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Newsletter # 53 The FRIENDS of the MIMS / SCOTTSMOOR LIBRARY August 31, 2012

EAST TO LEARN CLASSES

Learn beginning computer, step by step ---Classes are only $5.00 each! Contact Beth, our knowledgeable 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.

FRIENDS BOOK AND BAKE SALE

On **September 13-14, 2012** the Friends of the Mims/Scottsmoor Library will hold their semi-annual Book and Bake Sale.

To help set up books for the sale, please come to the library on **Monday, September 10**. We move books from the storage areas onto the tables into various categories (fiction, romance, children, young adult, biography, and other non-fiction categories). Later on Monday and Wednesday, please stay to help alphabetize fiction and romance books for an hour or two.

If you can provide baked goods for the sale, please bring them to the library Wednesday afternoon or Thursday at noon. Thanks for helping.

At noon on Thursday, when the library opens its doors, the Friends have a short business meeting. After the meeting members of Friends may browse the books and buy all they like. Membership has its privileges! **The sale opens to the general public about 1:00pm on Thursday and continues through 5:00pm Friday.**

BOOK SALE DETAILS

We sell paperbacks, hardbacks, video (VHS) tapes, audio (cassette) tapes, books-on-tape, a few CDs and DVDs. The fresh baked goods are baked by some of the best bakers in the county and are always delicious. These goods include popular favorite cookies, cakes, and other goodies, even some candies.

Finally, on **Monday, September 17**, after the sale, please stop by to help us put away some of the unsold books. We really need some strong guys to help. Many hands make light work.

The library hours are:
Monday – 10:am – 6:00pm
Wednesday – 9:00am – 5:00pm
Thursday – noon – 8:00pm
Friday – 9:00am – 5:00pm

If you are unable to put up books or to bake, please attend the sale and purchase books and/or baked goods. All funds received support our library.

VEGETABLE GARDENING FOR FALL

On **September 24 from 1:30pm – 2:30pm** Sally Scalera of Brevard County Extension will explain fall vegetable gardening. The public is invited to this free program. Please call the library to register – **264-5080**.

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FRAUDS AND SCAMS

Nancy Baker, from the Brevard County Sheriff's Crime Prevention Unit, spoke at our library recently to explain the latest ways to prevent crime, from home burglary to identity theft. Her advice included these tips: If a charity calls asking for money, ask the charity to send you something in writing before you consider donating. Put your Social Security Card in a file cabinet at home until it is needed, not in your wallet. Watch out for email scams where the caller wishes to "verify" your account information. Remove personal information from your keychain.

Create a file folder of information on yourself (and your family, and pets) that lists names, allergies and other medical information, as well as emergency contact phone numbers. Keep one file in the glove compartment of your car, in case of accident. Keep another folder with this information in a sealed plastic bag in your refrigerator. Emergency personnel will look for this information.

Further, she urged everyone to trust your instincts—be **sure** to call a Deputy if you see someone suspicious near a neighbor's house. Use the non-emergency number for the Sheriff's Dept. (264-5100). It's important to call **just in case**! Many burglars will spend only a short time trying to break into a home, and good locks, and good neighbors who watch out for each other, can be big deterrents to burglars.

She provided many more helpful ideas and ways to protect ourselves and our homes. In addition, she handed out whistles as well as information pages on lighting, locks, and alarms. She also discussed "Operation Identification," which is a program that involves marking your property with an identifying number as a means of discouraging burglary and theft. If you missed this presentation on preventing crime, you missed hearing valuable information.

WELCOME NEW DIRECTOR

Susan Szymula, new Mims/Scottsmoor Library Director and Port St. John Library Director, is a person of many talents. She is also Training Coordinator for Brevard County. If you have questions about ebooks or other library materials, Susan will know the answers.

AFTER SCHOOL Wii EVENT

On **Wednesday, September 12, 2012, from 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm**, all elementary school age children are invited to play Wii for free after school at our library.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

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

FREE LIBRARY CARDS

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, so be sure your family and friends all have library cards! It's easy to get a free library card any time the library is open. Just bring your Brevard County Driver's License, that has your current home address, to the library and sign up, for yourself and/or for your children. Children will enjoy the children's library computers, books, videos, DVDs, programs, and more. Stop by today!

FREE NASA EVENT FOR KIDS

Saturday, Sept. 15, 2012, from 5:00pm to 9:00pm will be NASA Family Education Night. This event is for students in 1st -6th grades, and will be held at Astronaut Hall of Fame.