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Newsletter # 50 The FRIENDS of the MIMS / SCOTTSMOOR LIBRARY March 2, 2012

POPULAR COMPUTER CLASSES

Computers are here to stay, so we might as well use them. Learn beginning computer ---classes are only $5.00! Contact Beth, our friendly Reference Librarian, to sign up today. 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.

If you know email, you have instant communication to your friends and to the world. You'll wonder how you ever got along without email.

BARGAINS . . . BARGAINS!!

On **Thursday, March 8 from 1:00 pm till 8:00 pm, and on Friday, March 9 from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm,** the Friends of the Mims/Scottsmoor Library will hold our semi-annual general Book and Bake Sale. The **General Meeting** of the Friends of the Mims/Scottsmoor Library will be held on **March 8**, **2012, from 12:00 noon to 12:30 pm**, in the big room where the library book sale is held. The public is invited to our meeting and the sale.

Books of all types---adult and children's books, hardbacks and paperbacks, recent bestsellers, self-help books, mystery and romance books, and books by popular authors---will be for sale at bargain prices (25 cents to $2). Look for bargain DVDs and videos, as well as for the many new books that have just been donated to our library. Also, you will find a wide variety of our yummy home-baked treats for sale: brownies, cookies, and more! Our baked goods disappear quickly. All proceeds go to purchase needed items for our library. Thank you for your support.

CRACKER SPEAKER

On **March 15 at 3:00 pm** Karen Smith, from the Brevard Museum of History & Natural Science, will present a mini-lecture on the characteristics of the culture of the Old South. She'll also portray a typical Cracker Woman. This is a **free** program, and the public is invited. Presenting this excellent speaker is part of our continuing effort to bring diverse cultural events to our library.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

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

WHO ARE FRIENDS?

The Friends of the Mims/Scottsmoor Library are volunteers who meet at the library a few times a year to raise money for projects for our library. With profits from our Book and Bake Sales, Friends purchased computers and other needed equipment; a large, attractive rug for the children's story area; book carts; cabinets; bookshelves; DVD carts; and other requested items that enhance the library. Further, we help support children's programs.

A minimum donation of **$5** is all it takes to become a member of Friends. Please become a Friend of the Mims/Scottsmoor Library today. Your financial contribution will make a big difference.

Membership Goal: This month we are announcing a goal of registering 20 new members of Friends by the end of March. You know that our library is an important part of our community. Just as the library is here for you, we ask that you be here for the library. Welcome to all new members!

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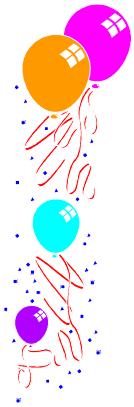
MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK



Just as Friends need financial contributions, we also urgently need more people to help set up the room for our next Book and Bake Sale. **Set up will be on Wed., March 7, from 9:00 am to noon**. Just stop by the library and volunteer to help for 15 minutes. You'll be warmly welcomed! We need strong people to move books from boxes to tables, and everyone else to alphabetize books that are on tables. It's easy to do.

Books are alphabetized by author's last name. We group all the (James) Patterson books together, all the (John) Grisham books together, etc. That makes it easy for buyers to quickly find the books they want at our sale.

Please stop by to help. We need you.

"Ten Letters: The Stories Americans Tell Their President"

by Eli Saslow

Each night, President Obama reads ten or more letters addressed to him. He considers these letters from constituents to be his most important daily reading. These letters, varied and compelling, are written by Americans of all walks of life---from military families, from people facing bankruptcy or illness, from students needing to pay for college, from grade-school children seeking help with homework, from people needing jobs, from all political points of view---and some from people sending a prayer for the president.

President Obama had first requested a sampling of ten letters on his second day as president, and a folder of letters has come six days a week ever since. The White House mail staff sorts through 20,000 letters and emails every day, picking the most representative ten pieces for this special folder. The letters chosen each day "were the most intimate connection Obama had left to the people he governed." These letters offer the president a unique view of what he called "the real America—a place of uncensored opinion." The president always reads all ten letters and typically writes back to one or two writers each day.

This importance of this book, however, is not the letters; the significance is the stories of the people who wrote to describe their lives, their frustrations, their complaints, and their hopes. The author spent time with each letter writer, learning why that person wrote to the president, and what happened in these people's lives when President Obama wrote back! Amazing-but-true!

According to noted historian David Maraniss, the author has shown "the profound real-life connections between the White House and the people."

The stories in this book reveal "the remarkable endurance and optimism of the American people."

The Friends of the Mims/Scottsmoor Library Board voted to publically thank Ron Bartcher for making custom wooden book cases, cabinets, bookshelves, and projector cart for the library. The Board pays for the materials and Ron donates his considerable woodworking skill and labor.