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Newsletter # 47 The FRIENDS of the MIMS / SCOTTSMOOR LIBRARY August 29, 2011

WELCOME DIRECTOR MICHAEL PERINI

The new Director for the Mims/Scottsmoor Library is Mr. Michael Perini. Mr. Perini was born and raised in New Jersey. He attended Rutgers University where he majored in American Literature and American History. He attained his Master's Degree in Library Science at Florida State University in Tallahassee, graduating in 1995. He has held various library positions over the past 16 years. His first library job was a position as an indexer for the Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature. Since then, Mr. Perini has worked as a reference librarian in both public and academic libraries. He and his wife moved to Brevard County in 2000, settling in Cocoa. He has spent the last 6 years working as director of the South Mainland Library in Barefoot Bay. He learned a lot about library directorship there, and was able to double the circulation during his tenure. He also made many friends by providing outstanding customer service to the community.

He is looking forward to managing the Mims/Scottsmoor Library. His initial impression of the library has been extremely positive, as he has encountered a warm, friendly staff and patrons who are extremely appreciative and proud of their library. As Director, Mr. Perini will remain strongly customer-focused. His goal is to continue to provide great library service to all patrons. The first step will be to get to know the staff, patrons and Friends. He also plans to tweak the collection a little, in an effort to provide an abundance of materials to meet the needs of the community. He is delighted to be working in Mims.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

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

PLEASE JOIN OUR CLASS

Our friendly Reference Librarian teaches a series of four computer classes most months. Classes are only $5.00. 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.

OPEN MEETING

Everyone is invited to the General Meeting of the Friends of the Mims/ Scottsmoor Library on **September 8, from 12:00 noon-12:30 pm.** Y'all come see us! Join today! Membership dues are due now for the 2011-2012 membership year! A membership form is attached for your convenience.

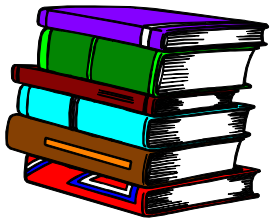
BARGAIN BUYS AT OUR FALL BOOK AND BAKE SALE

The Friends of the Mims/Scottsmoor Library will present our Fall Book and Bake Sale (to raise money for our library) on **September 8-9, 2011**. The sale starts after the General Meeting of the Friends of the Mims/Scottsmoor Library.

Be sure to bring your children to our book sale. We offer children's books, videos, and DVDs.

BOOK DONATIONS WANTED

Please donate your gently-used books to our library. Thank you very much!



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PAUL REVERE'S RIDE

In his highly-praised book, "PAUL REVERE'S RIDE," David Hackett Fischer writes that "Paul Revere was many things and one thing, quintessentially American." Indeed, Paul Revere was much more than merely a midnight messenger; he was at the center of events.

The Los Angeles Times states that this book is a "tale of adventure and intrigue so vivid and so colorful that it sometimes reads like a thriller rather than a historical monograph…"

The Boston Sunday Globe declares that it is a "work of rare historical distinction." With detailed research, Prof. Fischer guides the reader through the exciting and dangerous world of Boston's revolutionary movement, and recreates the "fateful events" of April 18, 1775.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer enthuses that "there may never be a better book about Paul Revere…" Why not treat yourself to this "unputdownable narrative" of the midnight ride of Paul Revere?! Recall the importance in American History of the heroic Sons of Liberty, The Old North Church (One if by land, two if by sea…), Redcoats, The Boston Massacre, Lexington and Concord, and the famous poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow which began:

> Listen my children, and you shall hear,
> Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere,
> On the eighteenth of April, in Seventy-five;
> Hardly a man is now alive
> Who remembers that famous day and year.

Don't forget "Deacon Larkin's fine great mare, named Brown Beauty, who was lent to Paul Revere that night." She's part of history, too.

Kids: "Mr. Revere and I" (by Robert Lawson) tells Paul Revere's story as a fable (a made-up story). In this fable, his horse has a different name, and the horse tells the story!

Today, a long stretch of the road that Paul Revere traveled on his midnight ride is a National Park. Note also that on every April 19 in the town of Wayland---a suburb of Boston---the town's great bell is made to ring in the night. The bell ringers are children, so that "the rising generation will remember too."

BOOK AND BAKE SALE

Thursday, September 8
12:30pm to 8:00pm

Friday, September 9
9:00am to 5:00pm