# The NOTIFLYER

Newsletter # 27 The FRIENDS of the MIMS / SCOTTSMOOR LIBRARY April 2008

## FLOOR REPAIR

Brevard County's chosen contractor should begin floor repairs April 14; the exact impact on library operations is unknown. The library will be open during most of this time. However, there may be a few days when the library will be closed and the hours of operation may be changed.

## ADULT CLASSES

The library is offering several low-cost adult programs. Please sign up for the following presentations at the library:

Pat Urbano will teach a craft class on Acrylic Painting from **9:00 to 12:00 noon** on **April 5**. Cost is $10.00.

Beverly McNally will teach adults to craft a beaded wire dragonfly pendant from **10:00 to 12:00 noon** on **April 19**. Cost is $7.00 to $10.00, depending on materials chosen.

## LARGE SCREEN MOVIE

Children are invited to enjoy a free movie at our library on **April 15** from **2:30 to 4:00 pm**. This movie features the new LCD projector recently purchased for the library by the Friends. The movie, shown on a large screen in the conference room, provides a sharp picture with clear color. Snacks will be provided.

## COUNTY BUDGET CUTS IMPACT LIBRARIES

Brevard County projects a revenue shortfall of about 2.5% for 2008. Citizens can expect "non-critical" services, such as our libraries, to take a far bigger hit. Although readers consider having an open library to be of "critical" importance, don't be surprised to see library hours of operation reduced.

Also, these cutbacks that so greatly affect our library probably will continue because Charter Amendment 1 was passed.

## TURTLE TRACKS

On **April 17** from **6:30 to 7:30 pm** Paula Bernston, an environmental specialist with Brevard County Natural Resources Management Department, will give a free, fascinating presentation about the Sea Turtle. Sign up at the library or call 264-5080.

## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Preschool Story Times: **Tuesday and Friday** at **10:30 am**.

After School Story Times (3rd through 6th grades) are planned for every 3rd Tuesday. The next one will be held on **April 21** from **2:30 to 3:30 pm**.

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## INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

"Never Lose Money in the Stock Market Again!" On **April 8** from **6:30 to 7:30 pm** local author Al Thomas will speak on investment strategies. He has published a book entitled <u>If It Doesn't Go Up, Don't Buy It.</u> The program is free. (See, you've saved money already!)

## BUY THE BOOK

After the floor is repaired, look for a new Book Sales area just inside the door of the library. This area replaces the book sale cart by the checkout desk. This increased area for book sales reflects our patrons' increased interest in purchasing books.

## SHALL WE DANCE?

"Dance Lady" Cathy Johnson teaches line dancing most Mondays and Thursdays from **10:00 am to noon**. The fee is $2.00 for seniors and $4.00 for all others.

## COMPUTER 101

Our Reference Librarian teaches a series of four computer classes most months. Classes are free, but class size is limited to five – Call Beth (264-5080) to register for each class. Classes offered are: Introduction to a Computer (starting with how to turn it on); Internet Basics; Using E-mail; and Word Processing. Computer classes are held from **9:00 to 11:00 am**.

Intro to Computers – **April 2**
Intro to Internet – **April 9**
Intro to E-mail – **April 16**
Intro to Word Processing – **April 23**

## HOME GROWN HERBS

Sally Scalera from the Brevard County Extension Office will show you how to grow Herbs & Edible Flowers from **2:00 to 3:00 pm** on **April 17**. Cost is $5.00; registration is required.

## BEGINNING INVESTING

On **April 22** from **6:30 to 7:30 pm** Casey Crouch of Edward Jones Investment will explain the terminology of investing. Call the library at 264-5080 to register; the program is free.

## BOOK & BAKE SALE RAISES DOUGH

The Friends "Romance Book & Bake Sale" in February and "Spring Book & Bake Sale" in March were highly successful and together raised almost $1700 for the library! Thank you to all the Friends volunteers who donated books, who moved and organized books and tables, who baked yummy treats then donated their time to sell them, who repacked and stored books, and who put everything back in order. No doubt, we have the best Friends ever.

## A FRIEND IN NEED . . .

The friendly volunteers known as FRIENDS of the Mims/Scottsmoor Public Library meet at **6:30 pm** on the **2nd Thursday** of each month. All meetings of FRIENDS are free and open to the public. Our next meeting will be **April 10** at **6:30 pm**. Cost to join is only $5.00 per year. With budget cuts, the library needs more Friends. Encourage your friends to join. A membership application is attached.