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Newsletter # 17 The FRIENDS of the MIMS / SCOTTSMOOR LIBRARY January 2006

A New Library for Mims/Scottsmoor (editorial)

A new library will be built in Mims/Scottsmoor… just as soon as residents indicate you need a new library. How? If residents visit the Mims library every week by the hundreds, week after week, we will be on our way to gaining a beautiful, new, permanent library. All you need to do now is visit!

Did you know that every time someone visits the library, attendance is counted? Foot traffic at the library is exceedingly important. Next time you go to the store, visit a mall, drive the kids home from sports or scouts, or pick up the kids after school, why not stop by the Mims/Scottsmoor library to check out a book, video, or CD? It only takes a few minutes. Why pay for these items when they are free...and easily available? All you need is a library card. Just bring in your Florida driver's license and apply.

When students have a report to prepare, why not visit the library to research the facts? Computers are available, and the Research Librarian is eager to answer questions. In fact, computer classes are offered as well. Attend the interesting and varied programs presented free by the library. Volunteer to join the Friends group—bake something or help set up the tables for book sales. We need you!

If you aren't sure how to find or check out a book, video, or CD, just ask. The friendly folks are there to make your visits to the library easy and fun. Bring your children to the library every week so they become familiar with all it has to offer, including children's programs and reading clubs! Wouldn't you prefer that your children spend quality time learning and reading in the quiet library rather than watching TV? "Readers are Leaders" as the poster says.

Did you know this library "unit" is made of used portable buildings, and is not in the best physical shape? This is only a TEMPORARY building; it is not designed to last forever. Now's the time to start campaigning and working for a permanent library building. YOUR help is needed. Like it or not, the Mims/Scottsmoor area is growing. We deserve a library that is an asset to our community.

Please, visit the library as often as possible, even for a few minutes. Read the magazines. Skim an out-of-area newspaper for future events. See which best-sellers are on the front shelves just waiting for you. Offer your talents—maybe your hobby would make a fascinating program. Bring your neighbors, your scout troop, or your friends with you to visit the library. Hold your club meetings at the library.

Every visit is important. Spend your valuable time helping to bring a library we can be proud of to Mims/Scottsmoor area. It's up to YOU!

Florida Humanities Council Programs

The Mims/Scottsmoor Public Library will host three Florida Humanities Council programs. The Friends of the Mims/Scottsmoor Public Library, who are co-sponsoring these programs, will serve refreshments beginning at 6:30 pm. For more information on these special programs, please call the library at 264-5080.

Gary R. Mormino

The first speaker will be Florida author Dr. Gary R. Mormino on **Thursday, January 12**, 2006 at 7 pm.

Dr. Mormino will speak about his recent book, *Land of Sunshine, State of Dreams: A Social History of Modern Florida*. The culmination of nearly two decades of research, it was published in the spring of 2005 by the University Press of Florida.

Once the least populated and most isolated state in the South, Florida has emerged as one of the largest and most diverse states in the United States. Florida's meteoric rise has encompassed revolutions in technology, demography and lifestyle. Mormino tells the story of compelling characters, bewitching places and the enduring but changing idea of a dream state. The presentation promises to be of high interest to long-time Florida residents and newcomers alike.

Gary Mormino, a full professor at the University of South Florida, has written extensively on immigration and urban America.

In addition to his 2005 publication mentioned above, he has written The Immigrant World of Ybor City: Italians and Their Latin Neighbors in Tampa 1885-1985 (University of Illinois Press, 1991) and co-edited, with Ann Henderson, Spanish Pathways in Florida, 1492-1992 (Pineapple Press, 1991). He is presently completing a history of World War II in Florida.

Daniel L. Schafer

The second speaker will be award-winning Florida author Daniel L. Schafer on **Thursday, February 16**, 2006 at 7 pm.

In celebration of Black History month, Mr. Schafer will speak about his recently published book, *Anna Madgigine Jai Kingsley: African Princess, Florida Slave, Plantation Slaveowner*. The book won the Florida Historical Society's Charlton Tebeau Award for the best book on Florida History in 2003.

Both a slave and a slaveowner, and possibly an African princess, Anna was a teenager when captured in Senegal and sold into slavery. Married to slave trader Zephaniah Kingsley, Jr., she became his household manager and the mother of four of his children. Emancipated in 1811, she became the owner of her own farm and twelve slaves. Schafer, who is a professor of history at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, will highlight the life and accomplishments of one of Florida history's most fascinating figures.

Dana Ste. Claire

The third speaker will be Florida author Dana Ste. Claire on **Tuesday, February 28**, 2006 at 7 pm.

Mr. Ste. Claire will speak about his book, *Cracker: Cracker Culture in Florida History*. Before air conditioning and mosquito repellant, Cracker culture

flourished on the Florida frontier. For over 200 years scholars have attempted to define the Crackers, but their name is as elusive as their nature, their character as tough as Florida's hardscrabble countryside. Any real Cracker will tell you that's just the way they like it.

From the language they spoke to the houses they built, from clandestine moonshine stills and cow hunting to grits and gravy, the culture is described. This book -- part history, part folklore -- is a generously illustrated account of Cracker heritage, its rich history, and its disappearance as today's fast-paced society reaches even into the remote backwoods of the state. This presentation promises to be of high interest to native Floridians and newcomers alike.

A native Floridian, Ste. Claire, who was born in Ocala, holds both a B.A. and an M.A. from the University of South Florida in archaeology and cultural resource management. He has worked as a museum director, a professional archaeologist and college/university instructor. One of the projects under his direction was the 10-year restoration and development of Old St. Augustine Village Museum, a city block of historic houses.

Marshall Frank - Author Of Suspense Novels

The Mims/Scottsmoor Public Library will host local crime/suspense novelist Marshall Frank on **Tuesday, January 31**, 2006 at 7 pm. Mr. Frank will discuss his work and the process of writing.

Mr. Frank is a retired captain from the Metro-Dade Police Department where he

served in many capacities during a thirty year career including five years as commander of CSI.

After retirement, he began using his wealth of knowledge and experience as a framework for fictional works and presently is the author of four suspense novels. A fifth book is a collection of previously published essays about controversial issues relating to criminal justice.

In 2006, Frank anticipates the publication of a new novel, set in Miami, entitled "The Latent." An earlier novel, "Dire Straits," is also scheduled to be made into a movie in 2006.

For more information on this program, which is free and open to the public, please call the library at 264-5080.

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Writing Class

Local free-lance writer Natasha Lawrence will offer a class "Something to Write About: Your Life Stories " at the Mims/Scottsmoor Public Library. The class will be offered on **Thursday, January 5**, 2006 from 6-8 pm, and again on **Thursday, January 26**, from 6-8 pm.

Everyone has a special story to tell. Come and find out how to put the memories and events from your life down in an organized fashion to leave for future generations of your family to treasure and enjoy.

An $8.00 fee will be charged for a journal and instruction. For more information or to pre-register for the class, please call the library at 264-5080.

Watercolor Classes

Local watercolorist Mary Ann Theis will teach a class at the Mims/Scottsmoor Public Library on **Saturday, January 7**, 2006 from 9:30-11:30 am. This class will be repeated on **Saturday, February 4** from 9:30-11:30 am, and on **Saturday, March 4**, from 9:30-1:30 am. A $9.00 fee will be charged for materials and instruction and pre-registration is required. For more information or to register for the class, please call the library at 264-5080.

Junior Book Club Meeting

Our Junior Book Club for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders will meet **Thursday, January 19th** at 3:00 pm. Meetings include a book discussion, a snack, and sometimes a craft. Be there or be square!

Mini-Computer Classes

Beginning Computer classes will be offered:

January 11 (Computers 101—How to turn on a computer); **January 18** (Word Basics Part 1); and **January 25** (Word Basics Part 2). To register, please call the library at 264-5080 and ask for Reference.

Decorative Painting Class

Local artist Anne Johnsen will offer a class in decorative painting using acrylics at the Mims/Scottsmoor Public Library on **Saturday, January 14**, 2006 from 9 to12 noon. Also, **Saturday, February 11** and **Saturday, March 18**. A $10.00 fee will be charged for instruction and materials. Beginners are always welcome. To pre-register for this class, please call 264-5080.

Pre-school Storytimes

Every **Tuesday** and **Friday** in January, Pre-school Storytimes will be presented at 10:30 am. On January 3 and 6, the topic is snow. On January 10 and 13, the topic is penguins. On January 17 and 20, the topic is cold weather. On January 24 and 27, the story is about rabbits. Finally, on January 31 and February 3, the theme is nursery rhymes. Be sure to join the fun. While you're there, be sure to look at all the children's videos that are available to be checked out.

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Family Night Storytime

Join us at the library **Thursday, January 26** at 7:00 pm for Family Night Storytime. We'll enjoy milk and cookies and a craft, too! Kids, wear your pj's and slippers. Call for information at 264-5080. You're all invited.

Collect Labels

We need 1300 labels by **February 28th**. Please collect and bring to the library all your Campbell's, Franco-American, Pepperidge Farm, Market Day, V8, Swanson, Prego, and Pace labels to help us get free materials! Which part of the label to save is important, so see the library's flyer for details. Donating labels is a way for everyone to participate in the library's growth. Thank you.

March Book and Bake Sale

The Friends of the Mims/Scottsmoor Public Library will hold their Spring Book and Bake Sale on **Friday, March 10**, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and **Saturday, March 11**, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. New members of FRIENDS are always needed, so ask about joining today! For more information contact library at 264-5080.

FRIENDS News

The Friends of the Mims/Scottsmoor Public Library (volunteer helpers and workers) offered crafted items for sale during December at the library. This extraordinarily successful idea made more than $250.00! Friends met on Wednesday afternoons for weeks to handcraft inexpensive ornaments, gifts, and holiday items from mostly donated materials. Because this idea was so well-received, it may become an annual event.

Friends will be planning activities for 2006, so come share your ideas and talents. Next meeting of Friends will be **January 19**, 2006, at 7:00 pm, at the library. Everyone is invited to attend. The meeting is free; the donation to join Friends is only $5.00 a year.

Please join the Friends of the Mims/Scottsmoor Library today!

The Friends conduct membership drives, sponsor book sales, and plan other activities to raise funds that purchase needed items for the library.

It's easy to become a member – just fill out a form at the library. Ask at the front desk for an application.

Thanks to Ron Bartcher for building another CD/DVD display case.