# The NOTIFLYER

Newsletter # 18 The FRIENDS of the MIMS / SCOTTSMOOR LIBRARY April 2006


## Negroni-Hendrick Mobile Library

Thanks to a successful 5K fundraiser last November and a generous $50,000 donation by local residents Dee Negroni and Don Hendrick, the Brevard Library Foundation has been able to purchase a much-needed mobile library van to serve the county.

Obtaining a fully-equipped "library on wheels" has been a long-time goal of the foundation, in addition to purchasing more books for children and funding supplemental library programs. The new mobile library is scheduled to go into service soon.

While the 2nd annual 5K Walk for Libraries last Nov. 13 in Cocoa Beach managed to raise more than $64,000 to fund foundation programs, it was the $50,000 Negroni-Hendrick donation that pushed the effort over the top and allowed the foundation to

move ahead with immediate purchase. The vehicle, complete with all equipment, will cost $110,000.

"The generous donation by this civic-minded couple has enabled us to move quickly on this important service," said Ned Kellar, the foundation's executive director. "In recognition of their wonderful gift, we are naming the new vehicle the Negroni-Hendrick Mobile Library."

Unlike the old bookmobile concept, our mobile library will present the same programs available in the local libraries, including puppet times and story hours for youngsters, as well as computer instruction.

Bunny Routon, Mobile Library Supervisor, says that the unit will visit this library soon.

## Give Me Land…

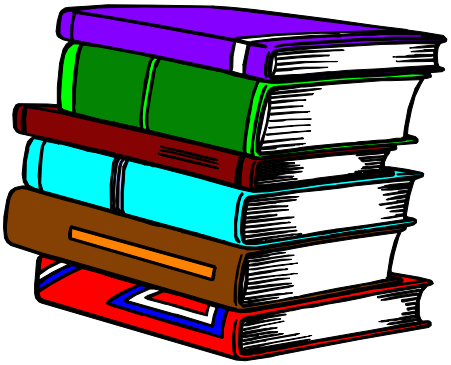
(editorial)

A first step in building a new library for the Mims/Scottsmoor area is to acquire five or more acres of land (facing or near U.S. 1). The best and fastest approach, according to people familiar with the process of building libraries in Brevard, is for a generous person or business to donate suitable acreage for the site of our future library.

A new, inviting, permanent library building is needed soon, as the current library is bursting at the seams. Furthermore, with hundreds of houses to be constructed in this area, now is clearly the time to build a permanent library to serve this fast-growing community. Let's get going! **Donate today**!

## It Changed My Life

The Mims/Scottsmoor Public Library, Woman's Day, and the American Library Association want to know how the library has changed your life. Libraries are places of lifelong learning and opportunity that can help people discover the world. From now until May 10, 2006 anyone who has a story to tell about how the library has changed his or her life can send it to womansday@ala.org. Four of the stories will be featured in an upcoming issue of Woman's Day. The story must be 700 words or less. This initiative is part of a program sponsored by the American Library Association and Woman's Day called "Put it in Writing @ your library," a part of The Campaign for America's Libraries. The campaign is a multi-year public awareness and advocacy campaign designed to promote the value of public, school, academic and special libraries and librarians in the 21st century. We certainly value our librarians, staff, and volunteers at Mims/Scottsmoor Public Library.



## Children's Events – April

During National Library Week, April 2-8, there's a poster contest for kids! Create a poster about your favorite book. You might win a Walmart Gift Certificate. Think of a main idea or an important character in your book. You might draw that idea or character to show why this is such a good book to read. Maybe your favorite book tells about a horse, or dog, or an elephant. Could you show in a picture why you liked reading about that animal? Was the animal brave, or cute, or silly? Maybe you will draw a poster about a hero, or someone you admire. Maybe you will draw yourself reading your favorite book or returning your favorite book to the library! Do you know what the person who draws the pictures in a book is called? (Illustrator)

**Bring Your Basket** – Our Easter Egg Hunt will be held Thursday, April 13th at 6:30 p.m. inside the Mims/Scottsmoor Library. Hop on over for fun. You may win a prize!

**Junior Book Club Meets** – A book discussion with a snack and/or craft will take place Thursday, April 20th from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., so stop by and tell us what you think. Your opinion counts.

**Pre-school Storytime** – Make a date every Tuesday and Friday at 10:30 a.m. for Storytime. Children who see the library as a friendly, welcoming, entertaining place are on the way to becoming lifelong readers. Readers are leaders.

## Children's Events – May

1. Mother's Day Craft – Children will enjoy the fun craft project offered Thursday, May 11th at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.
2. Junior Book Club Meets--Thursday, May 12th at 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., for a book discussion and snack.
3. Storytimes--Every Tuesday and Friday at 10:30 a.m.; no Storytimes the last week of May.

## Children's Events – June

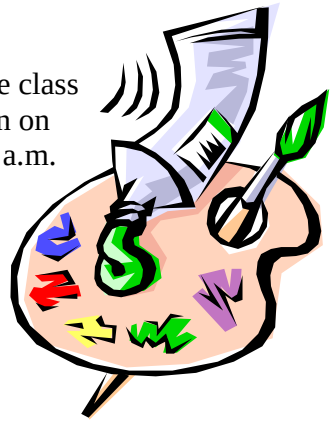
1. A Summer Program – "Book Feast" with special guests "Didgeridoo Down Under" will be Thursday, June 8th. This presentation is the kick-off event for eight programs, one per week, during the annual two-month long summer reading program that ends July 27. Look for a detailed flyer at the library soon.
2. Father's Day Craft – Children are invited to make a craft Thursday, June 15, 6:30 p.m.
3. Storytimes – on Fridays only at 10:30 a.m. in June.

## Dance Lady's April Schedule

Cathy the "Dance Lady" Johnson will offer basic beginning level classes in Line Dancing at the Mims/Scottsmoor Public Library each Monday and Thursday morning from 10:00 to 12:00 noon during the month of April. The fee, per person/per session, will be $2.00 for those age 55 and above, and $4.00 for all others. The class is designed for beginners who are always welcome.

## Adult Art Classes

April 8 – Local artist Anne Johnsen will offer a class in decorative painting using acrylics on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. A $10.00 fee will be charged for instruction and materials. Beginners are always welcome. Call 264-5080 to pre-register.



May 13 – The above class will be offered again on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

June 10 – The above class will be offered again on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

## Antiques And Collectibles

A "**Show and Tell**" will take place at the library on Thursday, May 4, 2006 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This event will feature Linda Margolis who will present useful information and resources for those interested in collecting either old or new items. Ms. Margolis is the founder and coordinator of the Brevard Antiques and Collectors Club that was started nine years ago. Program attendees are invited to bring one item to identify and tell a great story about. No appraisals will be given. 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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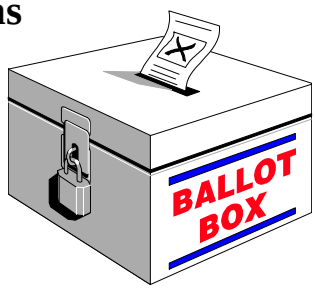
## Internet Classes

Our excellent Reference Librarian Janet teaches a series of four computer classes most months of the year, one class per week. They are: Internet Basics, Searching the Internet, Using E-mail, and Searching Databases. Please call the library at 264-5080 for exact dates and times. There will be NO FORMAL CLASSES in MAY. Call 264-5080 for details on June classes.

## Elections




Friends Of The Mims/Scottsmoor Library will hold elections May 11, Thursday, at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room. This group of volunteers holds book sales as well as candy and baked good sales, etc. to raise money for library needs, such as our annual children's summer reading program each June and July.

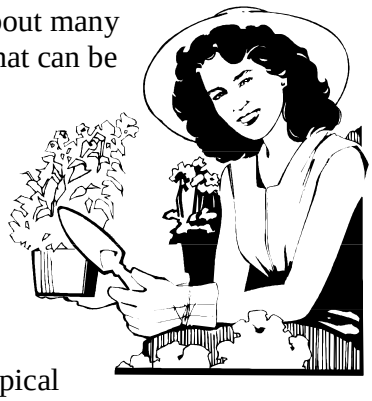
FRIENDS needs both new officers and new members (workers). The president's primary duties include leading a brief meeting every other month at the library, and scheduling volunteers to work at the bake and book sales. Current officers will help new officers learn the ropes. May 11 is the last meeting for this year. We meet again Sept. 14. Volunteer to be an officer today! It's an easy way to be involved, plus you'll feel glad to be a community leader. See you May 11. Cost to join FRIENDS is listed on the FRIENDS application that is included in this newsletter. We only need volunteers an hour or two every other month!

## Thank You Very Much

Thanks to Titusville Garden Club President Mary Lou Demmond for selecting and donating to our library several boxes of attractive books that were left from the Titusville Garden Club's annual Fantastic Sale. Our library always appreciates donations of current books in excellent condition. Sunny Creel, Friends' President, has already seen to it that the books are sorted, shelved and in some cases, sold.

## Learn About Landscaping

Sally Scalera, a Horticultural Agent for the University of Florida Extension Service in Brevard County, will offer a class entitled "Ornamental Plants for the Landscape" at the Mims/Scottsmoor Public Library on Thursday, April 13, 2006 from 2-4 pm. This year, for the first time, there will be a $5.00 charge for each class.



Come learn about many of the plants that can be grown here in Brevard County. Topics to be covered include: trees, shrubs, groundcovers, perennials, tropical plants, palms, vines, natives, and salt tolerant plants. Also covered will be information on plants to attract butterflies, birds in general and hummingbirds in particular.

In addition, a CD-ROM may be available for an additional (nominal) cost that contains photos and/or bulletins of the plants covered in class plus many not covered.

## Volunteer Appreciation Day

It will be held at the library April 27th at 6:00 p.m. to thank our wonderful volunteers for all they've done in the last fiscal year for our library. Their long hours and dedication help the library run smoothly. We truly appreciate the efforts of those volunteers who helped with the Book and Bake Sale. Especially helpful were the two Boy Scout troops that carried books for buyers, and otherwise provided valuable assistance.

You may be surprised at the many important jobs you could do daily. Most volunteer tasks are sit-down type jobs, for those who don't want to be on your feet much. Are you available to donate two hours a week to your library?

## It's Easy

## To Get

## A Library

## Card . . .

To obtain an adult or child's public library card, which may be used at any and all public libraries in Brevard County, an adult needs only a **Florida ID or a driver's license**. Applying is easy and takes only a few minutes. Apply today!

## Find Out What's Going On…don't hesitate to call.

Your Mims/Scottsmoor Public Library offers many free and low-cost programs, speakers, crafts, activities, book clubs, and other learning experiences. Call 264-5080 for more information about any class or program. Please note that registration is required a week in advance for most of these activities.