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Newsletter # 76 The FRIENDS of the MIMS / SCOTTSMOOR LIBRARY October 1, 2015

To the Members of the FRIENDS (FRIENDS President Sunny Creel)

I thank ALL who helped with the "Book and Bake Sale." We had a good group of volunteers, plus great customers! The officers of the FRIENDS have been working hard the past eight years (with the help of a few other members) to keep the FRIENDS group together. We must have a full slate of officers to keep our status and bylaws intact. I thank these dedicated people who have helped to maintain our FRIENDS organization.

Our meetings are held the second Thursday of each month (except in the summer) at noon. Usually only three to five people (officers) attend these meetings, along with Director Toupin. FRIENDS has fifty-two members (half are non-voting status—which means they generously support us financially but don't wish to attend meetings). That leaves twenty-six voting members. We need you at the meetings to help with our plans for our library!

For several weeks, there have been rumors of the library closing, moving, falling in, etc. There have been meetings, phone calls, and remarks concerning the library. FRIENDS officers are volunteers! We have no paid duties. Still, we reacted as quickly as we could, providing the information that we had. Calls, messages, emails, word-of-mouth---name it, we did it. We appreciated the community's enthusiasm for building a new library. County plans regarding the library, however, were only in the discussion stage. NO decision had been made.

During the past few days, the officers discussed these events. Our goal is to continue to focus this enthusiasm from FRIENDS and neighbors to accomplish what is needed for our library and for our community. We aim to move forward, working together.

Thanks to all who attended our meetings, made phone calls, and provided publicity to help achieve a new library building. County Commissioner Fisher has recently proposed a workable plan for a new library building on the parking lot where the current library is located. The parking lot is a popular and convenient location. Our current, temporary, library is not closing, but it certainly must be replaced soon. We appreciate your **positive** efforts and need your future support.

"COOK THE BOOK" BOOK CLUB

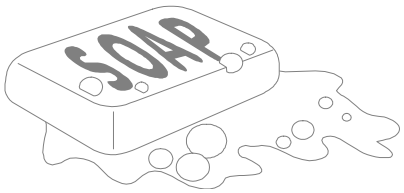
The "Cook the Book" Book Club will meet **October 15, 2015 at 6:00pm**. October will be a "Tour of Italy." We will be selecting recipes from Italian cooking cookbooks. Club is open to public. Check with Reference Librarian Beth for details – 264-5080 – on which recipes to prepare.

FRIENDS MEETING

FRIENDS of the Mims/Scottsmoor Library General Meeting will be **Thursday, Oct 8**, at **noon**. Free. We invite you to join FRIENDS for $5 a year.

SOAP ART CLASS

On **Thursday, October 1 at 5:00pm** Pamela Ferraro will present a program on making soap. Cost is $10 per student and class is limited to 10 students. Call the library at 264-5080 to register.



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THANK YOU!

I thank all the people who helped make our last "Book and Bake Sale" a success!

We greatly appreciated the help setting up books and storing books!

Thanks for donating clean, gently-used books and delicious baked goods, sorting books, and for helping on all the other tasks required for a successful Sale!

The **children** and **the library patrons** thank you!

The **library staff** thanks you!

Keep in mind we do this every March and September, let's do it again!

Doc Clingenpeel, Vice President

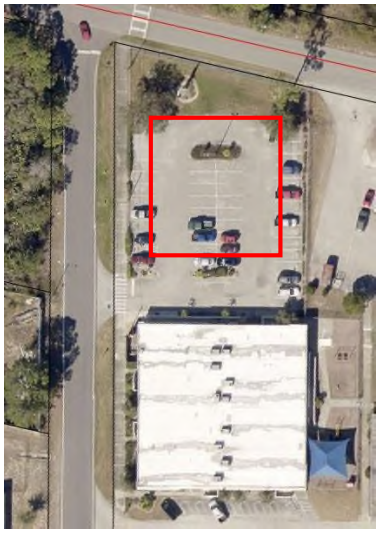
Never criticize a volunteer unless you want his or her job!

NEW LIBRARY NEWS!

District 1 County Commissioner Fisher and Library Services Director Jeff Thompson have proposed a plan to build a new **permanent** building to house the Mims/Scottsmoor Library. This proposal calls for an 8000 square foot building to be constructed in our library's current parking lot. When the new building is finished, a parking lot will be built where the old building was. Thus, the new library building will be in a convenient place located centrally between Mims and Scottsmoor. The proposal calls for the library to open by fall, 2017.

This proposal has been approved by the Mims/ Scottsmoor Library Board and by the County Library Board. The next step in the process will be approval by the Board of County Commissioners. To ensure approval by the BOCC, please attend this meeting to speak in favor of this proposal. As soon as we know when this proposal will be on Brevard County's agenda, members will be informed.

The picture at the right shows an overhead view of the library and parking lot. The red outline shows how an 8000 sqft building would fit in the parking lot space.



LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

On **Thursday, Oct. 1 at 1:30pm** the Mims/ Scottsmoor Library Book Club will discuss *The Husband's Secret* by Liane Moriarty. Copies of the book are available for check out at the Reference Desk.

A COLUMN BY FRIENDS VICE PRESIDENT DOC CLINGENPEEL

For the last **21 years as a Founding Member of Friends,** I have been working to support the **Friends of Mims/ Scottsmoor Library**, and in the last period of time I have noticed some **disturbing trends**! While our officers work hard, many members are not participating. We need your help!

What kind of member am I, and what can I do to better support our library?

FRIENDS is an **all-volunteer organization** comprised of a **super core group** who in the beginning put in hundreds of hours, a **core group** who currently puts in thousands of hours, a **support group** who puts in tens of hours. We also have **members (+)** who put in about ten hours. We also have **members (-)** who do not work, but criticize those that do! We also have **non-members** who criticize, and are **no** help to the organization

Super core group (the Founding members): people who publicized the need for the original library, many years ago, who back then put in many hours planning and marketing ideas, who helped clear all the political hurdles. They are now part of the core group.

Core group Officers of FRIENDS as well as other valued members who participate in fundraising activities such as our "Book and Bake Sales." The core group markets the organization by attending the Mullet Festival on Oct. 3, the Mims Christmas Parade the 1st Friday, in Titusville, and other ways that present themselves! They help support the goals of the organization!

Support group: these valued members make calls to members to inform them of organization needs. They help with fundraising by helping with book sales, by making change at tables, by talking with customers, by handing out flyers, by sorting books, by helping set up & take down books for our sale! They help with bake sale by calling for volunteers to bake, they bake goodies, they price goods, they sell baked goods!

Members (+) these valued members attend meetings, are encouraged to participate in marketing projects, and they help with fundraising by helping with book sales and by baking goods. They buy books. They also give **positive feedback with ideas for improvement**!

Members (-) these people may attend meetings, may help with fundraising, but they find fault with what others do while offering no ideas or help to improve. They cause **dissention** in organization, **tear down all the hard work of others.**

If you don't like how someone else is doing something, **don't criticize**! **Offer to help, or take over the task!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES

One important responsibility that officers of FRIENDS perform is not mentioned in the Bylaws. They must take the time to consider any rumors they hear, then compare the rumors to information from **reliable** sources, in order to evaluate the validity of the sometimes ridiculous comments swirling around. It is the task of officers to filter information, and pass important and relevant information to members. They do not and should not pass along to members every bit of gossip they hear!

Ron Bartcher, Treasurer

SOCIAL LOAFING, DOGGING IT, and SELF-ABSORBED TWITS?

Do you know any narcissists? In his highly readable and fascinating book, "The Narcissist Next Door," author Jeffrey Kluger (who wrote "Apollo 13") explains the difference between contented, well-grounded people…and narcissists. He believes it is in your best interest to know some characteristics of narcissists, because narcissists are everywhere. You may be seeing a narcissist when you look at yourself in the mirror. Narcissism is a complex subject, but general information about this subject can be valuable.

The book explains the latest research in part by describing the actions and/or comments of many famous people:

Some famous people (singer Paul McCartney, actor Tom Hanks, actor Helen Mirren) are not narcissists---they deserve their gracious, good-person reputations.

Kluger mentions several well-known, charismatic people who may be narcissists: Donald Trump, Bill Gates, Ted Bundy, George W. Bush, Bill Clinton, Chris Christy, Ted Cruz, Steve Jobs, Barack Obama, Sarah Palin, Barbra Streisand, Taylor Swift, numerous sports figures, and even fictional James Bond! There are many more names in the book's index. What names would you expect to find there?

Narcissists may be rich and famous, or they may be ordinary, everyday folks. Kluger describes narcissists as wanting attention and glory, but not being willing to do the hard, cooperative, behind-the-scenes work necessary to advance group goals. Where's the public recognition in that? Letting others carry the workload if there's little or no individual recognition is what Kluger calls "social loafing."

Some narcissistic athletes don't bother to put forth much effort during practice ("dogging it") because…why bother if the crowds are not watching?

Narcissists may enjoy talking about themselves. For example: "I own the biggest yacht" or "I bought the most expensive shoes" or "I am the best." "I" seems to be their favorite word.

According to the book, when a narcissist fails, the narcissist feels it's not his or her fault; instead, the narcissist feels that others did not get the narcissist the information he or she needed, or complains that a test was unfair, or…whatever. Narcissists feel entitled, and may become very angry when they don't receive the attention and respect they feel they deserve. It's wise to read the current research on narcissists, because the way they think and act can seriously affect the lives of others. Readers (adults only) surely will find this book to be informative.

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

On **Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 3:30pm** the Creative Writing Club meets. Bring a notebook and create a story from spooky photographs. Ages 9-16 Contact Brittany Wilson at the Library - (321) 264-5080

PRESSED FLOWER BOOKMARK CLASS

On **Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 6:00pm** the library will present a class in how to make a Pressed Flower Bookmark. Materials and instruction provided. Fee: $2 per bookmark made. Please call (321) 264-5080 to register. Children are welcome with an adult. Contact: Beth Doud

STEP RIGHT UP!

FRIENDS will need new officers in 2016. The current officers (Pres., VP, Secr., and Treas.) have energetically and capably led this group for **many years**!! They plan to step aside at the election in May, 2016, to allow others to guide this excellent organization. Those interested in becoming officers should start attending board meetings now to learn the duties involved.

The Executive Board consists of the officers plus the Library Director, who is an ex-officio member of the board. In May, officers are elected for a one-year term.

Officers of FRIENDS commit to attend meetings of the various local library boards, of the County Library Board, of the Board of County Commissioners, and to establish cordial relationships with county officials, as well as with the leaders of other volunteer and non-profit organizations in the area. This time commitment exceeds 100 hours per year, **per person.**

In addition, officers donate more than 100 hours a year, **per person**, to support our organization's goals and activities, and to conduct the business of FRIENDS. For example, it requires a significant commitment of time and effort to organize, work at, and take down the three "Book and Bake Sales" each year. Plus, there's the packing of unsold books and transporting of them to charitable groups after the sale. It all takes time—and a good sense of humor. (Fortunately, some members help.)

General duties of officers:

President---presides at all meeting of FRIENDS and provides printed copies of Agenda for those members present

Vice President---performs all duties in the absence of the President

Secretary---takes notes at every meeting of FRIENDS, both board meetings and general meetings, types up notes after the meetings (to record the "minutes"), provides printed copies of minutes to all members present at meetings; handles correspondence of group.

Treasurer---collects, records, and pays out monies in accordance with the budget; provides printed copies of Treasurer's Report to all members present at general meetings. Currently, the Treasurer devotes more than 100 hours a year to FRIENDS-related activities. He prepares and files annual reports with the Federal, State, and County governments, as well as maintains and updates our membership database. He prepares and presents reports to the Mims/Scottsmoor Public Library Board, and to other Library Boards. These activities are **in addition** to the usual commitments that other officers make.

Newsletter: The FRIENDS newsletter ("Notiflyer") is written by a Newsletter Chairman who is appointed by the President. This person is not on the Executive Board. Currently, each newsletter takes this chairman approx. a week of work to produce: reading books to review, checking with the library for upcoming events and dates, writing articles, editing, organizing the articles on the computer, adding photographs or art to enhance the space available, planning so that the correct page has the mailing address---for each member---before the newspaper is printed, printing the newsletter, folding the printed pages, stapling each newsletter, going to the post office to buy stamps, placing stamps on all the newsletters, and mailing newsletters. Whew! Obviously, creating the newsletter requires a LOT of time and effort: approx. 8 weeks a year! Consequently, the Notiflyer receives many compliments.

***Next time you see an officer of FRIENDS, please thank him or her for the years of outstanding dedication to our library!

Come Join US

As always, we encourage you to become a member of our library support group organization. Remember that it is not necessary to belong to the Friends in order to use the library.

Renewing or initiating a membership in this non-profit group enables the public an opportunity to be a factor in providing for our Library's needs above and beyond the county's limited budget. These include items such as:

- Children's Program Supplies/Presenters
- Adult Program Speakers
- Special Library Equipment/Needs
- Special Publication Purchases

The Friends of the Library thank you for your support and extend an invitation to the public to attend our meetings the 2nd Thursday September through May at 12:00 noon in the Library Community Room.

Did you know?

- Our Semi-Annual Book & Bake Sales (open to the public) are:
  - March 16 and 18, 2016
  - September 14 and 16, 2016
- Our Valentine Romance and Chocolate Sale is Feb. 12, 2016
- Display cases are available to show items of interest
- Rooms are available for club meetings

New Library Hours:	
Monday	10-6
Tuesday	9-5
Wednesday	9-5
Thursday	12-8
Friday	9-5
Saturday	Closed

Friends of the Mims/Scottsmoor Library Membership Application 2015/2016

Name_____Date_____
Address_____Phone Number_____
City_____New Membership?___ Renewal?____
E-mail Address_____

Designate below the type of membership you select: Amount Enclosed_____

Voting Memberships:

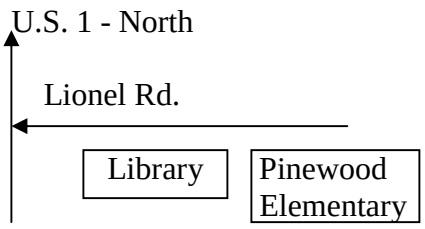
- o Individual $5.00/yr.
- o Student $1.00/yr.
- o Sponsor $10.00/yr.
- o Patron $30.00/yr.
- o Corporate $100.00/yr.
- o Life - One time donation of $100 or more

Non-voting Memberships:

- o Life supporter-One time donation of $100 or more
- o Annual Supporter $5.00/yr

Mail or bring this form and your check made out to:

Friends of the Mims/Scottsmoor Library
Mims/Scottsmoor Public Library
3615 Lionel Road
Mims, FL 32754



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