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Newsletter # 28 The FRIENDS of the MIMS / SCOTTSMOOR LIBRARY June 8, 2008

PREPARE TO REPAIR

Floor repairs are completed, so please repair (go often) to our library! Consider saving gasoline $$$ by checking out travel books, videos, DVDs, etc., and "vacationing" at home this summer.

Also, several changes to the layout of the library will improve customer service. The stacks now have a more open arrangement.

The Check-out area has been moved to the center of the library, and the Reference area is now located near the front, where the Check-out area used to be.

THRIFTY GIFTS

Just inside the door is our new Book Sales Area. Offering a larger selection of books for sale at LOW prices, this area replaces the book sale cart. Stop by soon.

ADULT CLASSES

The library offers interesting low-cost, or free, adult programs. Please sign up for the following presentations at the library.

July 5 – 9:00 - Acrylic Painting taught by Pat Urbano. Create a lovely piece of art to take home. Registration required. Fee for materials: $10

ALL THINGS CONSIDERED
Programs for everyone

June 10 – 6:30 - Planning for Disaster: Gayle Whitworth from Brevard County Extension will talk about disaster preparedness kits, home preparations, pet shelters, what to do if you stay, etc... Fee: $5. Registration required.

June 25 – 10:00 - Growing Vegetables: with Sally Scalera of Brevard County Extension. Fee for materials: $5. Registration required.

June 25 – 11:00 - Growing Edible Herbs and Flowers: with Sally Scalera of Brevard County Extension. Fee for materials: $5. Registration required.

July 2 – 10:00 - The Air We Breathe: Learn how to create a healthy indoor environment. Brevard County Extension Class taught by Gayle Whitworth. Fee for materials: $5.

July 11 – 1:00 - Waterwise Gardening: Ed Garland from the St. John's Water Management District will present a FREE program on Florida-friendly landscaping for new or longtime Florida residents. Headlines remind us how important it is to save Florida's water, so be sure you are "waterwise" now. Every drop counts! Learn more "WATERWISE" hints that could save you $$$ and water in "Waterwise Florida Landscapes," a booklet offered by St John's River Water Mgt. District (phone: 1-800-RALLY-22). To be waterwise:

First, plant drought-tolerant, or Florida-friendly, grasses, ground covers, shrubs and trees. Once established, these plants do not need to be watered as frequently, and they usually will survive a dry period with little or no watering.

Second, plan your landscaping to promote water conservation by using the principles of Xeriscape™ from Florida's water management districts. Xeric: characterized by dry conditions; requiring only a small amount of moisture.

Finally, replace some grass with native vegetation. Appropriately placed, native vegetation should remain healthy with minimal supplemental water and care once established. Avoid cypress mulch. Use pine needles or bark chips instead.

July 17 – 2:00 - Have Child Will Travel: Child Passenger Safety Seminar sponsored by Brevard County Extension with Gayle Whitworth. Fee is $20 for the class. **Car seats provided for free with each paid registration.**

July 23 – 10:00 - Attracting Butterflies with Sally Scalera of Brevard County Extension. Fee for materials: $5.

July 24 – 6:30 - Turtle Tracks: FREE. Learn about the fascinating sea turtle from Paula Bernston, an environmental specialist with the Brevard County Natural Resources Management Department. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission's "Wild Treasures of Brevard County--the Imperiled Species Discovery Series" deserves to have a huge audience, so please attend.

The presentation will focus on Brevard County's coastal habitat, sea turtle conservation efforts, and some local opportunities available for residents to learn about and help protect sea turtles. Please call to register (264-5080).

COMPUTER 101

Our friendly 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 – **July 2**
Intro to Internet – **June 18 & July 16**
Intro to E-mail – **June 25 & July 23**
Int. to Word Processing – **June 11 & July 9**

"FRIENDS" MEETING TIME CHANGED TO 5:30 P.M.

The friendly volunteers known as FRIENDS of the Mims/Scottsmoor Public Library meet at **5:30 pm** on the **2nd Thursday** of each month. All meetings of FRIENDS are free and open to the public. Our next meeting will be **Sept. 11** at **5:30 pm**. Cost to join is only $5.00 per year. With severe budget cuts, the library needs more Friends. Encourage your friends to join when YOU do. A membership application is attached.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

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

FREE SUMMER FUN: CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

June 12 – 10:30 – Start of Summer Program
June 19 – 10:30 – Magician Barry Hinnant
June 24 – 10:30 –Scientist Elizabeth Melvin
July 1 – 10:30 – Storyteller Katie Adams
July 8 – 10:30 – Beth Shephard presents Bread around the World
July 15 – 10:30 – Singer Kate Carpenter
July 24 – 10:30 – The Talako Indian Dancers
July 31 – 10:30 – End of summer PARTY!

WHEE! WE HAVE A Wii…!!

Volunteers are needed to supervise Wii gaming in the Meeting Room. Volunteers must be dependable; must be able to take money and make change; must sign-up at the front desk; and CAN EARN FREE Wii PLAYS with each supervisory session.

To play, please sign up at the library. Play will begin as soon as we have volunteers to supervise the activities.

DANCING SHOES ON

"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.

SUMMER RUMMAGE SALE

Our last rummage sale was so successful we're planning another. Tentative date for this rummage sale is Friday and Saturday, August 8-9. You may bring your donations to the library starting Monday August 4. Watch the library message board for further info.

SUNSHINE STATE YOUNG READER'S AWARD PROGRAM

The Sunshine State Young Reader's Award Program is a statewide reading motivation program for students in grades 3-8. The purpose of the program is to encourage students to read independently for personal satisfaction, based on interest rather than reading level. Adults, too, will enjoy reading these books, and reading them to kids.

Students can either read a minimum of three books or hear them read in order to be eligible to vote. For voting details, ask your librarian.

2008-2009 Book lists for grades 3-5 can be found at our library or at:

http://myssyra.org/grades3_5/35list.html

and for grades 6-8 can be found at:

http://myssyra.org/grades6_8/68list.html

MORE BOOKS KIDS WILL LOVE:

"The Day My Runny Nose Ran Away" by Jason Eaton (2002). An absurd adventure awaits this silly schnoz!
"Library Lion" by Michelle Knudsen (2006). There's a lion in the library!
"The Cat's Pajamas" by Ida Chittum (1995). You'll never believe what happened to the cat's pajamas!
"The Perfect Pet" by Margie Palatin (2003). Delightful story about choosing a pet.

Parents may wish to check that the vocabulary and concepts of the following popular books are appropriate for your child:

"Your Puppy, Your Dog—A Kid's Guide to Raising a Happy, Healthy Dog" by Patricia Storer (1997.
"First and foremost, the dog should be welcomed as another member of the family. Like people, dogs are social creatures and cannot thrive in isolation." This book, for older children, teaches kindness and respect for dogs.

"Falling Up" by Shel Silverstein (1996). Imaginative, funny poems and drawings.

"Hello, Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle" by Betty MacDonald (1957). Share this classic book with your children. When Phillip turns into a Show-off, and Nicholas acts like a Bully, and Harbin becomes a Slowpoke, their desperate parents call Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle, of course.

"Shiloh" by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, followed by "Shiloh Season" and "Saving Shiloh" (a series of three books that is most enjoyably read in order.) These well-written books describe the adventures of a lovable, brave dog named Shiloh.