

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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GREETINGS FROM SGRL DIRECTOR MIGUEL VICENTE

South Georgia Regional Library System's Friends of the Library (FOL) is living proof of the library's value to the community. For many years the FOL has raised funds for our library system and those funds have translated into more services and programs for our community. The FOL, along with many dedicated volunteer groups, is a valuable public relations vehicle for the library. I want to extend my sincerest appreciation to all our friends for their hard work and contributions to enrich the lives of the South Georgia community.

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GREETINGS FROM FOL PRESIDENT MARY HELEN WATSON

August is winding to a close, children and their teachers are all back in the classroom and today the humidity actually felt a bit less! Can Fall be far away? With a change of season perhaps it would be really good to look at changes for FOL. As you may be aware, our Book Nook in the main lobby area of the Library has been moved, new shelves, new signs everything looks a bit spiffed up and really attractive. Actually, the space we now occupy is a bit smaller and so we have put together one shelving unit of our "best" Nook Books for the Backdoor Bookstore. That way, we can continue to provide the newer, cleaner, nicer books at both locations. So, stop in and check out the new location and also the books in the Backdoor Bookstore. Better yet, volunteer to help and join the FOL community of workers and readers. It is a good day when you have a good book. I wish you the best of days.

LOOK FOR THE NEW BOOK NOOK

When library director Miguel Vicente asked Merrilee Casady and Janet Toffolo, the Friends of the Library Book Store chairmen, if they were interested in “spiffing up” the Book Nook as part of his overall plan to clean up and revitalize the entire main library, they were quick to agree.

“Miguel wants to make the entire library more appealing. As part of that project, he suggested an upgrade for the Book Nook, something more permanent and something more fitting for the library,” explained Janet Toffolo.



Bernard Bulema, VLC Library Manager,
and Janet Toffolo, Bookstore Co-Chair

In early June, the Friends of the Library Board approved sharing the cost of the purchase of new wood bookcases for the Book Nook with the library, and the Board also agreed to the shifting of the Book Nook closer to the children’s area to make room for a new sitting area across from the circulation desk. Now library patrons are falling in love once more with the two over-stuffed and freshly cleaned chairs the Friends of the Library purchased almost a decade ago, and they are admiring the smaller but neater Book Nook.

The Book Nook is a branch of the Friends of the Library Back Door Book Store. It is located in front of the circulation desk and is open whenever the main library is open. Since the books featured in the Book Nook are more current and more pristine than most used books, they sell for \$2 for hardcovers and \$1 for paperbacks. In the regular book store, most adult books are priced at \$1 for hardcovers and \$.50 for paperbacks, and children’s books are half that price.

Because of its highly visible and convenient location, the Book Nook earns about a third of the annual income the Friends of the Library makes from selling books. The Nook is a great money-maker for the Friends, and, thus, the library.

“Children’s books are a huge seller in the Nook,” Merrilee Casady said. “They sell out immediately. We can’t keep them, and we have a desperate need for donations of good-looking children’s books. Thanks to generous donations and hard-working volunteers, the Friends of the Library Book Store has been and will be supporting our South Georgia Regional Libraries for years.”



MORE BOOK NEWS

Here is one of the Book Nook's patrons! She and her Mom and four sisters visit the library almost every Tuesday. The girls are home schooled by their mom and are very mature, polite, and courteous patrons. The little girl almost always takes every book off the shelf when she comes in. Her mom reminds her to put everything back before they leave. *-Janet Toffolo*



A Great Gift Idea for Children! I love to read and, as a former elementary school teacher, I am thrilled when learning about or meeting a child who enjoys books. It is so important for adults to read to young children in order to encourage their love of books and the pleasure of reading.

In a recent conversation with Carla Steel at the FRIENDS of the Library annual meeting I learned about a gift she gave her younger grandchildren for their most recent birthdays. Carla purchased 52 books, wrapped each in brown paper, and placed them in a large box she gift-wrapped. As the grandchildren opened their birthday gifts she explained the box included a book for each week of the year. She related that the children so enjoy opening a new book each week they request the same gift for their next birthday.



You grandparents, Godparents, and aunts and uncles reading this take note of this great idea the next time you're considering a gift for that wonderful child. You will be helping to create a book lover and, hopefully, a reader for life.

Keep in mind that The Back Door Book Store sells children's books for under a dollar. Carla was thrilled to hear about that deal! *-Kay Scott*

JAN FEESE'S CREATIVE GRAINS AND VEGETABLES

Prepare 8 oz of grains as per package directions. I use Trader Joe's "Harvest Grains" Blend. It is a blend of Israeli couscous, orzo, red quinoa, and baby garbanzo beans.

- Prepare the 8 oz of grains with 1 3/4 C vegetable stock in place of water.
- While the grains are cooking, dry sauté a mixture of onion, asparagus, and mushrooms. Stir in dried fruit of your choice.
- Add grains mixture to vegetable sauté and mix gently. At this point I stir in a few dashes of "Bragg's Aminos" for a slightly meaty taste.

Substitute any of your favorite grains or vegetables. This recipe keeps for several days refrigerated. Serves 4-6.

BOOKFELLOWS SEASON 2015-2016

Valdosta-Lowndes County Library, 300 Woodrow Wilson Drive

Time: 4-5 pm Place: Back Door Bookstore

Books are available for checkout at the Information Desk

DATE	TITLE	AUTHOR	REVIEWER
(2015) Sept 21	<i>Ladies Of The Field</i>	Amanda Adams	Patricia Marks
Oct 19	<i>Under Magnolia</i>	Frances Mayes	Liza Newsom
Nov 16	<i>Mockingbird Next Door</i>	Marja Mills	Celia Strickland
Dec 21	<i>Gray Mountain</i>	John Grisham	TBA
(2016) Jan 18	<i>Simple Truth</i>	David Baldacci	Micki Gieske
Feb 15	<i>Boys In The Boat</i>	Daniel J. Brown	Gil Gjertsen
Mar 21	<i>Capital Dames</i>	Cokie Roberts	M.H. Watson
Apr 18	<i>Around The World In Eighty Days</i>	Jules Verne	Gil Gjertsen
May 16	<i>Murder Makes A Pilgrimage</i>	Sister Carol O'Marie	TBA

2015-2016 SCHEDULE FOR LAKE VIEWS

Lake Views meets at the Lakes Library at 2:00 on the following dates:

September 21: *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd

October 19: *The Art Forger* by Barbara Shapiro

November 16: *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson

December: Christmas Party! Date, time, and location to be announced.

January 12 *Tuesday Meeting: *A Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler

February 9 *Tuesday Meeting: *The Nightingale* by Kristen Hannah

March 21: *Ghost Boy* by Martin Pistorius

April 18: *At the Water's Edge* by Sara Gruen

May 16: *The Autobiography of Mrs. Tom Thumb* by
Melanie Benjamin

June 20: *In the Unlikely Event* by Judy Blume

July 18: *The Sound of Glass* by Karen White

August 15: *The Seven Sisters* by Lucinda Riley

September 19: *Ten Cent Bill* by Charles Pittman

Copies of the books are available for check out from the library at no charge. All those who love to read are welcome.

*In memory of Anna C. Jensen Brown to the Lakes Library
by Liza and Walter Newsom*

WHAT FOL BOARD MEMBERS ARE READING



Jan Feese--*All the Single Ladies*, by Dorothea Benton Frank-- Book 2 of a trilogy. Very detailed story of corruption, intrigue, and cover up in Mississippi and Louisiana beginning with the Kennedy years.



Stefani Carroll--*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night -* Now I want to see the play. *The Girl on the Train* --Could not put down! *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* --Revisiting a favorite!



Riley Howard --His never-ending list begins with Robert Ruark, C.J. Box, the Bill O'Reilly books, Jeffrey Deaver, Lee Child, Dick Francis....

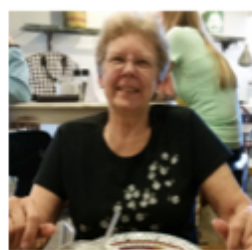
"And I do love Louis L'Amour!"



Merrilee at the West Bay Cemetery in Grand Cayman. Dick and Mary Francis are in the vaults immediately behind Merrilee.

Merrilee Casady--I just finished *Shattered* by Dick Francis. It is the last of 41 books he published that he wrote alone, although he credits his wife Mary with valuable research for each book. Two of the 41 aren't stand-alone novels. One is a biography *A Jockey's Life* and one is a collection of short stories that he wrote for several publications named *Field of Thirteen*. After the privilege of meeting him (one of my favorite authors) in November 2009, I decided to reread his books in order. The *Sport of Queens* (1957) was the first. I started in 2009 and just finished them all a few weeks ago. Previously I'd read some of the books that he wrote with his son Felix and I chose not to read them again. Dick Francis (who died in February of 2010) was an excellent writer and all the books were entertaining. I learned more about horse racing than I knew existed. His main characters were "human," not without flaws, his villains always vicious. Good fun reads. Now I am reading *Blind Goddess*

by ANNE Holt. It is a Norwegian crime fiction novel. Love the Northern European mystery writers!



Marilyn Miller--I've just finished two delightful books in my summer reading. *The Enchanted April* by Elizabeth Von Arnim follows the lives of four women from England, dissatisfied with their respective daily lives, as they come together to share lodgings in a small castle in Portofino, Italy for a month. April in San Salvatore is a locale of beauty with its profuse blooming sequence of various flowers, a setting in which renewal of each woman's repressed personal characteristics is fostered. Happiness, joy, or even love, becomes unexpectedly rekindled or begins to bloom. Though written in 1921, the insight from female perspectives into personal yearnings, dissatisfactions and other traits experienced in human relationships-- between spouses, acquaintances, friends -- is as germane as ever in today's world. *The Guest Cat*, a short book written by the acclaimed Japan poet, Takashi Hiraide in 2001, and translated into English by Eric Selland in 2014, tells the story of husband/wife at-home freelance writers who come to be "adopted" by a young neighbor cat who invites herself into their home and their lives. While this childless couple enjoy their cottage on an estate in a leafy part of Tokyo, Chibi brings new small joys radiating from each reappearance and stay -- a mutual entwining of feline and human lives for the enrichment of both. Through the pain of absence and change of environment the couple learn their indelible need for feline creatures to enrich and complete their lives. The precise and delicate writing style makes this an enchanting short read.



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SENIOR LIVING SHOWCASE AUGUST 15, 2015



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