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ELSIE QUIRK LIBRARY

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FRIENDS LOVE OUR LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Elsie Quirk Library Volunteers were honored at a special Volunteer Luncheon on April 13 at La Stanza Restaurant. Prior to lunch being served, President John Dubowik thanked luncheon organizers Miriam Rullan Alba, Camille Thinnes, Gloria Gayer, Chris Kourapis, and Becky Dubowik and welcomed guests.

Sarabeth Kalajian and Roberta Reese

Sarasota County Library Director, Sarabeth Kalajian, thanked the volunteers and presented Elsie Quirk Library volunteer, Roberta Reese, with an award from the Sarasota Board of County Commissioners for logging in the most hours in the Sarasota County Volgistics (volunteer login system) between September 1, 2015 and March 2, 2016. The award is presented to top County volunteers each year during National Volunteer Week, and Roberta was honored as having volunteered the most hours at Elsie Quirk Library for the second year in a row. After presenting the County Commissioners' award Sarabeth noted that our luncheon was taking place during National Library Week, a perfect time to honor volunteers in a special way.

Library Manager, Heidi Holmes, could not attend, but her detailed message was read by Jennifer Perry, our former Manager, who now serves as Sarasota County's Public Services Manager of Libraries and Public Services. After bringing us up to date about her new job experiences, Jennifer read Heidi's message highlighting the valuable programs that were sponsored by the Friends during *Lemon Bay Fest, Englewood History with Zest.* Elsie Quirk Library attendees expressed their thanks by writing how much they appreciated educational and historical programs. Asked what other programs they would be interested in attending, one responded "Anything by the Friends of the Library." Heidi reported that Friends' volunteers logged in approximately 4,500 hours in 2015, a record number.

For the past 12 years, the Friends have recognized a volunteer who has displayed exemplary service to Elsie Quirk Library with a Star Award.

Odie Kourapis

President John Dubowik announced that Bookstore Manager, Camille Thinnes would be presenting the 2016 award to Odie Kourapis, who has volunteered two to three days a week in the Friends' bookstore since 2011. Camille recommended that Odie receive the award because of his willingness to fill in whenever she needs a volunteer. Customers respond well to Odie's sense of humor, especially when he tells them they need to pay an "exit fee" if they don't buy anything.

A very surprised Angie Zerad, who has served on and off the Friends' board since the 1990's, received this year's Elise Quirk Library Lifetime Membership Award. Angie, a talented pianist, donated a piano to the library in memory of her late husband, Frank,

John Dubowik and Angie Zerad

several years ago and performs regularly at special library events and every Monday morning from January to April during Great Decisions programs taking place in the upstairs meeting room. Angie's also a former Friends' newsletter editor and writer who often writes and edits articles for our newsletter. In 2015 Angie donated a bench and an engraved brick for our Golden Garden.

John Dubowik and Ron Cutsinger

Ron Cutsinger, who served as the Friends' President for six years and on the Friends' board for years prior to that time, was also awarded a Lifetime Membership Award. Ron was helpful in establishing our endowment fund with the Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice, a valuable financial resource. In 2010 he helped plan the renovation and expansion of our library and later helped install shelving in our new bookstore. When presenting the Lifetime Membership Award, President Dubowik expressed the Friends' appreciation for Ron's strong leadership during the planning and installation of our 50th Golden Anniversary Reading Garden.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

JOHN DUBOWIK

ELSIE QUIRK LIBRARY DESTINATION FOR LEARNING, FUN AND FRIENDS!

Elsie Quirk started 2016 with an increase in demand! Our community grows "in season" and so does our attendance at the library with free programs, access to technologies and fun activities for children and adults. In January and February – Elsie Quirk Library provided over 130 programs with over 3,300 in attendance! As one seasonal resident said "Love these programs, come every year". Take advantage of what Elsie Quirk has to offer – you won't be disappointed!

Annual Volunteer and Library week coincided with our annual volunteer luncheon on April 13th to honor and appreciate all our library volunteers. 4500+ hours were logged this past year to help support our library! Some of the areas that benefit from our volunteers range from working in the bookstore, setting up programs, assisting library staff, maintaining our Golden Reading Garden and our Friends membership database. Thank you volunteers – you help keep our library active, vibrant and operational for all to enjoy!

The Golden Reading Garden is a popular addition to our library – enjoying the outside atmosphere and shade of the Gazebo. The paved walkway wonders around several native Florida plants and donors have provided benches to sit and enjoy the beauty. You will notice engraved pavers along the way. You too can purchase a brick for $75 and have a permanent marker in our wonderful garden. Please inquire at the front desk.

We want to especially thank past President, Ron Cutsinger for his years of service on the Friends of Elsie Quirk board. Ron continues to be active in our community on other boards and we appreciate his service. We also want to thank Ruth Jameson for her years of service on the board. Ruth will continue to be a volunteer in the library and we thank you for past and continued service!

Enjoy your summer wherever your travels take you. When out of town, you can use this website to stay connected and access your library account, download e-books and use the database **www.scgov.net/library** We are only a click away!

MANAGER'S REPORT

Heidi Holmes • Library Manager

Not Just Books Anymore

Everyone knows that libraries are synonymous with books, but they are also so much more. The Sarasota County Library system offers a multitude of online services that would assist any patron in the goal of never having to visit a library building. There have been arguments in some towns that brick-and-mortar store fronts, including libraries could become a thing of the past. Anyone who believes that is a possibility, though, has not realized that public libraries are evolving into meeting places, informational resource centers, and technology hubs.

This past year in Sarasota County, 70,000 people attended meetings in space provided by area libraries, 115,000 attendees came to programs at the library and over 220,000 people received technology instruction.

The county library did circulate millions of books last year, but the additional resources that are provided are sometimes unrecognized and always priceless to our community. Please visit **www.scgov.net/library** to learn more about reserving a meeting room for your nonprofit, civic, or special interest group.

STAFF MEMBER JILL PANNILL

I've been working at Elsie Quirk in Circulation since January 2015 and was promoted to full time in March of this year. I am thrilled to be a member of the team! I'm from Detroit, Michigan originally, but I've lived principally in the Venice area since 1983. I have my B.A. in English from the University of Florida ('89). My husband Phillip and my two teenage daughters keep me very busy. When I'm not working you'll either find me at home cooking, puttering in the garden or snuggling on the couch with my pug. Occasionally I can be spotted at the beach on my red, white and blue paddleboard (which I named "Herbie" after the famous Volkswagon Bug)! I look forward to seeing all of you at Elsie Quirk Library soon.

BOOK DISCUSSION SCHEDULE • FALL 2016/SPRING 2017

The Great Books Discussion Group

The Great Books Discussion Group meets every **First Thursday** of each month at 10:15 a.m. in the Small Meeting Room on the second floor of the library. For fall, we will be reading selections from the Great Books Foundation's *Great Conversations 2* and then go on to *Great Conversations 4.* Copies are available at the Reference Desk. You may also buy an inexpensive copy through Amazon or e-bay. Contact Discussion Facilitator, **George Mahoney**: **941-474-7685 e-mail: mahoney74@verizon.net**

November 3	*Distributive Justice*	John Rawls	GC 2
December 1	*What WeTalk About When We Talk About Love*	Raymond Carver	GC 2
January 5	*Meno*	Plato	GC 4
February 2	*The Life of Nicias*	Plutarch	GC 4
March 2	*To Perpetual Peace*	Immanuel Kant	GC 4
April 6	*The Chilean Earthquake*		GC 4

The Short Story Group

The Short Story Group meets on the **Second Thursday** of each month at 10:15 a.m. in the Upstairs Small Meeting Room. The best American Short Stories (Expanded edition, 1999) edited by John Updike, is our text. A copy is available at the Reference Desk or you can purchase a book at any bookstore or online. We welcome new members. For more information, contact **George Mahoney: 941-474-7685; e-mail: mahoney74@verizon.net**

November 10	*Where Are You Going*	J.C. Oates	p. 450
	City of Churches	D. Barthelme	p. 503
December 8	*Gold Coast*	J. McPherson	p. 477
	The Shawl	C. Orzick	p. 576
January 12	*In the Gloaming*	A. Dark	p. 688
	Janus	A. Beattie	p. 595
February 9	*Defender of the Faith*	P. Roth	p. 384
	Wild Plums	G. Coates	p. 100
March 9	*That Evening Sun*	W. Faulkner	p. 111
	The Second Tree	E.B. White	p. 281
April 13	*Death of a Favorite*	J.F. Powers	p. 295
	Zelig	B. Rosenblatt	p. 1

The Reading Discussion Group

The Reading Discussion Group meets every **Third Thursday** of the month at 10:15 a.m. in the upstairs meeting room with Pat Burkey and Erin Krasnove, co-facilitators, will not be offering films this year. Books may be checked out at the Circulation Desk or participants may purchase a copy. Contact **Pat Burkey** at **941-460-0022**, **Erin Krasnove** at **erinkrasnove@live.com**.

November 17	*The Rosie Project*	Graeme Simsion
December 15	*Cutting for Stone*	Abraham Verghese
January 19	*Elle Minnow Pea*	Mark Dunn
February 16	*The Immortal life of Henrietta Lacks*	Rebecca Skloot
March 16	*Bel Canto*	Ann Patchett
April 21	*TBA*	

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If you would like to share your news with us, call **Chris** at **941 475-6592.**

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MORE VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON PICTURES AT LA STANZA APRIL 13, 2016

Tom Dignam, Becky Dubowik and Annette Dignam

Michele Strickland, Hilda Dillman, Ron Cutsinger and Alison Cutsinger

Paul and Peggy Johnson

Rose Dybalski, Tina Tullo and Lorraine Staples

YOUTH DEPARTMENT NEWS

Volunteer, Carolyn Johnston, will be retiring from teaching her "Art With Carolyn" class that met every second Saturday of the month for over ten years. In 2010, Cris Walton, Senior Youth Librarian, presented the Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library Star Award to Carolyn for her outstanding work with youngsters 5-11.

SARASOTA COUNTY SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The overall theme for the summer reading program is ***On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!*** The reading program will run from June 6-August 6. Reading logs for ages 0-11 will be available on June 1. Check out the library calendar for a lineup of wonderful activities for children, teens and adults.

Katie Adams

The kickoff for families with younger children at Elsie Quirk, will be on Tuesday, June 7 at 10:30 a.m. Katie Adams' Make Believe Theater will present *The Race of the Tortoise and the Hare: Fables for a Fit Life*, a 45 minute Storytelling Show that will exercise your imagination. It will include colorful props, scenery and audience participation. This program will be funded by the Friends of Elsie Quirk Library.

Ten teens enjoyed the St. Patrick's Day Party at Elsie Quirk Library where they played Pin-the-Shamrock on the Leprechaun, Apples-to-Apples, and Toss-the-Gold Coin into the Cauldron. Teens also enjoyed the hilarity of a game of cheese balls and shaving cream. Winners received giant bars of chocolate, and all enjoyed watching the movie "Leap Year that was set in Ireland.

Young Adult programs are led by Youth Librarian Deirdre Morrow for teens, ages 12 and up. Teen Advisory Board Meetings take place every third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. followed by Game Night at 6:30 p.m.

On March 16, award-winning picture book author Dianne Ochiltree read from her book *It's a Seashell Day!* to a group of youngsters, ages 3-7, that met in the Youth Department at Elsie Quirk Library.

GOLDEN GARDEN MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

The Elsie Quirk Garden Maintenance Committee meets at 10 a.m. on the First Tuesday of every month in the Golden Reading Garden. The team works on cleaning up the garden area and assessing plant health with Master Gardner, Jim Pollard. Members spread mulch, attach name tags on plants, and replant when necessary. They work as advocates for the promotion of the garden and create new promotional materials. Contact Jim Pollard at 941-473-1360 or email jimpollard721@yahoo.com

Front L-R: Muffy McDowell, Vivian Cohen, Kris Toothaker Back: Paul Johnson, Jim Pollard, Becky Dubowik Absent: Pat Burkey

Photo by Pattie Mihalik

Believing that coloring is a perfect activity for adults of all ages, Deirdre Morrow, Youth Librarian, at left, organized adult coloring sessions at Elsie Quirk Library. Joining her at the table on March 16: Patti Schandelmeier, Jean Rotter, and Erin Krasnov. The group was provided with coloring sheets from the book "Mystical Mandala Coloring Book" by the artist, Alberta Hutchinson.

NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS • APRIL 2016-MARCH 2017

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Summer Bookstore News

Camille Thinnes, Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library Bookstore Volunteer Manager, announced that the Friends are planning several sales during the summer months. Exact dates and times will be posted at the library and advertised in the local papers.

Donations of books, magazines, music CD's, movie DVD's will be accepted mornings from **10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Monday-Saturday**. Call the bookstore at **941-861-1216** for additional information or to arrange for heavy delivery. Money from bookstore sales is used to sponsor programs and purchase equipment for our library that is not funded by Sarasota County.

The following bookstore volunteers will continue to serve in 2016-17.

Miriam Alba
Gloria Gayer
Fran Consolazio
Marilyn Cobb
Peg Johnson
Odie Kourapis
Vera Landi
Louise Little
Lois Overton
Linda Ricke
Beth Sarles
Jim Snelgrove
Camille Thinnes
Tina Tullo
Helen Wikoff

To become an Elsie Quirk Library Bookstore Volunteer please contact Camille Thinnes at **941-861-1216**. Applications can be found at: **friendsofelsiequirk.org.**

LEMON BAY FEST

During the week-long 14th Annual *Lemon Bay Fest-Englewood History with Zest* in February, the Friends sponsored a number of programs in the Upstairs Meeting Room. On February 12, Steve Koski discussed the history of Little Salt Springs in North Port and its significance as an archaeological site to a standing-room-only audience.

SunCoast Writers Guild

The Suncoast Writers Guild meets every **first Saturday** of the month in the Upstairs Meeting Room at Elsie Quirk Library. A Sub Group "Poetry Pod", meets every **second Friday**, and on the **third Saturday** of every month, a workshop brings together persons interested in the art of writing. Fellow writers exchange ideas and provide a support system.

Three additional sub groups are: The Long Writers Group, The Little Band of Writers who perform musical shows, and The Suncoast Players who write and perform original theatrical works.

In addition to having her poem published the Guilds' publication, "Inklings", this year's Bernie Reading Scholarship Winner, Johana Stubbs, received a Guild membership. The Guild is a member of the Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library. For Information, call **941-918-9737** or visit their website **www.suncoastwriters.com**

YOUR LIBRARY

The Elsie Quirk Library makes every effort to serve the community in a variety of ways. Did you know that you can check out a Roku device for your TV? You can also download free music from Freegal or borrow a Book Club Bag for your reading group. A Sarasota County Library card provides residents access to all of this and more. Visitor cards can be purchased by non residents for a nominal fee, or they may inquire about our reciprocal borrowing policy with neighboring counties. We welcome everyone to enjoy our programs or access the Internet for free, and we look forward to serving you.

SPANISH TIME

From **10:30 a.m.** on every **third Saturday** of the month Lourdes Fuller will be teaching bilingual stories and songs in Spanish to youngsters 3-11 years old in the Youth Area at Elsie Quirk Library.

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- ☐ $30 Contributor
- ☐ $50 Sponsor
- ☐ $100 and up Benefactor

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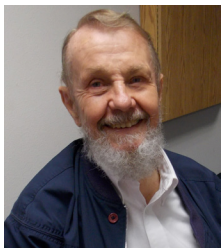
GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION GROUP



Tom Swepston

In February, Great Decisions Moderator, John Regan, spoke about The United Nations Post-2015 Development Agenda and Leadership. The Elsie Quirk Library Great Decisions Discussion Group, the largest in Florida, meets from January-April from 10:15 a.m.- noon. 2017 topics will be listed in the Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library Fall Newsletter. Great Decisions Organizer, **Tom Swepston**, welcomes new members and volunteer moderators. Contact him at **941-474-2214** or **sukiandtom@comcast.net**.

COMING ATTRACTIONS FOR 2017

BAILA MILLER PROGRAMS
January 19
1800's European Nationalism: Folk Music, Russian, Gypsy, Klezmer, and Music influences in Modern Jazz
February 16
The Personal Novel: Jane Austen and the Bronte Sisters
March 23
Fashion Photography
April 20
The Pre-Raphaelites, Victorian Painters

PROGRAMS BY JOHN J. REGAN
January 17, 24, 31 • February 14, 21, 28 • All on Tuesdays 10-12 noon
The Treaty of Versailles
The Treaty that changed the world in the 20th and 21st Centuries. John Regan, moderator, with the use of presentations and video materials, will trace the failure of the treaty to WWII, the Cold War, and today's problems in the Middle East. Discussions will follow each presentation.

JOIN THE FRIENDS TODAY!

HELP SUPPORT OUR ELSIE QUIRK LIBRARY

Become a member of the Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library in 2016! Join, and support the efforts of the Friends to provide books, technical equipment, furnishings and community programs for all ages. Our annual Volunteer Luncheon is given to show appreciation for all our wonderful Library Volunteers and Library staff. Our membership form is on page seven. Mail it or leave it at the Friend's Book Store along with your check. THANK YOU!

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