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Newsletter # 40 The FRIENDS of the MIMS / SCOTTSMOOR LIBRARY Feb. 22, 2010

BUY BUNCHES OF BIG BLUE BEAUTIFUL BOOK BAGS

To help you eliminate disposable plastic bags, the Friends are selling reusable bags. These 12” x 8” royal blue bags are 12” deep and have convenient handles. The bags are imprinted with the Friends logo. Please buy several bags today to carry books, groceries, or whatever else you need to carry. These attractive bags are selling for only $4.00 each and all proceeds will help support your library. It’s a good thing!

INTRO TO GENEALOGY

Feb. 22 – 2:00 – 3:00pm – Michael Boonstra, a certified genealogist, will help you get start in researching your family tree. Free. Call 264-5080 to register.

STORY TIME FOR KIDS

Jan 22 – 6:30pm Pajama story time for kids – Milk and cookies.

CRAFTS FOR KIDS

Feb 8 – 2:30pm – After school Valentines craft

CHILDREN’S ACTIVITIES

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

FRIENDS MEETINGS ARE NOW AT NOON

Everyone is invited to attend the next General Meeting of the Friends of the Mims/Scottsmoor Library **February 11, at 12:00 noon** (no meeting in December). We are hoping that the new time will allow more members to attend the meeting.

ARE YOU COMPUTER LITERATE?

Our friendly Reference Librarian teaches a series of four computer classes most months. Classes are now $5.00 due to the 20% budget cut that the County Commission imposed on Library Services. Class size is limited to five. Call Beth (264-5080) to learn class dates and 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.

SPRING BOOK AND BAKE SALE

Mar 11-12 the Friends will offer all kinds of books for sale. Members of the Friends can get an early start at the Friends meeting at noon. The book sale will open to the general public beginning at 2:00pm Thursday. Remember that the library is now closed on Saturday, so the sale will end at 5:00pm Friday.

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HANDMADE GIFTS

Acrylic painting with Pat Urbano. Cost: $10 for instruction and materials. Call 264-5080 for times. Her next class will be **Feb. 4, from 6:00 to 7:30pm.**

DANCE LADY

Cathy Johnson teaches line dancing. Fee is $4 ($3 for senior citizens). Please call her at 269-3082 to sign up for one of her classes.
Mondays 10am – noon
Thursdays 1pm – 3pm

CREATE A BIRD-FRIENDLY BACKYARD HABITAT

Did you realize that most yards, with flat, carefully- mowed lawns that are covered with fertilizers and pesticides can be hostile to birds? Our "beautiful" yards, unfortunately, often fail to provide the basic elements birds need: food, water, and shelter.

Bird-friendly yards are easy to achieve, however: just do nothing!! Author Scott Edwards recommends letting part of your yard grow wild! Don't mow it, don't prune it, don't fertilize or spray it with pesticides—just let it grow. Soon, you'll find birds living in the sheltered area you created. Add proper food and water, and your bird- friendly habitat will be complete.

Some "Wild Bird Seed" brands that are available may be mostly filler—a waste of money-- and not eaten by birds. Look for black oil sunflowers seeds, which many birds like. For complete details, see the book by Scott Edwards.