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The FRIENDS of the MIMS / SCOTTSMOOR LIBRARY

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OLD-FASHIONED HOLIDAY RECIPES

As the holidays approach, consider taking the time to browse through some older cookbooks to recall both long-ago favorite meals, and unforgettable sweet treats. Have you ever tasted Cocoa Fudge, or Pineapple Upside Down Cake made from scratch? Consider, too, the history of cooking as it shaped women's lives. For generations, many women, of necessity, spent long hours making and baking bread, pies, etc., for meals or special occasions. They often traded recipes, and they shared homemade gifts of food.

Gifts of food are especially welcome during the holidays, since such thoughtful presents remind us of memorably yummy desserts and special gatherings. Plus, for gifts, Miss Manners advises: "...select something among those things of which one cannot ever have enough" – such as bottles of wine, diamonds, and homemade cookies. See *"Miss Manners' Guide to Excruciatingly Correct Behavior"* (1979)

Whether you prefer *"Martha Stewart Entertaining"* (1982)--- upscale recipes (along with her hints on how to entertain guests and how to decorate your home) ---or you prefer books that catch your attention with simple, colorful holiday meals, crafts, and decorating ideas, no doubt you will find cook books and craft books to suit your fancy at the library.

Notice the ways cooking, entertaining, and home decorating styles have changed over time. Just seeing the illustrations in old-time recipe books might tease your taste buds, tempting you to create a holiday recipe that your friends and family will remember fondly. Why not make some homemade Divinity today?

WINDOVER ARCHEOLOGICAL PROJECT

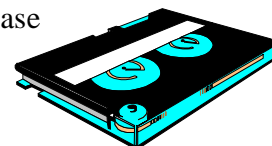
On **Thursday, October 18 at 6:30 pm** Karen Smith from the Brevard Museum of History & Natural Science will present a free program about the History of the Windover Archeological Project. Learn how a local peat bog was discovered to be a mortuary pond which holds some truly amazing archaeological finds. These finds are older than the Great Pyramids.

FRIENDS DUES ARE DUE

Membership dues for Friends are due. The membership year for Friends ends September 31. If you haven't already renewed you dues, please pay them right away. A membership form is attached to this newsletter. Your membership expiration date is listed in the lower left corner of the mailing address section of this newsletter.

VIDEO SALE

During October the Friends are selling used VHS videos at the exceeding low price of 5 for \$1.00. The videos are located just inside the library in the bookshelves on the east wall. Please take advantage of this opportunity.



CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN CRAFT

On **Wednesday, October 24, 2012, from 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm**, all elementary school age children are invited to make a craft project and have a snack afterwards. Free.




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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

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

ALL QUESTIONS WELCOME

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 (writing letters, putting in spaces and paragraphs, changing fonts and sizes, adding underlining and italics, etc.).

FRIENDS MEETING

The next Friends Meeting will be **Thursday, October 11 at noon**. See you there. Many thanks to everyone who helped with the very successful Book and Bake Sale last month. A special thanks to those who provided baked goods for the sale: Esther Vulpius, Peggy Reichle, Becky Scaggs, Phyllis Williams, Doc Clingenpeel, JoAnn Katrick, Terry Ross, Ron/Dee Bartcher, June Horner, Donna Baker, Sunny Creel, Caroline Sokoloski, Shirley McDonald, and Sophie Szymula

FREE 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!

ARE BOOKS PASSÉ?

Although many book lovers absolutely cannot understand the attraction of reading a book or newspaper article that is on a computer, the truth is that libraries, and readers, are changing.

To some, the unfortunate part of this change is that, when using computers and phones, people tend to read (and to send messages) that use shortened words, expressions (LOL), and symbols that can be scanned quickly but which do not require much reading. "When people look up information on the internet today, they are basically scanning. There's very little comprehension that's going on." (*Washington Post*, May 21-27, 2001, article by L. Weeks).

Further the article states: "To Jim Trelease, author of *The Read Aloud Handbook*, this trend away from the written word is more than worrisome. It's wicked. It's tearing apart our culture. People who have stopped reading, he says, base their future decisions on what they used to know. If you don't read much, you really don't know much," he says. "You're dangerous."

Proponents of e-readers insist that people using these machines really do read more books. Still, readers who love holding a book hope that all students, however they read, will learn the sheer bliss of reading, and will be shown how to read for pleasure, not just for information.

As Mark Twain noted, "The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who cannot read."

