



The **NOTIFLYER**

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The FRIENDS of the MIMS / SCOTTSMOOR LIBRARY

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2012 BRINGS CAREER BOOKS and UPDATED VOLUMES

Our hard-working library staff recently updated library selections by removing old and unused books from the non-fiction collection. The benefits of this process are that new non-fiction books have been added, while the books that were removed were sent to other county libraries or were sold at our Friends of the Mims/Scottsmoor Library "Book and Bake" Sales. Stop by to see what new titles are available. Are you seeking information on a career, perhaps in law enforcement or in the armed forces? What about advice on taking the SAT? Why not start your career research here?

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

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

BOOK DONATIONS WANTED

Please donate your clean and gently used books to our library at the Book Return Desk. Adult and children's books, DVDs, and videos are happily accepted. Donated items enhance our library's collection and help support our book sales. In turn, proceeds from our book sales pay for much-needed computers and other improvements for our library.

BE STILL MY HEART

On **February 13 from 10:00am to 6:00pm** the Friends will present their annual February Romance "**Book and Bake**" Sale. All romance paperbacks will be priced at two books-for-a-quarter! Also, Friends will be selling home-baked goodies appropriate for Valentine's Day. Hint: look for lots of chocolate! The sale is open to the public—no library card required.

EMAIL YOUR FRIENDS

Learn beginning computer ---classes are only \$5.00! How easy is that? Contact Beth, our friendly Reference Librarian, to sign up today! These classes are so popular that the library has added a new computer. Beth teaches a series of four computer classes most months. Class size is limited to five. Call **(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. Acquire new skills for the new year.

V IS FOR VENGEANCE

Kinsey Millhone believes that forgiveness is good.....if she has had the opportunity to get even first. Kinsey, a licensed private investigator in California, usually handles routine background investigations. Sometimes, however, the brave and determined Kinsey finds herself in dangerous situations. Finding answers for her clients and solving crimes along the way, Kinsey inevitably crosses paths with many kinds of people, including shoplifters and murderers.

Author Sue Grafton introduced Kinsey in, "A is for Alibi." From that first book in the well-written mystery series, delighted readers have eagerly followed Kinsey's alphabetical adventures over the years from A to V (so far). That the series is still going strong means that fans will eagerly await the W, X, Y, and Z mystery books.

What happens when the last alphabet book ends? Devoted followers can only hope that the indomitable investigator lives on, perhaps in "AA is for Aggravated Assault" or whatever title Sue Grafton chooses. No matter the title, Kinsey is a memorable character and a top-notch sleuth.


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THAT USED TO BE US

“America is in trouble. We face four major challenges on which our future depends, and we are failing to meet them. The four challenges are – globalization, the revolution in information technology, the nation’s chronic deficits, and our pattern of excessive energy consumption. What can we do now?”

Three-time Pulitzer Prize winner Thomas L. Friedman and Michael Mandelbaum offer solutions in their best-selling book, *“That Used to Be Us: How America Fell Behind in the World It Invented and How We Can Come Back”*

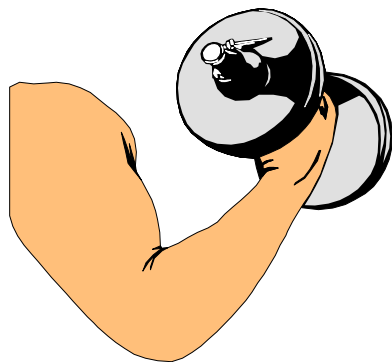
What used to be us? The way China is now.

It’s not as if we haven’t been warned against the impulse to waste our natural assets in order to live only for today. As President Eisenhower cautioned:

“We cannot mortgage the material assets of our grandchildren without risking the loss of their political and spiritual heritage.”

President Eisenhower’s Farewell Address,
Jan. 19, 1961.

Everyone interested in America’s place in the world should consider placing this book at the top of your “Books to Read” List. It’s your future, too.



WANTED: YOUR MUSCLES

Everyone is invited to the **General Meeting** of the Friends of the Mims/Scottsmoor Library on **February 9, from 12:00 noon-12:30 pm**. Come see what we have donated to the library. Join today! Membership dues are only \$5 a year, and we really need your financial support and your muscle.

We need some strong people to help us set up tables for the book sale in February and the sale in the fall. The retirees and young-at-heart folks who have been organizing the book sales **just cannot** physically handle the tasks any longer. We need **YOUR** help. That means it is important that your friends and you join our volunteer group of Friends today so that Friends may continue to benefit the library.

Without more active members, Friends cannot continue the book sales that so many people enjoy. It’s **urgent** that more people join Friends and donate time--just an hour or two, twice a year--for our book sales. Your community library needs your community support. A membership form is attached for your convenience. Thank you very much!! (Students--\$1.00 per year)

HOW TO USE A LIBRARY COMPUTER

It’s easy—just sign up for an hour at a time at the library.

For example, you might need a computer to play games, to search for a job, to apply for benefits, to prepare a resume, to email your friends, or to locate information. The library computers are here for you. The computer is free, with a library card. Otherwise, the cost is \$1.00 for two hours of computer use. Happy computing!

By the way, it is also easy to get a library card, for yourself or for your child. Just ask at the desk.