
- Ethel Wimmer
- Pat Withem

A Tote to Tote Your Books

Visit the Book Market today to purchase a new bag to carry your books home and back again. This black cotton bag has the Friends of the Ocala Public Library logo on the side and is large enough to hold the items you borrow or buy. Not only are they convenient, but we will reduce the use of plastic bags and even earn a little profit for library programs. At $6.50, they will go quickly so stop in today to buy yours!

Mark Your Calendar

Aug. 7, 2010, 10AM-4PM: Quarterly Book Sale


All events are free, open to the public, and held in Meeting Room C, Headquarters-Ocala Public Library. Refreshments served.

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In her freshman year at Forest High School, $3,000 scholarship winner Brishailah Brown’s English teacher advised her to take Latin because it would help with her SAT scores. That must have been good advice, because after joining the Latin Club, she became proficient enough to compete in a Junior Classical League Latin competition in Orlando.

Brishailah also belongs to the Engineering and Manufacturing Institute of Technology Club. For her senior project, she chose to design a restaurant with an outdoor theme, and was outlining the floor plan when we spoke with her. She also belongs to the American Teen Cancer Society and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

After graduating from high school, she will look for a summer job before enrolling at the University of Central Florida where she will pursue a degree in Political Science. She is also leaning toward law school once she completes her Bachelors degree. Brishailah has a Bright Futures Scholarship, and is applying for three other scholarships as well.

No surprise that, in her spare time, her favorite pastime is reading; and her favorite book is *Pride and Prejudice*.

Winner of the $1,500 scholarship, Marcedes Fulton is not letting the fact that she won’t start classes at the University of Florida until January 2011 hinder her quest for an education. She is planning to get a head start on her first semester at UF by earning credits at either the College of Central Florida or Santa Fe Community College. The Lake Weir High School graduate is planning to attend medical school to study cardiology.

Marcedes has been playing the flute since sixth grade, and is a member of the Lake Weir High School band. An active member of the school’s Key Club and Health Occupation Students of America, she is also a member of the National Honor Society for the second year.

A Bright Futures recipient, Marcedes has yet to determine what other scholarships she will receive.

Her love of books is evident; her favorite is *The Girl with the Pearl Earring*. She loves *Jane Eyre*, even though it makes her cry every time she reads it.

For more information about the Friends of the Ocala Public Library and their Educational Scholarships, visit the Web site at www.friendsofthecalalibrary.org