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"Love Your Library" Month

Si hortum in bibliotheca habes, nihil deerit ~Cicero, *Ad Familiares IX*,
"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need"

Time to Join or Renew your Friends Membership

Are you currently a member of The Friends of Elsie Quirk Library? If you're already a friend, you realize how fortunate we are to have such an outstanding library right here in Englewood. You support our library by donating or purchasing "gently used" books at our Friends' bookstore. You participate in one or more book discussion groups. You attend free adult and children's programs and enjoy taking part in our exceptional Great Decisions group discussions taking place bi-monthly from January through April. Most important of all, you realize that your membership dues help to pay for library enhancements when public funds are not available.

This year we have installed a much needed sound system in our large up stairs meeting room. Proceeds from our very successful March 4th Lemon Bay Playhouse Fundraiser covered half of the cost of replacing our outdated sound system, and we are currently working to cover the remaining amount through donations, membership dues, and fundraising projects. We welcome your support.

In February, the nation's official "Love your Library Month", we invite you to join or renew your annual Friends of the Elsie Quirk membership if you haven't already done so. We especially welcome you, as a new member, to join at the ten, twenty, thirty, or fifty dollar level, whatever you can afford. For one hundred dollars and up, you will qualify as a Benefactor. Please note that the Friends, a non-profit, tax exempt organization, receives 100% of your dues or donations. Since 1962 the Friends have helped Elsie Quirk Library thrive and grow. Library staff and Friends, working together, play a vital role in building a strong community, and we can never have enough friends. Please consider joining us by becoming a Friend during our February "Love Your Library" membership drive. During Englewood's annual Lemon Bay Fest, Friends board members will greet and offer membership forms to patrons attending free programs listed in this newsletter. You can also pick up a form at the bookstore or cut out one from this newsletter. Joining the Friends during our February membership drive couldn't be easier

Englewood school children on a trip to the Friends Golden Reading Garden

Friends sponsor well attended programs in the Elsie Quirk Library Upstairs meeting room. A new sounds system has been installed this year.

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From the President
John Dubowik

Elsie Quirk Library Needs You!

We welcome all our seasonal visitors and look forward to everyone enjoying all that Elsie Quirk library has to offer!! The Friends have been busy working on adding free programs to the schedule and a very key project of updating and 100% funding the new sound system in the large meeting room upstairs. No more issues of not hearing or not being heard. Much needed to enhance your experience of the exciting programs being presented. If you love the library, we would love to have your help!

Become a Friend today!

The Friends of Elsie Quirk spends more than $25,000 annually to provide you FREE educational programs, activities and live entertainment

Our tax dollars do not support these programs – only the FRIENDS of Elsie Quirk

Be a Friend of the Library for a little as $10 annually

Donate your time and talent! Many rewarding volunteer opportunities.

Consider leaving a legacy to the Friends for the future of our library and community.

Buy a personalized engraved paver to be placed in our Golden Reading Garden walkway for $75. A gift for yourself or loved one to last a lifetime.

See you at the Library and around town!
Have a Happy Healthy 2018!

New Friends Board Member

A lifelong lover of libraries, new Friends of the Library Board member **Maria Elisabeth McIntyre** can often be found searching the shelves of Elsie Quirk for yet another brilliant book hidden in the stacks. Educated at Hunter College (City University of New York, BA, Music / Third World Studies), and at Tulane University (MA, Political Science), she is happiest when sharing her love of learning and books. Currently, she divides her time between homeschooling her youngest daughter, and caring for her 91 year-old mother. She is honored and excited to be part of the Friend's Board.

Reading Garden Update

Volunteers Maintain the Friends Golden Reading Garden

From 10 a.m.-noon every Tuesday of the month Master Gardener Jim Pollard and Friends' Golden Reading Garden volunteers spread mulch, clean up the garden area, and replant when necessary. If you enjoy gardening contact Jim Pollard at 941-473- 1360 or email jimpollard721@yahoo.com. Committee members include: Kris Toothaker, Mary Jean Greene, Muffy McDowell, Vivian Cohen, Becky Dubowik, Paul Johnson, and new member this year, Holly Duke.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Amie Lemire
Library Manager

Happy 2018!

We here at Elsie Quirk Library hope everyone had a joyous holiday season! And as we look toward the new year, we have a question: Are you ready for a New Year Challenge?

Sarasota County Libraries are introducing a 2018 Winter Reading Challenge for the entire month of January. This exciting event is a national reading initiative sponsored by billionaire and "Shark Tank" investor Mark Cuban, who is challenging libraries nationwide to encourage library patrons to read 70,000 books during the month of January. If the goal is met, Mr. Cuban will donate $25,000 to First Book, a nonprofit organization that provides new books, learning materials, and other essential resources to children in need. He will also donate $10,000 to the top performing libraries.

The 2018 Winter Reading Challenge is open to all ages and reading levels. To participate, register online at https://scgov.beanstack.org/reader365, where you can log your reading hours, track the titles you've read, and even write book reviews and find reading recommendations! Register today and join us at Elsie Quirk Library and be a part of this Winter Reading Challenge! On your mark, get set…READ

We have a variety of unique and diverse library programs, classes and events for patrons of all ages throughout the month: For Children, we have Forty Carrots: Partners in Play, LEGO Club, Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead!, Reading Buddies and Read with the Dogs, as well as Family Storytime and Spanish Storytime. For the Teen Scene, there is Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.) and Teen Game Night, which take place Wednesday, January 17th at 5:30pm and 6:30pm, respectively.

We are proud to offer our collection of Book Clubs – the Great Books Discussion Group, the Short Story Discussion Group, the Reading Discussion Group, and the Great Decisions program. We also have a Baila Miller Lecture on Frank Lloyd Wright coming up on Jan. 18th, and two classes on Finance and Money Management with Prevention Specialist Ryan Wirsing from Coastal Behavioral Healthcare, which will take place on Jan. 17th and Jan. 31st from 1-3pm. The Great Depression, Causes and Cures – with guest lecturer and discussion moderator John Ragen – is a six-part series on the worst economic downturn in the Industrialized World, and an in-depth discussion not to be missed. Please stop by the Reference Desk at Elsie Quirk for more information on any of these fantastic programs, groups and classes.

A brief reminder that **Lemon Bay Fest: *Englewood History with Zest!*** Is coming up soon, beginning on February 3rd and concluding with the annual 2018 Cracker Fair on February 10th at Pioneer Plaza, from 10am to 4pm. So get your lemon dessert recipes ready!

L-R: Deirdre Morrow, Amie Lemire, Library Manager, Jill Pannill, Alyssa Lopez, Alison Cutsinger, Cris Walton, Kim Szanyi, Judy Ross, Michele Strickland, Victor Lorand, Amy Williams

There's a LOT going on at Elsie Quirk this month! Come on in and Find Yourself at the Library!

LEARN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE AT THE LIBRARY

Maria Elisabeth McIntyre
Friends Board Member

Learning a new language can be challenging, but the Elsie Quirk library has ways to make language-learning fun and easy! If you have struggled with French, struggle alone no more. Monsieur Rene' Dube' leads a lively French conversation class every Wednesday at 10am. Class activities include listening and reading for comprehension with the world news read by French news broadcasters, discussions of French and Quebec-French language and culture, and a rousing singing of traditional French songs.

If the intricacies of Spanish have left you befuddled, Señor Dan Duffy can help make it intelligible. He offers two classes, a 'Basic Conversational Spanish' which meets on Fridays, 11:30-1:00pm, and an 'Intermediate Spanish Reading Group' which meets on Fridays, 3:00-4:30pm. Register for 'Basic' online at scgov.net/library and click on the library calendar, or register for 'Intermediate' by e-mailing Señor Dan directly at spanishfaculty@gmail.com . How successful are these classes? Come to the Friday 10:00am Spanish Study group composed largely of graduates of Señor Dan's classes and be amazed as they, and you, tackle a Spanish detective novel under the kind guidance of former student Señor John Ferraro. There is even a Spanish language program for some our youngest patrons. Once a month, (2nd Saturday of the month), native Spanish speaker Lourdes Fuller leads children ages 3-11 in a happy romp through Spanish songs, stories, and games. All children, regardless of Spanish fluency, are welcome.

Already fluent in French and Spanish, but longing to learn German, Russian, Korean, Irish Gaelic or another language? Mango Languages offers more than 70 languages, all of which you can access for free with your library card. Just pick up a flier at the reference desk or ask one of our kind and dedicated librarians for help. These online courses are well developed, user friendly, and fun. Improving pronunciation is part of each course through a prompt which records the student's voice and then allows the student to compare it to a native speaker's voice.

Mango Languages also offers 17 different English courses for those whose native tongue is not English. These courses are equally well developed, and range from English for Greek speakers, to Russian speakers, to Chinese speakers, to Spanish speakers and more. Señor Dan also teaches an English class for Spanish speakers on Mondays, from 5:30-7:00pm. The class focuses on understanding and speaking English, with an emphasis on clear pronunciation. For more information, email spanishfaculty@gmail.com; registration is not required.

Be amazed at the possibilities of becoming multilingual through Mango Languages and the French, Spanish, and English classes offered at the Elsie Quirk Library!

The French Conversation Group enjoying a taste of a delicious, home-made French-Canadian Tourtiere. L-R Alicia Watts, Maria Murphy, Rene Dube, and Natalia Kharitonova.

Youth and Teen News

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Librarian Chris Walton leads the Halloween Story Walk program in the Friends Reading Garden

Julianna McIntyre updates the FOL bulletin board

"When in doubt, go to the library"
~J.K. Rowling

TEEN NEWS

Julianna McIntyre
Friends Teen Representative
And TAB President

Are you a teen who loves the library? Then why not try some of the new teen programs, including Anime Club, Book Club, and Game Night. You could even help in the planning of these and other programs here at the library at the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) meetings! TAB members can earn volunteer hours for Bright Future Scholarships. Hope to see you there!

- Anime Club meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm.
- TAB meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm.
- Game Night meets after TAB on the 3rd Wednesday at 6:30pm.
- Book Club meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 5:00pm.

L-R Julianna McIntyre, Young Adult Librarian Deirdre Morrow, Keagan Roeder

Lemon Bay Fest Events at Elsie Quirk

Date	Day	Time	Name
2/3	Saturday	10:30 a.m.	**The Great Florida Invasion: From Pythons to Pepper**
2/3	Saturday	2:00 p.m.	**American Roots Music Roadshow**
2/5	Monday	10:30 a.m.	**Oh, Florida!**
2/5	Monday	2:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.	**Patrick Smith's Florida: A Sense of Place**
2/6	Tuesday	10:30 a.m.	**Florida's Shipwreck Preserves: Living Maritime Heritage You Can Visit**
2/6	Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	**Florida-Friendly Landscaping 101** (UF/IFAS Extension)
2/7	Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	**Dr. Mary Green and the Lemon Bay Mother's Club**
2/7	Wednesday	2:00 p.m.	**Your Favorite Song of Yesteryear**
2/8	Thursday	2:00 p.m.	***Cracker: The Last Cowboys of Florida***
2/9	Friday	10:30 a.m.	**Sea Turtles in Manasota Key**
2/9	Friday	2:00 p.m.	**Gasparilla Island Lighthouse**

"What in the world would we do without our libraries?"

~ Katharine Hepburn

Upcoming Friends of the Library Programs

Programs take place in the Upstairs Meeting Room

The Great Depression, Causes and Cures

January 11, 16, 25, 30 & February 1, 20 at 10 a.m.

The Great Depression lasted from 1929-1939 and was the worst economic downturn in the history of the industrialized world. Join moderator, John Regan, for this series of 6 lectures on The Great Depression.

Discover Colorado

January 24, 5-8 p.m.

Jenny Wilkins will share the wonders of biking, hiking, climbing and camping in Colorado

Baila Miller Presentations

January 18, 2 p.m.

Frank Lloyd Wright his life and times

February 22, 2 p.m.

Victorian art

March 15, 2 p.m.

Historic Nature Photographers

April 26, 2 p.m.

Fiddler on the Roof and other literature

Managing Money

January 17, 1-3 p.m.

Ryan Wirsing, Prevention Specialist with Coastal Behavioral Healthcare, will talk about managing money, a program that introduces the idea that managing money can improve the quality of one's life.

Mongolia

March 21, 2-4 p.m.

Dave Berneisel and Tom Swepston will speak on Mongolia's history, transition and tourism.

Asian Philosophy

March 29, 10-12 p.m.

Courtney Schlessenger will discuss the philosophies of China and India.

Water World

February 7, 5-7 p.m.

Kim and Bob Yantorno will discuss ways to enjoy water safely.

Alaska

March 14, 5-7 p.m.

Kim and Bob Yantorno will share their Alaskan Experiences

Discussion Groups Schedule 2018

Reading Discussion Group (Book Club)
Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.
Upstairs Meeting Room
Co-facilitators: Pat Burkey, 941-460-0022
Erin Krasnove, erinkrasnove@live.com

January 18
The Yearling by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

February 15
Son of Hamas by Mosab Hassan Yousef

March 15
Being Mortal by Atul Gawande

April 19
The Locust and the Bird by Hanan Al-Shaykh

May 17
The Zookeeper's Wife by Diane Ackerman

The Great Books Discussion Group
1st Thursday of the Month at 10:15 a.m.
Upstairs Small Meeting Room
Facilitator: George Mahoney,
941-475-7685 mahoney74@verizon.net

Selections from the Great Books Foundation's ***Great Conversations 4.*** Copies are available at the Reference Desk, or can be found inexpensively through Amazon and eBay

January 4
Culture and Anarchy, Matthew Arnold

February 1
Pragmatism, Henry James

March 1
Major Barbara, George Bernard Shaw

April 5,
***The Darling*,** Anton Chekhov

Short Story Group
2nd Thursday of the Month at 10:15 a.m.
Upstairs Small Meeting Room
Facilitator: George Mahoney,
941-475-7685 mahoney74@verizon.net

Selections from ***The Best American Short Stories of the Century*** (expanded edition, 1999), edited by John Updike. A copy is available at the Reference Desk and can be purchased in bookstores and online

January 11
The Silver Dish, John Bellow

February 8
Greenleaf, Flannery O'Connor

March 8
The Resemblance Between, T. Williams
The Key, Isaac B. Singer

April 12
Bright Morning Star, Richard White

Great Decisions Discussion Group
Most Mondays January through April
10 a.m.—Noon
Contact Tom Swepston at 941-474-2214
for more information or to become a moderator.

The Great Decisions Discussion Group, the largest in Florida, is sponsored by the Friends of Elsie Quirk. Organized by the Foreign Policy Association, Great Decisions is the nation's oldest organization devoted to citizen education on world affairs. The books are available for $25 in the Friends Bookstore.

The first session is Monday, January 29

Topics for 2018
- The Waning of Pax Americana?
- Russia's Foreign Policy
- China and America: The New Geopolitical Equation
- Media and Foreign Policy
- Turkey: A Partner in Crime
- U.S. Global Engagement and the Military
- South Africa's Fragile Democracy
- Global Health: Progress and Challenges

February is Love Your Library Month!

Time to join or renew your annual membership for as little as $10! Your dues can be at whatever level you choose and are tax deductible.

Please help us continue to provide the excellent free programs and services that you and our Englewood community enjoy at Elsie Quirk Library.

Buy a Forever Memory in the Friends of Elsie Quirk's Golden Reading Garden

Buy a Personalized Brick - $75
In Memory of loved one
Gift for a Special occasion
Your special words engraved
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Forms available in the Bookstore or call John Dubowik, President of the Friends 941-473- 3515

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State:_____ Zip:_____
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