

News - Among Friends

The Friends of the DeLand Area Public Library Newsletter

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Book Sale for Members of the Friends

January ushers in the first of our monthly book sales with a period of time set apart for only members of the Friends of the DeLand Library to browse and purchase books.



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On Thursday, January 7, from 1:00 until 3:00, before the sale opens to the public, members of the Friends will have first choice at selecting books. If your membership has lapsed, you may renew at this time, or you may join for the first time. This will give you an opportunity to browse before the sale is opened to the general public from 3:00 to 7:00.

The sale will be open to the public on Friday, January 8, from 9:30 to 4:30, and on Saturday, January 9, from 9:30 to 2:00.

Thursday and Friday, hardback and large softback books will be \$1.00 each. Small paperbacks will be eight for \$1.00. Children's books will be \$2.00 a bag. On Saturday, all non-children's books will be \$3.00 per bag and children's books will continue at \$2.00 per bag.

This sale will be held in the library auditorium and during the sale the Friends Book Store, which is adjacent to the auditorium, will also be open from 9:30 to 4:30 on Thursday and Friday. On Saturday it will be open from 9:30 until 2:00. In the store you will find more current copyright dates in both fiction and non-fiction, than on the monthly sale books. You will also find a wide selection of magazines and a nice selection of children's books. Large print books and specially priced table top books are also available.

All proceeds from the monthly book sale and the Friends Book Store support the library's programs and special needs. Both operations are staffed entirely by volunteers. What better time to say that if you are interested in volunteering, please contact the desk at the Friends Book Store where applications are available for both substitute and regular schedules.

A library is not a luxury, but one of the necessities of life.
Henry Ward Beecher

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Annual Meeting to Feature Interesting Program

On Wednesday, January 20, The Friends of the DeLand Library will hold their Annual Meeting at 2:00 in the Library Auditorium. Barbara Murray, our Program Chairman, has arranged for a program on Margaret Mitchell and her book, *Gone with the Wind*. To date, this novel has sold over 35 million copies and has been translated into forty languages. It still sells 250,000 copies a year worldwide.

First published in June 1936, Margaret Mitchell began the writing in the 1920s, when as a woman news journalist, she was housebound due to an ankle injury and started a novel based on family stories about the Civil War that she had heard while growing up.

Sharing little known facts about the book and author will be Dave Robinson, a storyteller and actor, who has also taught in Florida and Pennsylvania. A graduate of Franklin College in Indiana, he has toured with many theatre companies and has also created an Enrichment Education Series presented at many libraries in Florida.

Prior to the program will be a short business session in which our treasurer, Peggy Gamble will give a financial report detailing the amount of money we have earned this year for the library through our Monthly Book Sales, the Friends Book Store, our memberships and donations. A membership report will be shared.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Joyce Chester, will present candidates for the Board of the Friends. Other members of the committee are Barbara Adair, Patricia DeWeese, Jean Fletcher and Diane Hill. New persons to be introduced are Rita Kiser and Susan Ludwig. Candidates willing to serve another term are Joyce Chester, Diane Hill and Tim Shea. Board members whose terms do not expire this year are Louise Caccamise, Jean Fletcher, Tanna Gartside, Nancy Jonas and Debbie Maxwell. This will leave two vacancies on the Board which we have not yet filled, one of them being the position of treasurer and the other being someone very competent in computers, websites and technology. We would like to extend an invitation for anyone with these two competencies to get in touch with us as soon as possible. The Board can then approve them for appointment. Peggy Gamble, our current treasurer, will help a treasurer get started.

We want to express our thanks to the three Board members who are leaving the Board due to personal reasons. Peggy Gamble has been an extraordinary treasurer and also baked goodies for every Board meeting. Barbara Murray has provided excellent programs and Cheryl Granata has helped in many ways, as well as managing the Book Store during the summer where she will continue to work during the year. We will miss you one and all.

Volunteers Continue to be Welcome



Please come by the Book Store for an application to volunteer on a regular basis or as a substitute. This is a volunteer job that offers a lot of variety and allows you to meet many interesting people. And – there are books and more books!!

