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# ELSIE QUIRK LIBRARY

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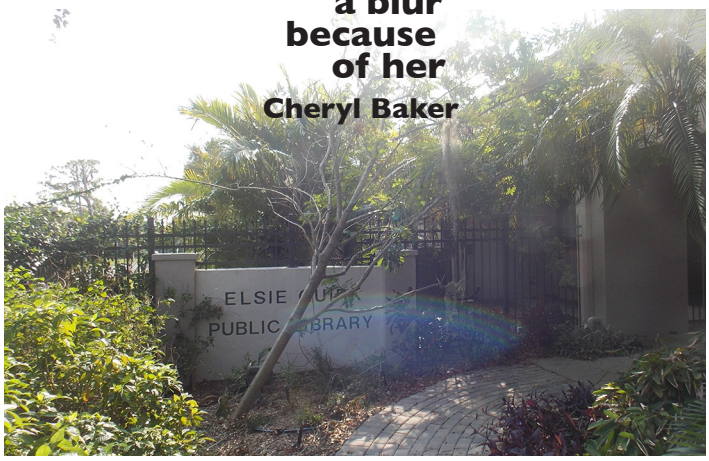
## WELCOME AMIE LEMIRE OUR NEW LIBRARY MANAGER

The Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library are very happy to welcome our new Elsie Quirk Library Manager, Amie Lemire. Amie, who began working on Wednesday, October 4th, was previously employed as a branch manager for the New York Public Library and most recently as the Manager of the Captiva Public Library in Lee County, Florida. She has a strong background in building collaborative relations, delivering innovative programs and directing core library services that require engaging with community members and organizations. According to former employers she has been extremely successful in managing critical building renovation projects. Especially notable is her strong commitment to public service as well as her passion for and demonstrated success in providing exemplary customer library service.

## NOT SO WELCOME . . HURRICANE IRMA




## Library and Garden Clean up after IRMA

According to Elsie Quirk Library Assistant Manager, Michele Strickland, things could have been worse. Power wasn't restored until late Friday, September 15th, almost a week after the storm hit, and the library couldn't reopen until Monday, September 18. "We lost four trees and lots of outside plantings due to wind damage, but everything inside looked fine. Except for some Sarasota County Library computer glitches and some minor air conditioning issues on our second floor, business resumed pretty much as usual," she explained. The Friends Golden Garden, however, didn't survive as well. Our beautiful Cassia tree was bent over and debris was scattered everywhere. On Tuesday, Master Gardener Jim Pollard cleared the garden walkway assisted by Vivian Cohen, but it will take weeks, maybe months, for everything to grow back. Jim and his committee would welcome some help of course. To volunteer to work on garden projects contact Jim Pollard at **jimpollard721@yahoo.com.**

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

**JOHN DUBOWIK**

## ELSIE QUIRK LIBRARY STRONG!

We hope you, your family and your homes survived well during our recent Hurricane Irma!! Although Elsie Quirk Library had the lights knocked out for a few days – we came back stronger than ever! County clearing debris, out of state lineman restoring power and Garden Committee members (Jim Pollard, Vivian Cohen and our Friends lawn helpers Diaz Lawn Maintenance) picking up all that nature put down on that September day. Our sincere thanks to all who supported our community and our library!

Stronger yet – we are happy to have a new Library Manager at Elsie Quirk! A big welcome to Amie Lemire and we look forward to working with her. Read more about Amie in this newsletter. We also want to thank Michele Strickland for helping the Board and the Elsie Quirk team during this interim period. We didn't skip a beat and many thanks from the Board!

The Friends of Elsie Quirk will continue with a strong program schedule this upcoming season. You will want to mark your calendars with many of these free programs.

Our commitment to you is to make your library experience as enjoyable as possible. It is with your Friends membership and donations that we can continue to support Elsie Quirk. We are also looking for anyone interested in becoming a Board member or being a volunteer with the many projects ongoing in the library.

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)**

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## Braille and Talking Books at Elsie Quirk Library

**Michele Strickland**
Assistant Library Manager

If you have difficulty reading or have trouble holding the printed page due to a physical disability, the Sarasota County Libraries offer a solution. Through a partnership with the Pinellas Talking Book Library, our library can help residents get connected with the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Library of Congress. The braille and talking book program is a free library service that lends high-quality talking books, the easy-to-use talking book players need to play them, braille and large-print books and digital magazines. The materials are circulated by postage-free U.S. mail. Downloadable talking books and magazines in audio formats are also available online and on the go through the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) service and the BARD mobile app for iOS and Android smartphones and tablets.

To apply for this free service, you can pick up an application form at any of the nine Sarasota County libraries or complete the online form at **loc.gov/ThatAllMayRead**, and a National Library Service representative from the Pinellas talking Book Library will contact you.

## ELSIE QUIRK LIBRARY

**Hours: Monday • 10 am- 8 pm**
**Tuesday • 10 am- 5 pm**
**Wednesday • 10 am- 8 pm**
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**Friday • 10 am- 5 pm**
**Saturday • 10 am- 5 pm**

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# 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**

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| November 2 | *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**

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| 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**. Go to page 8 of this newsletter for a list of topics for 2018.

## The Reading Discussion Group

The Reading Discussion Group will be meeting on the third Thursday of the month, November through May 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. Go to page 8 of this newsletter for the dates, and the titles that will be discussed.

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


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# YOUTH AND TEEN NEWS

*JULIANA MCINTYRE FRIENDS BOARD MEMBER and TAB PRESIDENT*

Teens ages 11-18 can come and enjoy a variety of programs including Anime Club, Book-Movie Club, Game Night, and a Fantastic Beasts and Where To Find Them themed Party! All teens are welcome to help in the planning of these and other programs by coming to the Teen Advisory Board. Snacks are provided. Hope to see you there!

**ANIME CLUB** meetings are at 5:30 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

October 11 - *Spirited Away*
November 8 - *Sailor Moon*
December 13 - *Full Metal Alchemist*

TAB meetings are at 5:30 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

**GAME NIGHT** meetings follow TAB at 6:30 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

**BOOK-MOVIE CLUB** meetings are at 5:00 pm on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

September 27 - *Percy Jackson: The Lightning Thief*
October 25 - *Percy Jackson: The Sea of Monsters*
November 29 - *Divergent*
No December meeting.

***FANTASTIC BEASTS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM* PARTY:**
December 9 from 6-9 pm

*Youngsters learn about fire safety from Englewood Fire Fighters, Jeff and Jeremy in the Youth area of Elsie Quirk Library.*

# READING BUDDIES PROGRAM

The summer **READING BUDDIES PROGRAM** was so successful that it has been extended to year round. Currently Genie Zimmerman, Juliana McIntyre, Betsy Frank, Joane "Jo" Lize, and James Van Sickle have agreed to volunteer as Reading Buddies every Tuesday from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Youth Department. Volunteers are not trained reading experts, but will listen, encourage, and help kids 5-8 years old keep up reading skills by practicing with a buddy! Young Adult Librarian, Cris Walton, welcomes new Reading Buddies volunteers to apply on line at the library website: **www.scgov.net/library** or call **941-861-5000** for more information.

*L-R: Juliana McIntyre, Jillian Alexander, Don Beck, Judy Beck, Charlie Dunbar, Rosemary Cody, Young Adult Librarian, Cris Walton*

*Teen volunteers Keegan Roeder, Journey Roeder, and Julianna McIntyre help with Reading Buddies.*

*Volunteer Jo Lize, also known as "Mother Goose" works with her reading buddy Emory.*

*Teen volunteer Jillian Alexander helps her buddy work on a reading puzzle.*

# BOOK STORE NEWS

*DEB BOUCHARD*

Retired bank manager, Deb Bouchard, now volunteers in the Elsie Quirk Library every Wednesday afternoon. An avid reader, Deb found herself spending a lot of time in the library and decided to apply as a much needed volunteer. Deb and her husband relocated to Englewood thirteen years ago and enjoy hiking at National Parks. So far they have hiked trails in most major parks and are looking forward to hiking trails in the Grand Canyon this fall. Deb, an active member of the Rotary Club of Englewood, helps to organize the club's annual Fine Arts Festival.

*CARLA SHAW and ELLEN GALLING*

Sisters Carla Shaw and Ellen Gailing keep their dad, Carl Gailing, who finishes reading a book in two days, well supplied with reading material. They recently stopped by our bookstore to donate dozens of books that Ellen, who lives in Richmond, California, had sent to her dad, an Englewood resident. She purchases books at her local Friends of the Library Bookstore, sends them to her dad to read, then brings them to our bookstore. It's a great way to recycle books, and we're very grateful to Carla and Ellen for their like-new book donations.

**Our Book Store donated books make great, inexpensive holiday gifts. Shop early and shop often!**

# 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.**

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*Pick up the new FRIENDS Bookmark at the library*

# ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM

## CONGRATULATIONS

The Elsie Quirk Library Summer Reading Group, led by Reference Librarian, Alyssa Lopez, was named the September Reading Group Spotlight winner. The Elsie Quirk Library Summer Reading Group was awarded free copies of discussable books Our group photo appeared in the September issue of *ReadingGroupChoices.com.* To view the photo and read more about the group that met from June-September go to: **www.ReadingGroupChoices.com.** Click on: Become a Reading Group Choices Spotlight then on Related Posts-September Spotlight.

*Front Row L-R: Rosemary Cody, Virginia Albanese, Susan Cianflone, Chris Kourapis*
*Back Row L-R: Sue Walker, Sandi Somma, Ann Landry, Ellen Bilangi, Jan Heckroth, Alyssa Lopez, Moderator*

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# DISCUSSION GROUPS AND PROGRAMS 2017-2018

**READING DISCUSSION GROUP**, led by Pat Burkey and Erin Krasnove, will be meeting on the third Thursday of the month, November through May at 10:15 a.m. in the upstairs meeting room.

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| November 17 | ***Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress*** | Dai Sijie |
| December 21 | ***Beneath the Marble Sky*** | John Shois |
| January, 18, 2008 | ***The Yearling*** | Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings |
| February 15 | ***Son of Hamas*** | Mosab Hassan Yasef |
| March 15 | ***Being Mortal*** | Atul Gawanda |
| April 19 | ***The Locust and the Bird*** | Hanan Al-Shaykh |
| May 17 | ***The Zookeepers Wife*** | Diana Ackerman |

**2018 GREAT DECISIONS TOPICS** 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.

This year's topics are as follows:

**THE WANING OF PAX AMERICANA?**

**RUSSIA'S FOREIGN POLICY**

**CHINA AND AMERICA: THE NEW GEOPOLITICAL EQUATION**

**MEDIA AND FOREIGN POLICY**

**TURKEY: A PARTNER IN CRISIS**

**U.S. GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT AND THE MILITARY**

**SOUTH AFRICA'S FRAGILE DEMOCRACY**

**GLOBAL HEALTH: PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES**

## FRIENDS OF ELSIE QUIRK LIBRARY PROGRAMS FOR 2017-18

**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
Nature Photography and Frank Lloyd Wright

**THE GREAT DEPRESSION, CAUSES AND CURES**, six lectures by John Reagan

**BIRDS OF FLORIDA, WHICH ONES DO YOU RECOGNIZE AND LEARN TO SPOT**, Led by a Venice Audubon Society member.

**COASTAL BEHAVIOR, MANAGING MONEY AND MAKING DECISIONS** - Lectures TBA