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Newsletter # 73 The FRIENDS of the MIMS / SCOTTSMOOR LIBRARY May 5, 2015

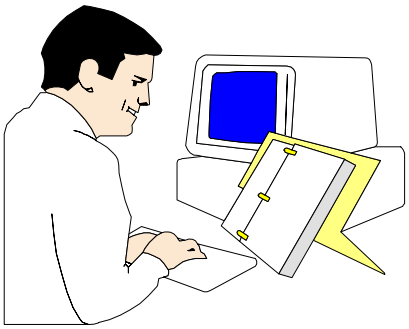
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Thursday, May 7th at **1:30pm** Mims/Scottsmoor Library Book Club. Please join us in a discussion of the book "Saving CeeCee Honeycutt" by Beth Hoffman. Copies are available for checkout at the Reference Desk. The public is invited. Free.

FRIENDS MEETING

Friends of the Mims/Scottsmoor Library General Meeting will be **Thursday May 14**, at noon. Free. We invite you to join Friends for $5 a year.

COMP TIME



Beginning Computer Class is available. Topics include: terminology, how to use a mouse, word processing, the internet, and email. Call **264-5080** for details. Registration is required. Cost is $20/class. Space is limited.

A UNIQUE STORY

Thursday, May 14, 6:30pm Book signing and talk by author Suma Nour. She will discuss her book: "A Pissed Off Saint." From being abducted at age 14, forced with machine guns to marry a much older man, then being held captive, Nour managed to make her way to America. Hers is a story of fear, courage, and ultimately triumph as she finally became a citizen of the USA. Join us to hear her explain her journey. Free program.

BOB RADER

Mr. Bob Rader is our library's hard-working and talented Technical Processor. Bob catalogs and prepares for checkout **all** items that arrive at our library. Whether books, DVDs, CDs, or MP3s are donated or purchased, Bob catalogs them by using the OCLC (Online Computerized Library Consortium), which is a standardized database of records for the library system. To catalog a book, Bob adds the book's title, author, call number, and subject headings into the computer.

Also, Bob examines all donated items to see that they are in good shape and not dusty, buggy, smelly, or moldy. It's important to keep mold out of the library. Items that pass inspection but are not needed for the library are given to Friends for our "Book and Bake Sale." Donations are a significant source of checkout material for our library because of cuts in the library budget in the last few years. (To donate, bring items to the front desk.)

In addition, Bob weeds out old materials and updates collections with new formats and new technology. Just as cassette books disappeared when CD books arrived, now MP3 books are popular. An MP3 book is a book on one CD; it's handier than needing multiple (6-24) discs to cover an entire book. If an item, such as a test booklet, is not being checked out or is out-of-date, Bob removes it. Test booklets for SAT, ACT, GED, Civil Service Exams (police and firefighters), and AP (Advanced Placement) are in demand and must be current.

Bob's focus is on being a wise steward of our tax-funded library, and his diligent work protecting and updating library materials saves taxpayer money. Next time you see Bob, thank him for being an outstanding Technical Processor!

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THE SECRET LIFE of the FLORIDA SCRUB JAY

Only public involvement will save the beautiful Scrub Jay and the rare, scattered habitat it needs to survive. Scrub Jays live only in Florida; they are not the same as the Western Jay. Markings tell the difference: a Blue Jay has bars on the tail but a Scrub Jay has a blue necklace. Scrub Jays are fighting to survive because their habitat---the oak scrub on well-drained soil---is used for citrus groves and housing developments. People are destroying the Scrub Jay's home.

Mr. Bob Montanaro recently presented a delightfully informative program, complete with stunning up-close photographs of Scrub Jays going about their daily routines. Mr. Montanaro, an expert on Scrub Jays and other kinds of wildlife, is also an excellent photographer. He described the rituals and activities of Scrub Jays, telling how Scrub Jays build nests, attract mates, warn others of dangers, crack acorns (not an easy task) and find insects. Scrub Jays have different calls for different predators. Because they live in nests only three to six feet off the ground, they must beware of snakes as well as hawks.

Young Scrub Jays are called "Brownheads" and the adults, both friends and family, take part in feeding the babies. After 85 days, adults stop feeding the juveniles. Scrub Jays build nests by weaving together twigs and palmetto or cabbage palm fibers. Nesting season is from March to June, and young birds start to fly only sixteen or so days after hatching! Although Scrub Jays keep their nests extremely clean, once the nest has been used, it is abandoned.

Each Scrub Jay family occupies a territory of 25 acres or so and they stay right there, except, perhaps, for brief trips to a nearby golf course to hunt for insects. These intelligent birds are known to bury 6,000-8,000 acorns a year, for safekeeping, and will remember where most of them are! Of course, many acorns grow into trees. After hammering an acorn into the ground, the Scrub Jay will look around, studying landmarks for future reference. When tall trees, such as pine trees, take over their habitat, Scrub Jays cannot survive. Unfortunately, the numbers of Scrub Jays have declined 80%-90% in the last century. As humans build on their habitat, or put roads through their habitat, Scrub Jays die.

The appreciative audience at this program had many questions, and everyone there is looking forward to future programs by M. Montanaro! He speaks on a variety of topics. Be sure to attend his future presentations, because he is a knowledgeable, friendly, and entertaining speaker.

For further information, see "The Florida Scrub Jay" by Woolfenden and Fitzpatrick.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER PROGRAM

"Every Hero Has a Story" is the theme for the library's Summer Reading Program. Each Wednesday at 10:30am will have an interesting free program. Open to public.

June 10 – a visit from the Brevard County Fire Department
June 17 – Tammy & Summer Towne with their miniature horse "Puppet"
June 24 – Anna Lusk, singer/songwriter
July 1 – Dr. Dan the Magic Man
July 8 – a visit from the Brevard County Sheriff's Department
July 15 – Veronica and her friend from the SPCA
July 22 – Superhero Craft Day
July 30 – End of Summer Party!

FREE READER'S ADVISORY SERVICE

If you are looking for a good book but don't know which one to check out, ask our wonderful Reference Librarian, Beth. An important service of the Reference Dept. is advising readers about "look alike" books---books that are similar to the books that readers have read and enjoyed.

For example, if you like police procedural mysteries, but have read all of Sandford's whodunits, Beth will be happy to recommend other authors and book titles to suit your taste. Also, she will help you locate the books in the library.

Another excellent service by the Reference Dept. is requesting items (books, DVDs, audio books) from other libraries. If you request an item that is not available at our library, Beth will arrange for that item to be sent to our library so it is convenient for you to pick it up here.

Whether you seek books about humor, romance, adventure, mystery, sci-fi, history, space, farming, etc., or even some combination of categories (such as civil war mysteries), just ask Beth for ideas.

Every week, Beth locates dozens of books, DVDs, etc., at our library that have been requested by readers, or requested by other county libraries. Readers appreciate these valuable services.

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Life is mostly froth and bubble,
Two things stand like stone---
Kindness in another's trouble,
Courage in one's own.

--- Adam L. Gordon

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ONLINE DATABASES

The library also offers online databases**,** including **Community Services Information** (directory of health and human services resources in Brevard), **Florida Electronic Library** (magazines, encyclopedias, books, etc.), **Morningstar** (investment resource specializes in fund investing), **WorldCat** (search library collections), **InfoBase eBooks** (print reference books), and **eBook Collection**-formerly **NetLibrary** (full-text scholarly, reference, and professional eBooks leading university, academic and professional publishers), and more.

It may be that a database is **only** available at Brevard County Public Libraries, not available from outside the libraries. A database **may** require a Brevard County Public Libraries card.

HERMITAGE MASTERPIECES on DVD

The famous Hermitage Museum holds a treasure trove of the world's artistic accomplishments, including paintings and sculptures collected by Peter the Great and Catherine the Great of Russia. Catherine commissioned the grand palaces and filled them with impressive works of art, including classical Greek and Roman sculptures as well as works by Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Raphael, Rembrandt, Caravaggio, Rubens, Rodin, Titian, El Greco, and more.

Whether you prefer landscapes, religious themes, impressionists, or modern art by Picasso and Miro, you're sure to be delighted to see the extensive collections in The Hermitage. Check out the set of 3 DVDs called "Hermitage Masterpieces"…and enjoy.