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Newsletter # 66 The FRIENDS of the MIMS / SCOTTSMOOR LIBRARY April 7, 2014

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Thursday, May 1 at **1:30pm** Mims/Scottsmoor Library Book Club. "The Bone Garden" by Tess Gerritsen will be discussed. Copies are available for checkout at the Reference Desk. The public is invited. Free.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

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

MANY MANY THANKS TO FRIENDS

The next General Meeting of the Friends of the Mims/Scottsmoor Library will be **April 10** at **noon** at the Mims/Scottsmoor Library. This meeting is open to the public and we urgently encourage you to join. Membership in Friends is only $5.00 a year. **Thanks again** to all the energetic volunteers, including Boy Scouts, who organized and moved books, wrote a generous check, or donated yummy baked goods! There couldn't have been such a successful Book & Bake Sale without YOU! **Note**: Election of Officers will be held at the May meeting. Please volunteer to be an officer; holding an office is neither difficult nor time-consuming.

THE SPIRIT WORLD

Thursday, April 10, 6:30pm John Rogers, author and Medium, will discuss his experiences with the spirit world. Free.

ORGANIC GARDENING

Thursday, April 17, 6:30pm Lucia Chankersingh, Master Gardener, will explain how organic gardening techniques will enhance your Florida gardens. Free.

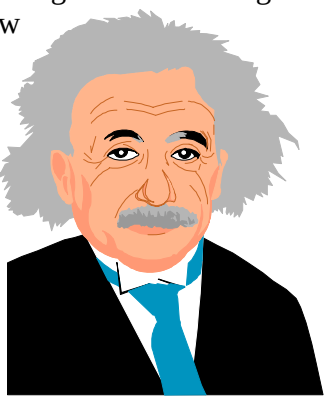
INSTANT COMMUNICATION

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

THE SCIENTIFIC IMPORTANCE OF GOSSIP

"The two greatest mysteries in all of nature are the mind and the Universe" declares Prof. Michio Kaku in his mind-boggling new book, "**The Future of the Mind**." Written for everyday readers, not scientists, this incredible but true book explores secrets of the living brain, including such exciting possibilities as smart pills, recording memories, telepathy, telekinesis (moving objects with the mind) and even the importance of gossip!

As Einstein noted: "The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge, but imagination." Just as must-see-TV series "Cosmos" stirs the imaginations of viewers by examining stars, galaxies, and time, this book will amaze readers with a look into the mind and into your future. Be sure to grab this book right away, or else you won't know when future robot masters could rule our world!



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FREE TALKING BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR LOW VISION OR DISABLED READERS

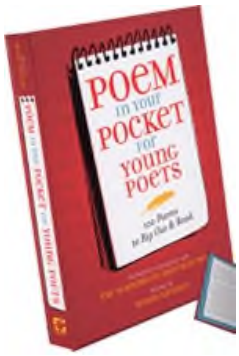
Anyone who cannot read printed materials because of a visual impairment or a physical handicap, even if temporary, is eligible for the free talking book program. If you are blind, or cannot see well enough or focus long enough to read standard print, or are unable to handle books or turn pages, please ask at the library about the free talking book program. The librarian will give you a short form to fill out and drop in the mail. You may also call 1-800-424-9100 or visit www.loc.gov/nls

CHILDREN'S BOOKS PURCHASED FOR OUR LIBRARY BY THE FRIENDS

10,000 Reasons by Matt Redman
The Lucy Variations by Sara Zarr
Penguin on Vacation by Salina Yoon
Odd Duck by Cecil Castellucci
Hero on a Bicycle by Shirley Hughes

POEM IN YOUR POCKET

"Poem in Your Pocket Day, 2014" will be held on Thursday, April 24. People across America will share their favorite poems with others. Schools, libraries, and other organizations may promote the love of poetry, too. Children, of course, adore poems, as is shown by the popularity of books by Dr. Seuss and Shel Silverstein. For further info, see:



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THE PIONEER WOMAN

Ree Drummond is a photographer, blogger (see BLOGHER), TV cooking show host, and a #1 NY Times bestselling author. In *The Pioneer Woman Cooks*: *A Year of Holidays*, Ree offers an "all-out celebration of the scrumptious, mouthwatering recipes" that are "guaranteed to make your holidays deliciously memorable…" If food is an important part of your holidays and family gatherings, you may wish to read her cookbooks.

Ree's cheerful personality and sense of humor seemed to help her overcome the obstacles life presented. In her popular books, including *The Pioneer Woman* and *The Pioneer Woman Cooks*, she describes, in detail, dating her cowboy, marrying him, living on the ranch, and sharing their favorite foods. She takes photos of children, relatives, pets, and even the wild mustangs that now live safely on the ranch. The cookbooks provide clear color photos and step-by-step instructions.

While her recipes look tempting indeed, her casual, overly-cute style of writing with the frequent use of sentence fragments ("And the flavor to die for.") can be irritating. An editor apparently approved this writing style, because at the end of the books, Ree thanks the editor. (She has an editor? Are you kidding?)

That Ree loves her romantic cowboy husband is evident from her words and actions. For example, she spent time taking the temperatures of cows (a messy, disgusting chore as she tells it); she gave up being a vegetarian; and she moved to the ranch. Check out her books and see what you think of this accidental country woman.