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Newsletter # 60 The FRIENDS of the MIMS / SCOTTSMOOR LIBRARY September 2, 2013

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Thursday, September 5 at **1:30pm** Mims-Scottsmoor Library Book Club. *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by M. Shaffer & A. Barrows will be discussed at this inaugural meeting.

FALL BOOK & BAKE SALE

The Friends of the Mims/Scottsmoor Library will have their Fall Book & Bake Sale beginning on **Thursday, September 12** at **1:00pm**, continuing on **Friday, September 13** until **5:00pm**. Book sales are open to the public. Bestsellers of all kinds will be available at ridiculously low prices. The public is invited.

BEGINNING EBAY CLASS

Wednesday, September 25 from **2pm** to **3:30 pm** Learn how to get started on eBay from Gayle Whitworth of the Brevard County Extension Office. Cost is $10. Registration is required, please call **264-5080**.

BEADED JEWELRY CLASS

Thursday, September 26 at **6pm** Learn to craft a beaded bracelet. Materials and instruction provided. Cost is $13-$16. Call **264-5080** to register.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

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

COMPUTER SMARTS

Learn beginning computer: Contact Beth, our patient Reference Librarian, to sign up for a series of four computer sessions. Cost for the four sessions is only $20.00. Call (**264-5080**) to learn class dates. You'll learn: Introduction to a Computer (starting with how to turn it on); Internet Basics; Using E-mail; and Word Processing (writing letters, adding underlining and italics, etc.)

FLOOR NEEDS REPAIR

Our needs-to-be-replaced library is once again having structural problems. Places on the floor are unsafe to walk on now. Repairs are scheduled.

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE

For Friends members who are annual members of Friends, it's time to renew your membership. Please pay the dues at the September 12 meeting or at the main desk in the library. Also, dues may be mailed to the Treasurer (a membership form is attached for your convenience). Your membership expiration date is printed on mailing label of this newsletter. Thank you for your support.

FRIENDS MEETING

The next meeting of the Friends of the Mims/Scottsmoor Library will be **September 12** at **noon** at the Mims/ Scottsmoor Library.

Members of Friends can begin perusing the books at the noon meeting.

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SURVEILLANCE NATION

If you worry about the lack of privacy these days, the situation may be even worse than you suspect! Here are some books to consider. Note: You might want to turn on all the lights and lock your doors before you read these scary but informative recent books. "The New Digital Age" by Eric Schmidt and Jared Cohen.. "The Watchers" by Shane Harris. "Dirty Wars" by Jeremy Scahill. Puzzle Palace" by James Bamford. "Big Data" by Viktor Mayer-Schonberger and Kenneth Cukier.

"Big Data" is a "revelatory exploration of the hottest trend in technology and the dramatic impact it will have on the economy, science, and society at large." For example, "Which paint color is most likely to tell you that a used car is in good shape?" or that Google searches predicted "the spread of the H1N1 flu outbreak?" There are numerous fascinating facts and trends that can be found by using big data. "Big data" refers to our newfound ability to crunch a vast quantity of information, analyze it instantly, and draw sometimes astonishing conclusions from it.

This massive data collection, of course, poses threats to (whatever is left of) our privacy. Fortunately, the book suggests ways to protect ourselves from its hazards. You've been warned!

PLEASE DONATE! PLEASE VOLUNTEER!! BOOK SORTERS NEEDED!

Volunteers from Friends make our book sales successful. They donate many hours of their time, sorting books, moving books, alphabetizing books, setting up the sale area, and finally, after the sale, storing the unsold books. Many of the unsold books will be donated to organizations that can use them. We need help from many people and from community organizations, too. Please stop by on Friday, Sep. 6 or Monday, Sep. 9 to help!

WRITER'S MISTAKES

Almost every author who creates mystery stories will reserve a page or two in the book to acknowledge the scientists, attorneys, doctors, police officers, intelligence officers, and other experts who contributed technical expertise to the book. After expressing gratitude to all who helped with the research for the book, the author usually points out that any errors that might appear in the book are clearly the fault of the author.

Harlan Coben, popular award-winning writer of many best-selling mystery/thriller novels, chose to address the possibility of errors in his books in his own humorous way----- he blamed the experts! In "Just One Look," Mr. Coben declares: "As always, if there are errors, technical or otherwise, the fault is with these people. I'm tired of being the fall guy."

If you enjoy mysteries, check out a Harlan Coben mystery soon. Look in the Fiction Section of the library, or ask a library staff member to help you locate the book.

LANDSCAPING

In May of this year the Friends funded some attractive improvements to the landscaping at the front of our library. Hardy and colorful native plants were planted and mulch was added to beautify the front entrance.