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The FRIENDS of the MIMS / SCOTTSMOOR LIBRARY

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BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Thursday, October 3 at 1:30pm Mims-Scottsmoor Library Book Club. *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See will be discussed. The first book discussion meeting, in Sept., was both enjoyable and interesting; everyone expressed opinions and shared impressions of the book. The public is invited to join us for the October meeting. The meeting is free.

BOOK & BAKE SALES TO BE CONTINUED???

The Friends of the Mims/Scottsmoor Library once again held a successful Fall Book & Bake Sale last month. The baked goods were yummy and the tables and tables of bargain-priced books of all categories (alphabetized by author) were searched by eager buyers.

Unfortunately, there were **only two senior citizens** to set up and to organize the thousands of books on the tables before the sale. Without more community members to set up and to take down the books for the March Book and Bake Sale, these book sales **cannot continue**. It is much too much work for only two people.

Fortunately, after the sale, on Monday, several energetic library supporters generously donated their time to help take down and to store all the unsold books. **Thank you so much** to all the volunteers who helped after the sale!!! We hope to see you again before and after the sale in March!!! That's the kind of community support that we need and expect. Ending the book sales would be a shame because people love bargain books, and because the profits help our library.

HISTORY OF THE WINDOVER DIG

Thursday, October 3, 6:30pm. Karen Smith will present a free program about the History of the Windover Archeological Project that was located in the south Titusville area. Learn how a local peat bog was discovered to be a mortuary pond holding some truly amazing archaeological finds that are older than the Great Pyramids. It's a fascinating program.



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

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

EASY PEASY COMPUTING

Learn beginning computer: Contact Beth, our popular 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.)

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 **October 10** 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.


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FRIENDS MEETING

The next meeting of the Friends of the Mims/Scottsmoor Library will be **October 10 at noon** at the Mims/ Scottsmoor Library. The issue of continuing the books sales will be discussed.

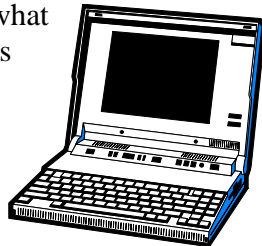
DEFEATING BULLIES

In “Sticks and Stones” (by Emily Bazelon) the author explores, with well-researched facts, ways of “defeating the culture of bullying and rediscovering the power of character and empathy.”

Too often in today’s culture, bullying has taken on “new, complex, and insidious forms.” In this book (**for adults only**), the author notes what bullying is, and what it is not; she explains different facets of bullying and also dispels myths about bullying. Parents and teachers probably would be wise to be aware of the up-to-date information in this book.

If it has been a few years since you attended elementary or high school, the attitudes, language, actions, verbal comments, and emails cited in this book may shock you!

While it could be argued that it is not uncommon for some students who didn’t have money, popularity, looks, etc., to be treated as outsiders by the “in” group, some of today’s students appear to have taken that nastiness to extremes. The threats, the language, and the consequences (legal, emotional, social) to some students, to their families, and to society are devastating. If you want a powerful but frightening look into what students might face today, this book is indispensable.



Some of the most valuable and interesting information about bullies and their victims is found at the end of the book, under “Notes” (pages 339-374.). The characters you will read about in these “Notes” are real people!

Also significant is the section, “Frequently Asked Questions About Bullying.” This section offers advice for kids (What is the first step I should take if I’m being bullied?), advice for parents, and advice for educators.

This part is followed by “Resources for Students” (books, movies, videos, organizations and programs), plus “Resources for Parents” and “Resources for Educators.” (Due to adult language, it is recommended that adults should discuss these questions with their children, rather than having children read this book.) Further, the book analyses several sexual harassment cases and bullying cases that have been ruled on by The Supreme Court of the United States.

Bullying, of course, is not the only problem facing society, and not every dispute involves bullying. Mental illness or other factors may be indicated when problems occur. It is important to apply the “bullying” label carefully and sparingly and to consider all sides of an issue.

If you wouldn’t let your children outside alone at night, why would you allow them unfettered access to the internet? It’s important to be aware.

(See also columns on bullying, cyber-bullying, and “No Bullying Zones” in *Florida TODAY*, May 13, 20, 27, 2013)