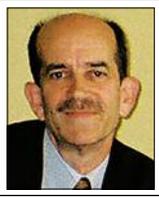


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A message from the President

Ron Cutsinger, President of the Board of the Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library

Today, as I write, it's the first day of fall. Having grown up in the north I recall with great fondness the change of colors, the relief from summer's heat, and the smell of leaves smoldering in raked piles out at the curb. I miss the changing seasons, but I could not be more thankful for having moved here nearly 40 years ago now. I love Florida, and I love Englewood.

As seasons change, so do our lives and "the way things used to be". Nowhere is that more evident than in our Libraries. Looking back over the past 50 years at Elsie Quirk one can see transformations, not only in size and appearance but in what the Library has come to provide in our town. This isn't just a place to borrow a book. It's a buzz of activity, a community hub, a learning center, a treasure of excellent programs and downloadable digital resources. It's not your grandfather's Library anymore!

The Friends' goal is to help the Library stay current and meaningful. That means growing and changing with the times. We support the Library with our time, money and effort. Working with the Friends is incredibly rewarding because the results can be seen so clearly.

Let me encourage you to help us by making sure we have your email address. One of our goals is to do better at keeping in contact. The online newsletter in full color is terrific. We'd like to be sure you have that option. Also, I'm happy to announce that we are in the process of creating our new website. The rollout should be in the next month or two and will open up many new ways of serving both the members of the Friends and the Library.

We have a busy fall schedule. The Garden project is still ahead (taking a little longer than we hoped). We are planning many new programs for the coming year. As always, we invite you, if you're not already a member, to consider joining the Friends of Elsie Quirk Library. You, and our community, will benefit by your support.



...and the winner is "Unbroken"

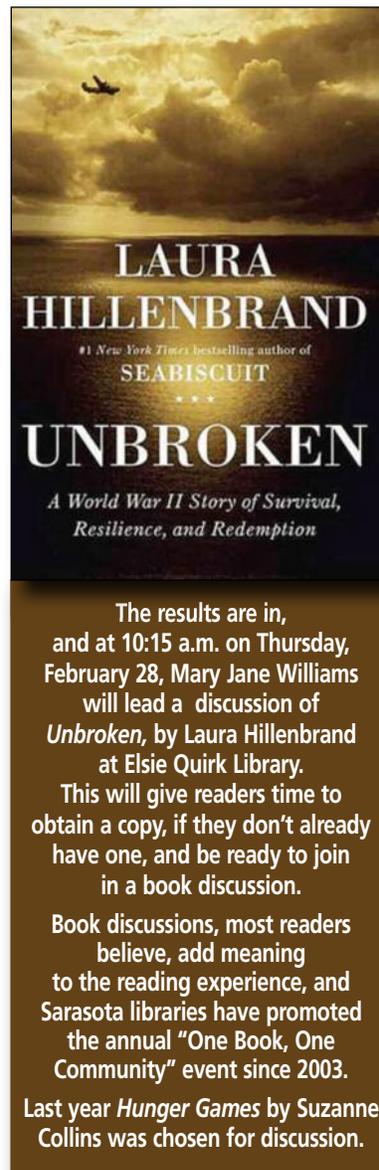
According to the *One Book, One Community* website, www.onebooksarasota.com, thousands of votes were cast for *Unbroken*, the book that tells the true-life story of Louie Zamperini.

Six choices were offered: *Unholy Night* by Seth Graham-Smith, *Someone Knows my Name*, by Lawrence Hill, *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand, *Cloud Atlas*, by David Mitchell, *Snow Child*, by Eowyn Ivey, and *Salvage the Bones*, by Jesmyn Ward.

Votes were cast by: Sarasota County Library patrons, Sarasota high schools, New College, Florida Sarasota-Manatee College, Asolo Repertory Theatre, the Sarasota Herald Tribune, and area bookstores.

Hillenbrand's first book was the acclaimed *Seabiscuit: An American Legend* (2001). She received rave reviews for her storytelling and research, and a film about the great racehorse Seabiscuit was nominated for an Academy Award in 2003.

Hillenbrand's second book, *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption*, written in 2010, is a biography of



The results are in, and at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, February 28, Mary Jane Williams will lead a discussion of *Unbroken*, by Laura Hillenbrand at Elsie Quirk Library.

This will give readers time to obtain a copy, if they don't already have one, and be ready to join in a book discussion.

Book discussions, most readers believe, add meaning to the reading experience, and Sarasota libraries have promoted the annual "One Book, One Community" event since 2003.

Last year *Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins was chosen for discussion.

WWII hero Louie Zamperini (1917-2009).

Louie Zamperini, whose parents were working class Italian immigrants, led an incredible life. As a child and later as a teenager Louie had gained the reputation of being a prankster and a troublemaker. His life turned around when he started running in high school.

An exceptional star in his high school track team, Louie competed successfully in marathons throughout his high school experience.

After gaining recognition as a world-class runner, Louie was encouraged to compete in the 1936 Olympic Games in Germany at the time when Adolph Hitler was at the height of his power.

Unfortunately, war approached, and Francis McNamara-Zamperini (Louie) enlisted in the Army Air Corps where he became a bombardier on a rickety B-24. The account of his being "lost at sea", captured and tortured at the hands of his Japanese captors is masterfully written.

What happens at the end is an amazing example of courage, especially in today's world where so many soldiers experience post-traumatic stress as a result of their wartime experiences.

In addition to the February 28th discussion about *Unbroken*, 2 films will be shown at Elsie Quirk Library: "Saving Private Ryan," November 5th at 5 p.m. and "Seabiscuit," January 28th at 5 p.m.

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Camille Thinnes, manager of the bookstore wants to emphasize that we need bookstore volunteers. Contact her directly or leave a message at the bookstore 861-1216. She'll call you back.

Donations to the bookstore can be made Monday thru Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during regular bookstore hours and brought to the bookstore directly.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

September 1st
United Nations announces Earth population has hit 3 billion.

New Board Members for the Friends of Elsie Quirk Library



Dr. Robert T. Potter

Robert Potter was born in New York City, attended Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire, served in the Army for three years during WWII, attended Harvard College and then Harvard Medical School. He was trained in vascular and thoracic surgery, practicing 15 years in Brooklyn, New York, and then 15 years in Plattsburgh, New York. Retiring from active practice, he served as a part-time physician hospital surveyor for the Joint Commission, retiring from that position in 2003.

Bob has lived on Manasota Key since 1995 and is married to Barbara (Babs) Taliaferro, a former member of the Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library Board. He serves as Secretary of Manasota Key Association and has served for many years on the International Grenfell Association Board.



Betty Bullock

Betty Bullock is a travel photographer who had won national and international awards. She has served on the Friends' of Elsie Quirk Library Board in the past and is a frequent moderator for the Great Decisions Discussion Group that meets from January through April in our upstairs meeting room.

Betty has served on the Charlotte County Symphony League Board and is currently a volunteer for the Englewood-Cape Haze Area Chamber of Commerce.

She also volunteers at Englewood Community Hospital and sings in her church choir.



Flannery McIntyre

Flannery McIntyre, the Friends' Teen Representative, is a home-schooled high school sophomore. Flannery is a Elsie Quirk Library youth volunteer who received a Student Membership Writing Grant in honor of Bernie Reading from the Suncoast Writers Guild in April.

She also sings with Sarasota Young Voices, sails with the Englewood Sailing Association, is learning archery and is currently serving as the President of the Elsie Quirk Library Teen Advisory Board.

Amalia (Amy) Williams, new Administrative Specialist



Amalia (Amy) Williams was born and raised in N. Bennington, Vermont. After serving 18 years in the Troy Public Library in Troy, NY (12 years as Head of Circulation) her family relocated to Venice, FL. In 2009 she was hired as a page before becoming a part-time library technician for Charlotte County libraries. In December of 2010 she was hired as an Administrative Specialist II for the North Sarasota Library. In June she transferred to Elsie Quirk Library where she is the new Administrative Specialist.

Amy Williams has an AS in Individual Studies from Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, NY. She received a BS in Liberal Studies w/concentration in Library Science from Clarion University of Pennsylvania in May. Amy had been married for 23 years, has two sons, and one daughter-in-law. She enjoys spending time at the beach, going on cruises, and riding roller coasters.

The Great Books Discussion Group

Meets the **first** Thursday of the month at 10:15 a.m, November thru April at Elsie Quirk Library.
All readings (except *Jane Eyre*) may be found in *Great Conversations 3* published by the *Great Books Foundation*.
A copy may be located in the Reference section at Elsie Quirk Library.

DATE	READING	AUTHOR
Nov. 1, 2012	JANE EYRE	Charlotte Bronte
Dec. 6, 2012	AN INTEREST IN LIFE	Grace Paley
Jan. 3, 2013	SIX CHARACTERS IN SEARCH OF AN AUTHOR	Luigi Pirandello
Feb. 7, 2013	THE PARDONER'S TALE FROM THE CANTERBURY TALES	Geoffrey Chaucer
Mar. 7, 2013	AN ENQUIRY CONCERNING HUMAN UNDERSTANDING	David Hume
Apr. 4, 2013	INTERPRETER OF MALADIES	Jhumpa Lahiri

The Short Story Group

The **Short Story Group** will start Thursday, November 8th at 10:15 a.m.
It will meet the **second** Thursday of the month at 10:15 a.m., November thru April at Elsie Quirk Library.
Stories will be from Milton Crane's *50 Great Short Stories* (1983 edition) available from Amazon for \$6.
A few copies will be available for purchase at the first meeting. The full text of the first two stories is available online.
"THE SHAWL" by Cynthia Ozick and "A CLEAN, WELL-LIGHTED PLACE" by Ernest Hemingway.
The full schedule of readings from *50 Great Short Stories*, edited by Milton Crane will be provided at the first meeting.
Joann Ford will lead the group. For more information please contact Joann Ford at 267-261-5814
or e-mail her at: johnandjoannford@hotmail.com

The Reading Discussion Group

Meets the **third** Thursday of the month, November thru April at 10:15 a.m. The Friends of Elsie Quirk Library group will purchase 10 copies of the starred (*) book to be cataloged as a Book Club Bag for the Sarasota County Library System after the discussion. All other books need to be obtained by the participants through the library, by purchase, or other means.

DATE	BOOK	AUTHOR
Nov. 15, 2012	HOTEL ON THE CORNER OF BITTER AND SWEET	Jamie Ford
Dec. 20, 2012	THE ART OF RACING IN THE RAIN	Garth Stein
Jan. 17, 2013	WAR IS A FORCE THAT GIVES US MEANING	Chris Hedges
Feb. 21, 2013	CUTTING FOR STONE*	Abraham Verghese
Mar. 21, 2013	IN THE GARDEN OF BEASTS	Erik Larson
Apr. 18, 2013	THE SWERVE	Stephen Greenblatt

Participants are encouraged to read the above selections before attending. All three Book Groups are sponsored by the Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library. For more information contact the Elsie Quirk Library 941-861-1200.

"GREAT DECISIONS" Topics for 2013

We meet on Monday mornings in the upstairs meeting room at Elsie Quirk Library, beginning January, 2013 at 10:15 a.m. Please contact Tom Swepstom at 474-2214 or sukiandtom@comcast.net to moderate a discussion or for further information.

Topics for the coming season are:

FUTURE OF THE EURO... need moderator	HUMANITARIAN INTERVENTION... Moderator, Miles Williams
EGYPT... need moderator	IRAN... need moderator
NATO.... need moderator	CHINA IN AFRICA... need moderator
MYANMAR AND SOUTHEAST ASIA..... need moderator	THREAT ASSESSMENT... need moderator

Note: The final titles and order of the topics may change prior to publication.

Home-schooled students and their parents are welcome to attend all Elsie Quirk Library Adult Programs.
All programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library and are offered free of charge.



Cris Walton
Senior Librarian,
Youth Services

Dreams & Wishes Program



Cris Walton narrates a puppet show about dreams and wishes at one of the summer reading programs for children.



Children were eager to show-off their Time Capsules created at the Dreams & Wishes program.

Sword Fighting Program



Back by popular demand was Pirate Sword Fighting with Paul Stonebridge and his crew. On July 16th summer program attendees learned all about sword fighting and examined real swords.



Deirdre Morrow
Young Adult
Librarian

"Manga, Anime, and Japanese culture"



Teens who love manga and anime loved the program entitled "Manga, Anime, and Japanese culture" that took place in the upstairs meeting room at Elsie Quirk Library on July 30th. Paul Stonebridge of Pasco County Library Services told some great stories about Japanese culture and brought dozens of snacks for teens to sample. Teens were not squeamish about trying squid, seaweed, eel, and other Japanese delicacies.

"Extreme Games"



Sean Roeder, left and Jason Roe, right play Dance Central 2 on the Xbox 360 Kinect.



Elsie Quirk Young Adult Librarian Deirdre Morrow, left, Pasco County Librarian Paul Stonebridge, center and assistant Mollay Curran set up games for the summer Extreme Gaming Program sponsored by the Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library.



Jennifer Perry

Elsie Quirk
Library Manager

Virtual Library Available

We love having you come visit us at the Elsie Quirk Library. But are you aware that even when the library is closed you still have access to the library resources from your home computer?

If you have access to the Internet you can renew your library items, keep track of the items checked out on your card, search electronic databases, learn a language, book a meeting room, or borrow e-Books and digital audio books – from the comfort of your own home. You can get homework help or chat online with a librarian, you can view a video on how to repair your car and you can request items to send to your local library from another Sarasota County library.

These are just a few of the services your virtual library offers. Check out the Sarasota County Libraries website at sclibs.net to see all the wonderful resources you can access with your library card from home. If your email address is in your library registration record we'll send you courtesy notices direct to your inbox before your library items are due – just as a helpful reminder.

You can also sign up for the Elsie Quirk Library weekly email newsletter and get all the programs happening, featured services and resources.

To sign up for the newsletter just send an email to: cwalton@scgov.net.



Shannon Staub

Former Sarasota County Commissioner and President of the Library Foundation for Sarasota County.



The Sarasota County Library system was recently named the 2012 Library of the Year by the Florida Library Association. This is an outstanding accolade. I am currently chairing the new Library Foundation for Sarasota County. With the support and guidance of Sarabeth Kalajian, General Manager of Sarasota Libraries, a group of community leaders created this new non-profit corporation to raise private funds to complement tax dollars, to educate the public about the vital role of our libraries, and to keep our libraries on the leading edge of library technology and service innovations. The Foundation is not part of county government, but it will collaborate with the library system, the County's Library Advisory Board and existing Friends of the Library groups at all 9 libraries. The Foundation will raise funds for system-wide needs now and for an endowment to fund future needs.

I was surprised to learn that 74% of the residents of Sarasota County have a library card. Ten thousand people walk through our libraries' doors each day; another 30,000 visit the library online. Yet, public funding for libraries has decreased every

year since 2007. Staffing is down to 2003 levels and state funds for books have declined 80 percent. Libraries hours have been reduced; there are no inter-library loans and there is always a long waiting list for e-books.

Despite these challenges, Sarasota County Library System was named the Florida Library of the Year in April and recognized for excellence in creativity and customer service. The Foundation is committed to building on that system-wide excellence by supporting literacy for all ages, innovations and technology advances, resources for people and businesses in transition, and a stronger community through civic engagement.

Libraries have been a huge part of my life, and I can't imagine Sarasota without them. We have an opportunity to secure the future of all our libraries. I hope you will join the Foundation in our efforts.

To learn more or to support the new Library Foundation for Sarasota County visit www.sarasotalibraryfoundation.org, contact me at info@sarasotalibraryfoundation.org or call 941-228-6274.

Staff Breakfast



Recently retired Staff member, Christine Womack, at left, enjoyed coffee and conversation with Friends' Treasurer, Nadine Smith and new Administrative specialist, Amalia (Amy) Williams at a staff breakfast hosted by the Friends of Elsie Quirk Library in April.

Englewood Libraries Booth



Library volunteer Odie Kourapis, at left helped out at the Englewood Libraries Booth during Pioneer Days alongside Jennifer Perry, Elsie Quirk Library Manager and Lynda Citro of the Englewood Charlotte Library.

Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet (2009)

By Jamie Ford (To be discussed November 15th)

In the opening pages of Jamie Ford's stunning debut novel, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, Henry Lee comes upon a crowd gathered outside the Panama Hotel, once the gateway to Seattle's Japantown. It has been boarded up for decades, but now the new owner has made an incredible discovery: the belongings of Japanese families, left when they were rounded up and sent to internment camps during World War II. As Henry looks on, the owner opens a Japanese parasol.

This simple act takes old Henry Lee back to the 1940s, at the height of the war, when young Henry's world is a jumble of confusion and excitement, and to his father, who is obsessed with the war in China and having Henry grow up American. While "scholarshipping" at the exclusive Rainier Elementary, where the white kids ignore him, Henry meets Keiko Okabe, a young Japanese American student. Amid the chaos of black-outs, curfews, and FBI raids, Henry and Keiko forge a bond of friendship—and innocent love—that transcends the long-standing prejudices of their Old World ancestors. And after Keiko and her family are swept up in the evacuations to the internment camps, she and Henry are left only with the hope that the war will end, and that their promise to each other will be kept.

Forty years later, Henry Lee is certain that the parasol belonged to Keiko. In the hotel's dark dusty basement he begins looking for signs of the Okabe family's belongings and for a long-lost object whose value he cannot begin to measure. Now a widower, Henry is still trying to find his voice—words that might explain the actions of his nationalistic father; words that might bridge the gap between him and his modern, Chinese American son; words that might help him confront the choices he made many years ago.

The Art of Racing in the Rain (2009)

By Garth Stein (To be discussed December 20th)

A heart-wrenching but deeply funny and ultimately uplifting story of family, love, loyalty, and hope – a captivating look at the wonders and absurdities of human life... as only a dog could tell it.

"The perfect book for anyone who knows that some of our best friends walk beside us on four legs; that compassion isn't only for humans; and that the relationship between two souls... meant for each other never really comes to an end."
(Jodi Picoult)

"*The Art of Racing in The Rain* has everything: love, tragedy, redemption, danger, and--most especially--the canine narrator Enzo. This old soul of a dog has much to teach us about being human."

(Sara Gruen, Author of *Water for Elephants*)

"I savored Garth Stein's *The Art of Racing in the Rain* for many reasons: a dog who speaks, the thrill of competitive racing, a heart-tugging storyline, and--best of all--the fact that it is a meditation on humility and hope in the face of despair."

(Wally Lamb, Author of *She's Come Undone* and *I Know This Much Is True*)

The above blurbs were extracted from Amazon.com. Mary Jane Williams will moderate discussions in November and December at the Elsie Quirk Library in the upstairs meeting room. (see pg.3)



Deirdre Morrow
Young Adult Librarian

The Teen Advisory Board

The latest incarnation of the Teen Advisory Board, "TAB", has been around since March 2010. Teens Scott Richter, Rebecca Montgomery, and Sean Roeder have been there since the beginning. All three graduated from Lemon Bay High School this past May. But, all three are extremely devoted to the library and have been continuing to attend TAB meetings and offer their services as teen volunteers this summer. Scott has been the Teen Advisory Board's President this past year, and Rebecca its Vice President.

At the August meeting, it was time to elect new officers. In July the TAB members came up with a list of nominees, and at the August meeting the following officers were chosen: President, Flannery McIntyre, Vice President, Journey Roeder, and Secretary, Tori Hamrick.

The Teen Advisory Board's main goal is to plan fun and interesting programs for young adults at the library. In addition to the regular summer programs for teens planned by staff, such as Pirate Sword-Fighting and Manga, Anime, and Japanese Culture, the TAB has planned Game Nights, Teen Movies, Book and Movie Discussions, and Apples to Apples events.

The TAB has also helped in the past with choosing new furniture and designing the layout for the new Young Adult area. Most of the members of the TAB are also active volunteers at the library, helping out with children's programs over the summer. TAB meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 5:30 pm, and are open to all middle and high school students.

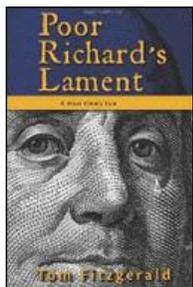


Tori Hamrick
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Author Tom Fitzgerald to Speak at Elsie Quirk Library



From 11 a.m. – 12:55 p.m. on Nov. 1st author Tom Fitzgerald will be speaking about his book "Poor Richard's Lament."

Copies of his latest work of fiction that "dares to put Benjamin Franklin in the twenty-first century" will be available for purchase. Fitzgerald, a former Navy Seal during the Vietnam era, has authored three works of fiction as well as several works of nonfiction. He has worked as a technical writer and corporate manager. This free event is open to the public and will take place in the upstairs meeting room at Elsie Quirk Library and is sponsored by the Friends. Snacks will be provided.

Upcoming Library Programs

(Friends Sponsor Free Programs in 2012-13)



Pat Burkey
Program Chairman

Pat has scheduled several programs for the coming year. All programs will begin at 2 pm in the Upstairs Meeting Room.

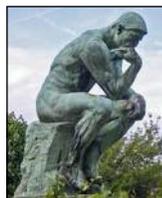
Additional programs will be announced.



Baila Miller will feature the following four multi-media presentations.



Glass Sculptor, Dale Chihuly, on January 15,



French Sculptor, Auguste Rodin, on February 16,



Mexican Painter, Frida Kahlo, on March 19



& Mexican Painter, Diego Rivera, on April 16.

Tom Swepston will not be doing *Wisdom of History* this winter. However, he has sent away for another Dr. Rufus Fears series called "*The World Was Never the Same - Events That Changed History*". The program, sponsored by the Friends, will be presented on Friday afternoons at 2 p.m. More details will be published in our December newsletter.

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Scholarship Award

Lemon Bay High School graduate, Scott Richter, who is currently attending Flagler College with a major in Secondary Education, received a \$750 scholarship from the Friends of Elsie Quirk Library. Scott served as a teen volunteer all four years of high school.

He developed the Teen Advisory Board in 2010 and worked on creating a Young Adult area during the 2010 library renovation.

In his senior year he served as President of the Elsie Quirk Library Teen Advisory Board and was named an Eagle Scout by the Boy Scouts of America.



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