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Newsletter # 65 The FRIENDS of the MIMS / SCOTTSMOOR LIBRARY March 1, 2014

BOOK AND BAKE SALE

The Friends of the Mims/Scottsmoor Library will hold our popular Book and Bake Sale on **March 13 from approximately 12:30pm until 7:45pm and on Friday, March 14, from 9:00am until 4:45pm**. On March 13 the Sale begins immediately after the Friends meeting ends. During the meeting, which begins at noon on Thursday, members of Friends may quietly browse and select books to buy. **The public is invited** to the sale and everyone is welcome to join Friends. Books of all kinds will be available at low, low prices: best sellers, mysteries, romance, paperbacks, hardbacks, cookbooks, children's books, and more!

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Thursday, March 6 at **1:30pm** Mims-Scottsmoor Library Book Club. *Persuasion* by Jane Austen will be discussed. Copies are available for checkout at the Reference Desk. The public is invited to join us for the March meeting. The meeting is free.

WATERCOLOR PAINTING CLASS

Thursday, March 6, from **6:00** to **7:30pm** Watercolor Painting Class with Rosemary Daly of the Titusville Art League. Materials will be provided. Cost: $10. Please call **264-5080** to register.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

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

FRIENDS MEETING

The next meeting of the Friends of the Mims/Scottsmoor Library will be **March 13** at **noon** at the Mims/ Scottsmoor Library. Meeting is open to the public and we urgently encourage you to join and to volunteer to help with our **March 13-14** Book and Bake Sale! Membership in Friends is only $5.00 a year.

BASIC INSTRUCTION

Learn beginning computer: Contact Beth, our gracious 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.)

CRIME PREVENTION TASK FORCE

Thursday, March 27 at 6:30pm The Crime Prevention Task Force will present procedures to enhance personal safety. Topics may include: identity theft, scams, purse snatching, home safety and more. Please call **264-5080** to register for this free program.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

March is Women's History Month! Celebrations, documentaries, websites, news programs, political rallies, and patriotic events will mark women's contributions to America and to the world. The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution, and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum are some of the important organizations to join in paying tribute to the generations of women whose commitment to nature and to the planet have proved invaluable to society.

Women's Rights National Historical Park, Seneca Falls, New York**,** commemorates the First Women's Rights Convention of 1848 and its key figures: Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, her sister Martha Wright, Mary Ann McClintock, and Jane Hunt. During the fourteen years following the convention, Stanton's house served as base for the continued development of the Women's Rights Movement. Other valiant women, whose names are now famous, added their efforts to the struggle for women's right to vote, including Susan B. Anthony; Lucy Stone; Myra Bradwell; Sojourner Truth; and Elizabeth Blackwell.

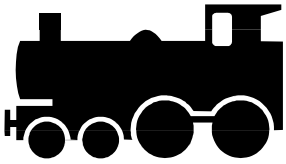
For more than a hundred years women in this country worked and suffered in order to try to achieve full citizenship. ***Century of Struggle***, a fascinating book by Eleanor Flexner, objectively recounts the heroic struggles of women to gain equality in America.

The fight for women's right to vote wasn't easy, but the suffragists (both men and women) persisted. Women were not "given" the right to vote—it had to be fought for and won. This impressive book describes the struggle from the earliest stages at the close of the Civil War, to the grueling campaigns waged in an attempt to win woman suffrage on a state-by-state basis, to the passage ---at long last--- of the Federal Woman's Suffrage Amendment!

When the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which prohibited any U.S. citizen from being denied the right to vote based on gender, finally passed in 1920, twenty-six million women of voting age had been franchised.

Flexner notes that the story of the women's rights movement deserves telling, **"not only because it is a story of gallantry and devotion, and thus a rich part of our common heritage, but because knowing and understanding something of the social forces involved in that movement may help us to cope with the problems we---men as well as women---confront today."**

Check out some books on women's history at your library, and see http://womenshistorymonth.gov/



FLORIDA RAILROADS

KAREN SMITH wowed the crowd gathered at our library when she spoke on Henry Flagler, and the exciting and vital part he and his railroad played in Florida history.

She provided an interesting historical review of the building of the Florida Overseas Railroad and the Florida East Coast Railroad, which were constructed despite hurricanes, mosquitoes, financial setbacks, and often a lack of workers. Mr. Flagler's successes revolved around grain, oil, citrus, and hotels. His hands-on approach seemed to ensure most of his projects were successful.