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NEW ADDITION TO THE FRIENDS GOLDEN READING GARDEN

Dan Swails explained how he welded discarded scissors, bolts, and machine parts when assembling his commissioned sculpture.

Artist Dan Swails and Jennifer Perry with a plaque that will be installed above his garden sculpture, "Gliding Grace".

Our Golden Reading Garden, a beautiful addition to our library grounds, becomes more beautiful every year thanks to the efforts of Master Gardener, Jim Pollard, and his crew of volunteers who maintain our garden all year-round. If you've never visited the Friends' garden a good plan is to follow a path from the library entrance leading to the back garden door. Along the garden walkway you'll notice engraved garden pavers honoring past and present library supporters, convenient benches where you may relax or read, and an array of lush semi-tropical flowers, plants, shrubs and trees. You may decide to arrange a meeting with friends in our beautiful gazebo, donated by late board member, Hal Roberts, in honor of his family or study at an engraved concrete table that was recently installed in honor of Jim Pollard by his friend Jim McArdle.

A few months ago, a tiny statue of adorable children reading was donated by garden committee member, Mary Jean Greene. This summer we're thrilled to announce the installation of a unique metal sculpture created by Englewood artist/sculptor, Dan Swails. The sculpture, entitled "Gliding Grace" was commissioned by Albert Vinck, the uncle of our former Library Manager, Jennifer Perry. Jennifer, now the Sarasota County Manager of Libraries and Historical Resources, was instrumental in the planning and construction of our 50th anniversary Golden Reading Garden in 2015. She explained that her mother, Madeline Monaghan, met Dan Swails a few years ago when he was a featured artist at Englewood's Open Studio. Her mother was so impressed by his unique metal work that she purchased two bird sculptures and recommended that her brother commission a sculpture in memory of their parents, Jennifer's grandparents, Albert and Miriam Vinck. The commissioned sculpture, assembled and welded from discarded scissors, bolts, springs, and machine parts, depicts a strong, powerful shark diving gracefully.

Swails, of American Indian heritage, attributes his love of nature and Florida wildlife to his Indian background. His 16 foot sculpture of an alligator may be viewed at the Englewood Arts Center on McCall Road along with two others, a spider and a bone fish. Another intricate artwork, his "Flying Ray" has been installed at the Art Scape Sculpture Garden located at 400 W. Green Street. More examples of Swails' wildlife sculptures and acrylic paintings may be found at: **www.danswails.com**.

Visit the Friends' Golden Reading Garden during regular library hours and be sure to pick up a brochure that describes the many indigenous plants, shrubs and trees that you'll find along the garden walkway. To volunteer to work on garden projects contact Jim Pollard at **941-473-1360** or email: **jimpollard721@yahoo.com**. Volunteers meet every first Tuesday of the month.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

JOHN DUBOWIK

Love Your Library! We Love Your Support!

Hope you are enjoying your Summer, looking forward to Fall and having fun at the library!! We know you LOVE the Elsie Quirk Library and as you have heard me before – we would also LOVE your support!

Friends of the libraries are non-profit, charitable groups formed to support libraries in their communities. In the USA or around the globe – Friends provide monies, time and talent to increase the overall positive library experiences in their community. If you are wondering "What can I do to help?".... please continue reading!

1. Visit our Elsie Quirk Bookstore and buy a book (or magazine or DVD) today!!! 100% of the monies generated from our bookstore stays at Elsie Quirk to provide more free programs and materials! Tell your friends about our bookstore! Great materials at great prices!!

2. Become a Friend of the Library member for as little as $10 a year.

3. Donate now (buy a garden brick or make a tax free donation or consider leaving a legacy to the library.)

4. Be a volunteer – share your time and talent with the community! Giving back is extremely satisfying and great way to meet new friends!

Visit the library to learn more or you can always reach out to me via phone or e-mail (**941-473-3515** or **john.becky@comcast.net**)

JOIN THE FRIENDS TODAY!

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MICHELE STRICKLAND
ASSISTANT MANAGER

Do you really enjoy book discussions? Try hosting your own! The library has just the right tools to help. The Sarasota County Library System has over 200 Book Club Bags available for checkout. Book Club Bags are a book discussion in a bag. Each bag contains ten copies of a single title, an author biography, discussion questions, and a list of suggested reading. Bags can be checked out for 8 weeks. We have Book Club Bags for juvenile, young adult and adult readers. To view the titles that are available go to the Sarasota County Libraries' website at scgov.net/library click on catalog, then Book Club Bags. Once you make your selection the next steps will be to gather a few friends, read the book and enjoy the discussion!

The Friends of Elsie Quirk Library book discussion groups, Great Books, Short Story Group, and Reading Discussion Group will resume on Thursday mornings starting in November. Watch the library calendar for all of the discussion dates, times and titles for each of these groups.

For more information on library programs, services, and resources visit us at 100 West Dearborn Street, call the Sarasota County Contact Center at **941-861-5000**, or visit our website at **scgov.net/library.** "Find Yourself at the Library!"

Special Award for Deirdre Morrow

On June 2, Sarasota County Libraries Director Sarabeth Kalajian presented Young Adult Librarian Deirdre Morrow with a commemorative plaque for her 10 years of exemplary service to Elsie Quirk Library. We congratulate and thank Deirdre!

BOOK DISCUSSION SCHEDULE • FALL 2017-SPRING 2018

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 6	*The Story of Samson*	Judges 13-16	GC 2
December 7	*Where I Lived (from Walden)*	H.D. Thoreau	GC 4
January 4 • 2018	*Culture and Anarchy*	Matthew Arnold	GC 4
February 1 • 2018	*Pragmatism*	William James	GC 4
March 1 • 2018	*Major Barbara*	George Bernard Shaw	GC 4
April 5 • 2018	*The Darling*	Anton Chekhov	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 of the Century*** (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 9	*The Country Husband*	John Cheever	p. 325
December 14	*The Christmas Gift*	R.P. Warren	p. 169
	Blood-Burning Moon	Jean Toomer	p. 60
January 11	*The Silver Dish*	Saul Bellow	p. 539
February 8	*Greenleaf*	Flannery O'Connor	p. 348
March 8	*The Resemblance Between*	T. Williams	p. 312
	The Key	Isaac B. Singer	p. 493
April 12	*Bright Morning Star*	Richard White	p. 179

GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION GROUP

Tom Swepston

The Friends of Elsie Quirk Library sponsor the Great Decisions Discussion Group, the largest in Florida, from 10 a.m. to noon on most Monday mornings from January through April. Organized by the Foreign Policy Association, Great Decisions is the nation's oldest organization devoted to citizen education on world affairs. The programs are offered free and are open to the public. 2017 moderators were Tom Swepston, Frank Vorlicek John Regan, Tom Pritchard, and Paul Hyatt. For information about "Great Decisions" or to become a moderator in 2018 contact **Tom Swepston** at **941-474-2214**.

The Reading Discussion Group

The Reading Discussion Group will be meeting on the third Thursday of the month, November through April at 10:15 a.m. in the upstairs meeting room. **Pat Burkey** and **Erin Krasnove**, co-facilitators, will be leading the discussion. Contact Pat at **941-460-0022** or Erin at **erinkrasnove@live.com**. for more information.

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

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WELLS FARGO GRANT

Stacy Heider, The Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library Treasurer and Wells Fargo Branch Manager, presents a thousand dollar check to Friends President John Dubowik

FRIENDS OF THE ELSIE QUIRK LIBRARY RECEIVE LOCAL WELLS FARGO GRANT

Each year Wells Fargo Branch managers and their teams are asked to select one school or nonprofit organization to receive a $1,000 grant. Stacy Heider, our Friends' Treasurer who also manages the Wells Fargo Store located at 2 South Indiana Avenue, Englewood and her team voted to award this year's grant to the Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library. They believed that since Stacy donates her time to our organization it would be a good idea to donate some money as well.

Last year the West Florida Region of Wells Fargo led by David Guzman, according to their records, contributed $2, 552,050 primarily for community development and education. Thank you, Stacy and the Wells Fargo Team for selecting our Friends' organization. The $1,000 grant will be put to good use at the library.

SUSIE SUMMERLIN

We are saddened by the passing of one of our vibrant Friends of the Library Board members. Susie Summerlin passed away suddenly on July 6, 2017. Susie joined our board in May 2016 and with her big smile she was eager to help out on the fundraising committee and participate in anyway possible. We will miss Susie and extend our sympathy to her husband of 60 years and to her family.

TEEN NEWS

Young Adult Librarian, Deirdre Morrow

This summer, teens at the Elsie Quirk Library enjoyed a variety of programs exploring the theme "Build a Better World". From yoga to recycled t-shirt bags, from mindfulness coloring to a screening of Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children, the teen programs inspired participants to explore the ways they can make the world a better place.

Other activities included Apples-to-Apples, Personal Logos, Shrinky Dink Creations, and Lightbulb Art. Through these programs, teen participants further developed their appreciation for the earth and each other.

Here are the teen activities for the fall that are being planned but have not yet been finalized:

Teen Book Club
Anime Club
Halloween Party
"Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" Party

FRIENDS OF THE ELSIE QUIRK LIBRARY TEEN VOLUNTEER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2017

The Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library awarded scholarships of $1,000 each to **Anjali Sharma** and **Journey Roeder** for their many years library service. From 2013-16, Anjali Sharma performed 84 community service hours pricing and shelving books at the library and organizing book drives that benefitted students at Arcadia Memorial Elementary School. She also served as the Friends' Board Teen Representative for two and a half years before graduating from Pine View School for the Gifted in Sarasota. Anjali will be attending The University of South Florida Honors College BS/MD program. After three years she plans to matriculate into the University's Morsani School of Medicine.

Journey Roeder completed 150 volunteer hours at the library from 2013-16. She joined the library's Teen Advisory Board in the sixth grade, was named its Vice President in the tenth grade, and served as TAB's President during her junior and senior years at Lemon Bay High. Over the years she volunteered for Lego Club, art programs for both teens and adults, and Reading with the Dogs. She plans on majoring in elementary education with a concentration on Kindergarten to third grade at Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers.

Juliana McIntyre Friends' Teen Board Member

As a Board member of the Friends of Elsie Quirk Library, I am excited and honored to be the voice of fellow teens at the library. I enjoy volunteering at the library and am also an enthusiastic participant in teen programs. I am the current president of TAB (Teen Advisory Board) . Outside of the library, I enjoy reading, gardening, hiking, drawing, archaeology, biology, and playing cello and classical guitar. As a home schooled Englewood student, I will be beginning my sophomore year this fall.

BOOK STORE NEWS

Bookstore volunteer Beth Sarles distributes new Friends' bookmarks to Maria McIntyre and Sandi Somma. Bookmarks contain information about what the Friends provide and how people can visit our website at ***www.friendsofelsiequirk.org.***

The FRIENDS

- Provide free community programs for all age groups
- Offer volunteer opportunities
- Operate the Friends Bookstore
- Promote literacy for all age groups
- Purchase books, technical equipment and furnishings
- Publish a quarterly newsletter
- Maintain the Friends Golden Reading Garden

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SPECIAL HALF PRICE SUMMER SALE !!

Plan on big savings this summer at the Friends Bookstore where all hard cover books costing over two dollars will be sold at half their original price until Labor Day Weekend. While shopping at the bookstore you will discover low cost art books, travel guides, gardening books, recipe books, "how to" manuals, novels, biographies, foreign and English language dictionaries, and illustrated children's books. Low priced jigsaw puzzles, magazines, CDs and DVDs are also available. Proceeds allow the Friends to provide enhancements for youth and adult programs and pay for library equipment or materials not funded by the Sarasota County Library system. Be sure to ask for a free Friends' bookmark that explains who we are and what we provide for Elsie Quirk Library.

SUNCOAST WRITERS GUILD

The Suncoast Writers Guild, a member of The Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library, meets from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. four times a month all year round at the Elsie Quirk Library upstairs meeting room. A general meeting takes place every first Saturday of the month. A Long Writers Group for those interested in the publication of longer works meets every second Saturday of the month. A workshop where members are invited to read prose and poetry meets every third Saturday of the month. A "Poetry Pod" meets from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. every second Friday of the month at the Englewood Art Center on McCall Road. Two additional sub groups are: The Little Band of Writers and the Suncoast Players. Visit their website at: **www.suncoastwriters.com** or email:**suncoastwriters@gmail.com.**

At lobby's end, a revolving door
whispers in monotonous tones,
ingesting, expelling finders and seekers—
foreign voices along for the ride.

Outside, the streets chase each other
up and down, across 7th Ave.,
guiding shiny-green joggers
and dogs leading people
to the confines of Central Park.

Statues and strangers share " I was there" moments
on the ends of selfie batons,
as swivel-head gawkers trip through the Square,
disappear in a burgeoning crowd.

Icons and logos scurry up buildings,
vying for a piece of the sky;
pulsating lights and neon intruders
take turns shoving night into place.

The door makes its rounds, sweeping up traffic,
exchanging ins for the outs,
offering all a taste of the Apple
in a city forever awake.

James O. Kelly, Suncoast Writers Guild Member
Englewood, FL
5/22/14

CHILDRENS' SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAMS FUNDED BY THE FRIENDS

Katie Adams: Make Believe Theater: Bilingual Show featuring puppets, shadow puppets, lively music and a message of nature conservancy.

Every Tuesday during the summer "Reading Buddies"(adults and teens) volunteered to assist children practice reading in the Youth Department

Teen Advisory Board members supervised 28 mischievous stuffed animals that children dropped off for a library sleepover. The animals were filmed enjoying library playtime. In the morning, children picked up their stuffed toy and watched a slide show of what the animals did at the library.

Veggie Face Art: Presented by UF/ IFAS, Sarasota County Cooperative Extension. Children learned about healthy fruit and vegetables, then made temporary art vegetable faces.

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ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM

June 1st- August 1st the Sarasota County Library System will be celebrating the 2017 Summer Reading Program with activities for the whole family to enjoy. At the Elsie Quirk Library, there are several programs that will be offered for Adult patrons that relate to this year's theme "Build a Better World" including book discussions, green living classes, and films. Adults are also encouraged to participate in Summer Reading by filling out an activity log and submitting book reviews for a chance to win various prizes throughout the summer. For more details, please see library staff at the reference desk.

SUMMER BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Alyssa Lopez will be leading a Summer Book Discussion Group the third Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. June-September.

Thursday, **July 20** at 10:30 a.m.
The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin:
Thursday, **August 17** at 10:30 a.m.
A Spool of Blue Thread by Anne Tyler:
Thursday, **September 21** at 10:30 a.m.
The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown:

Front row: Rosemary Cody, Virginia Albanese, Susan Cianflone, Chris Kourapis
Back row: Sue Walker, Sandi Somma, Ann Landry, Ellen Bilangi, Jan Heckroth,
Alissa Lopez (not present for photo-Maria McIntyre)

FRIENDS OF ELSIE QUIRK LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Friends of Elsie Quirk Library Programs for 2017-18, a full schedule will appear in the fall newsletter. Here are some preliminary planned programs.

MONGOLIA-Dave Bernheisel and Tom Swepston will speak about Mongolia's history, transition, and tourism.

OUTDOOR COLORADO-Genny Wilkins will speak about hiking, biking, fishing, and climbing in Colorado.

ASIAN PHILOSOPHY-Coutney Schlessen will present "Philosophy of China and India"

SHINE-A presentation about a Federal Government program that helps to educate US citizens navigate Medicare and Medicaid.

BAILA MILLER PRESENTATIONS – "Fiddler on the Roof" and Oscar Wilde-his life and literature

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