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LOVE YOUR LIBRARY

There is not such a cradle of democracy upon the earth as the FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, this republic of letters, where neither rank, office, nor wealth receives the slightest consideration. -Andrew Carnegie

In February, during the national **"Love Your Library Month"**, we invite you to join or renew your annual ***Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library membership***. Since 1962, the Friends have helped the Elsie Quirk Library grow and thrive, playing a vital role in supporting events, programs, equipment, scholarships, the bookstore, and the Garden. While there are many ways to support Elsie Quirk, from much needed volunteering, to purchasing books in the Friends' bookstore, to enjoying and attending programs, becoming a member is a truly special way to show your care, support, and concern for the library. The Elsie Quirk Library is a community treasure open to all for both individual and community enrichment and education. Please join the Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library!

-Maria Elisabeth McIntyre, Editor

MANAGER'S REPORT

Amie Lemire - Library Manager

I've got a question for you, Englewood: Are you ready for the 17th Annual Lemon Bay Festival? Because we here at Elsie Quirk Library sure are! And we are excited to give you just a taste of all the exciting, interesting, fun-filled events and programs taking place at the Library, from February 2nd through February 9th. So, I welcome everyone to Lemon Bay Festival, Englewood history with a little zest!

If you fancy yourself a bit of a birder, I encourage you to check out "Identifying Common Birds of Southwest Florida" on Saturday (2/2/19) at 10:30 a.m. Or, if a bit of toe-tapping, knee-slapping high energy music is more your speed, swing by the Library at 2:00 p.m. for the "Easy Street Duo," an upbeat event featuring bluegrass, Cajun, and zydeco music.

Calling all history buffs! Think you know some stuff about local history? Come learn even more unique, fun facts with presenter Jim Clubb and learn about the history of Englewood, and then stay for Patrick Smith's iconic film "Florida: A Sense of Place." On Wednesday, February 6th at 10:30 a.m., The Historic Lampp House will present "Fred Kruea and Englewood," a historical discussion about World War I veteran Fred Kruea and the lasting impact he made on Englewood.

Before I moved here, when I thought of "Florida," I thought of "Disney" and "tourists." I was unaware of the deep roots and historical culture of the Cowboys of central Florida. And so I'm always amazed whenever I see "Cracker: The Last Cowboys of Florida," and am reminded of the traditions and cultural heritage of a time in our not-so-distant past. We will be screening this film at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday (2/6), and I highly encourage folks to check this one out.

And finally, if this happens to be your first "Lemon Bay Fest," I extend to you the warmest of welcomes! This is the BEST time to come down and visit Elsie Quirk Library. We have flyers and brochures listing all our "Lemon Bay Fest" events and programs, so if you happen to be in the neighborhood, come on down! I guarantee you will learn something new and interesting about the history of Englewood each day of the Fest! And on Saturday, February 9th you simply MUST come check out the Cracker Fair and Lemon Dessert Contest! There will be fun and festivities for the whole family – games, crafts, artists, music, food, vendors...and Cowboys! (Oh, and I *did* mention there would be dessert, yes..?!) What's not to love? Come Find Yourself at the Library!

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From the President
John Dubowik

Are you a Friend of the Elsie Quirk Library?? If not…..

I want YOU!

More than ever, we need your support by becoming or renewing your annual Friends of the Library membership. Please see the attached membership form in this newsletter. As always, **100%** of The Friends monies goes directly to the Elsie Quirk Library. We need your help and support so Elsie Quirk can continue to provide the services you expect and love!

- The county depends on the Friends contributions in excess of **$20,000/yr** and over **4,000 volunteer hours/yr** to help the library function at full potential
- Friends provide **FREE** educational programs for all age groups
- Friends sponsor 3 book discussion groups that take place fall-spring, a Great Decisions group, and a summer adult reading group.
- Friends provide money for library equipment, guest speakers, and materials **not funded** by the Sarasota County Library budgets.
- Friends offer opportunities for volunteers to operate the **Friends Bookstore** and maintain our **Golden Reading Garden.**
- Friends offer a **$1,000 college scholarship** for outstanding Elsie Quirk Library teen volunteers who meet specific qualifications.
- **Become a Friend of the Library for a little as $10 annually!**

To our current Friends, **Thank you!** To our future Friends, **Thanking you in advance!**

John Dubowik, President, Friends of Elsie Quirk Board
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Members of the Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library
May 1, 2018 - January 6, 2019

Is your name on the current list of Friends Members? If not, please consider joining or renewing your Friends membership. Membership helps the Elsie Quirk Library in so many ways - please join or renew your membership today. Help us grow and support new and innovative programs at the Elsie Quirk Library! (List reflects membership through 1/6/2019 - if you have joined /renewed after that date, THANK YOU!!)

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February Love Your Library
Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library Bookstore SALE!

A NEW collection of books on Boating, Sewing, and Art is on SALE for the month of February.
The bookstore has an amazing and constantly changing collection of books, audios, videos, and magazines for all ages and reading interests!
The Friends Bookstore offers personalized service - looking for a special title or author? The bookstore will take note of the title or author, and contact you when it comes in!
Magazines are always only 25¢

If you have questions or large donations, please bring them on Monday or Tuesday mornings, or call (941)861-1216 to make arrangements. **Regular hours Mon-Sat., 9am-4pm**.

New Board Member

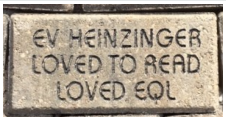
The Board of the Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library is pleased to welcome Murray Smith as our newest Board member.

Prior to moving to Englewood in 2010, Murray Smith lived and worked in Massachusetts in the medical field as a nurse and patient care coordinator. Now, he is thrilled to find himself regularly at the Elsie Quirk Library where he frequently reads and enjoys historical non-fiction about the Civil War.

Winner of 2018 Membership Drive Raffle

Friends member Keith Shell won the 2018 Membership Drive Raffle Grand Prize. His prize included a 3-month family membership to the Englewood YMCA, a $10.00 gift card to Richard's Foodporium, and more! Join the Friends today!

Friends Golden Reading Garden Update



From Beth and Bob Sarles

Evelyn Heinzinger, 1920-2018

When Evelyn Heinzinger passed away this past summer at the age of 98, her niece Beth Sarles and Bob Sarles knew they wanted to remember her long commitment to the Elsie Quirk Library and her love of reading with a Golden Garden memory brick. In Beth's own eloquent words, this is Evelyn's story:

"Originally from NY, she moved to Englewood in 1980 with her husband Ralph after retiring from a long career with Readers Digest Association. Always an advocate for the written word and an avid reader, Evelyn (Ev) was a proud volunteer and supporter of Elsie Quirk Library. Ev volunteered for many years as a "book shelver" and FOL member, recruiting many friends and neighbors over the years to join her. She recognized EQL's role as a "community center" as well as a source of enjoyment. After moving to an assisted living center in Venice, Ev kept up with library activities by reading the FOL newsletter and was always interested in hearing how the staff was doing. When we moved to Englewood, Ev encouraged us to become involved with the library as an important way of connecting with the community. We wanted to pay tribute to Aunt Ev with her brick, making her a permanent part of the Elsie Quirk Reading Garden."

The Friends are humbled and grateful to Evelyn Heinzinger, not only for her years of service, but also for the generous gift she left to the Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library to continue the mission of the Friends in supporting the library.

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~The Golden Reading Garden is open during regular library hours. The Friends encourage you to explore this quiet and beautiful garden where you can enjoy nature, find hidden treasures of art, take shelter under the gazebo, wonder about the memory bricks, and of course, read a book.

~The Garden is maintained by the Friends and its group of Garden Volunteers. Every Tuesday, from 10am-noon, these volunteers join Master Gardener Jim Pollard to spread mulch, clean up the garden area, and replant when necessary. Contact Jim Pollard at 941-473-1360 or email jimpollard721@outlook.com if you wish to join a fun and caring group of volunteers!

~Tours of the Garden are also available every Tuesday from 10am-noon.

Youth and Teen News

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

YOUTH NEWS

Cristina Walton
Library Professional, Youth Services

Winter / Spring Programs for Youth

Children creatively explore **S.T.E.A.M programs** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) - on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. - The past month included using coding skills to make bracelets, creating cards and glass ornaments, and game creation. Upcoming S.T.E.A.M. programs include **Love is in the Air** (February), and **Funny Money** (March). Registration is required at scgov.net/library

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Congratulations to Brady Dunn and Ruby Richer for completing 1000 Books Before Kindergarten! These children and their families worked hard to achieve the goal. There are about 20 children registered in the program currently. The children receive a sticker for every 25 books they read and a small prize when they have read 100 books. When they have read 1000 books, they receive a certificate, but more importantly, they will be ready for school success in Kindergarten. This is an on-going program and families can register any time throughout the year. The program strengthens positive connections among children and their families and caregivers. It also encourages them to discover library resources and services.

TEEN NEWS

Deirdre Morrow
Teen and Reference Librarian

Winter / Spring Programs for Teens

Happy New Year! Things are picking up in the teen department at the Elsie Quirk Library! New for **2019** is a series of programs called **Teen Creation Station**. Our first program will be February 23 at 2:00 p.m. called **DASH robots.** Teens and tweens will learn basic coding skills while playing with the programmable DASH robots. Open to teens and tweens ages 9-18. Registration is required and limited to 12 participants. Check our monthly calendars for future Teen Creation Station programs.

We are continuing with **Teen World Culture Club** and **Teen Book Club** as well. Teen Culture Club is on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. In January, we learned about Greece! Teen Book Club is on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Please bring one of your favorite books to discuss! And, of course, our **Teen Advisory Group** meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Come join us and help plan the programs we offer! All teen programs are open to all middle and high school students. Hope to see you there!

Elsie Quirk Teens enjoyed a recent presentation by Keagan Roeder on the country of Greece at World Culture Club.

Lemon Bay Festival
February 2-9
Elsie Quirk Library Events

Saturday, February 2
~ 10:30 a.m. Identifying Common Birds of Southwest Florida
~ 2 p.m. American Roots Music Roadshow

Monday, February 4
~ 10:30 a.m. The Vincents and the Incorporation of the Town of Sarasota
~ 2p.m. & 5p.m. Patrick Smith's Florida: A Sense of Place

Tuesday, February 5
~ 10:30 a.m. Tracing the First Floridians, The Paleo-Indians
~ 2p.m. Your Favorite Song of Yesteryear

Wednesday, February 6
~ 10:30 a.m. Fred Kruea and Englewood
~ 2p.m. "Cracker: The Last Cowboys of Florida"

Friday, February 8
~ 10:30 a.m. Alligators, Sharks, and Panthers, or How to Avoid Being Eaten!
~ 2 p.m. The Manasota Key Offshore Site

Saturday, February 9
~ 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cracker Fair and Lemon Dessert Contest
Pioneer Park on Dearborn Street, Englewood

Pick up the 17th annual Lemon Bay Festival brochure at the library for additional events in other locations!

Friends of the Library Presentations, Lectures, and Concert

NATURE PRESENTATION SERIES:

Bob and Kim Yantorno share their travel experiences.
Presentations begin at 2 p.m.

February 13 ~ Galapagos Experience!
March 13 ~ Costa Rica: An Action-Packed Adventure!

OVERFALLS LIGHTHOUSE SHIP:

Dave Bernheisel shares coastal maritime history and the process that the Overfalls Foundation went through to resore the Overfalls Lightship.
Presentation begins at 2 p.m.

February 20

CLASSICAL GUITAR CONCERT
Peter Fletcher

An evening of live music featuring Classical Guitarist Peter Fletcher.
Concert begins at 5 p.m.

March 20

BAILA MILLER LECTURE SERIES:

Baila Miller leads a lively and informative lecture series.
Lectures begin at 2 p.m.

January 31 ~ Claude Monet
February 21 ~ Literature of the "Lost Generation"
March 21 ~ Andrew Wyeth
April 25 ~ Ballet Russe

Friends of the Library Discussion Programs
Winter & Spring 2019

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.

February 14 ~
The Killers, -Ernest Hemingway
Little Selves, -Mary Lerner
March 14 ~
The Hitch-Hikers, -Eudora Welty
My Dead Brother Comes to America, -A. Godin
April 11 ~
Double Birthday, -Willa Cather

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.

February 7 ~
The First Snow on Mount Fuji, -Y. Kawabata
March 7 ~
The Lottery, -Shirley Jackson
April 4 ~
Selected Poems, -Lisel Mueller

Great Decisions Discussion Group ~ 2019

Most Mondays January through April at 10:00 a.m. to noon
Contact Tom Swepston at 941-474-2214 for more information

The Great Decisions Discussion Group, the largest in Florida, is sponsored by the Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library. 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 purchase in the Friends Bookstore.

Friends of the Library Reading Discussion Book Group

Thursdays
10:15 a.m.
Moderators:
Amie Lemire and Alyssa Lopez
Copies and more information are available at the Reference Desk

8 Topics for the 2019 Great Decisions Discussion Group!

1/28 ~ The Middle East: Regional Disorder
2/11 ~ The Rise of Populism in Europe
2/25 ~ Refugees and Global Migration
3/4 ~ The United States and Mexico: Partnership Tested
3/11 ~ Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics
3/18 ~ Decoding U.S.-China Trade
3/25 ~ State of the State Department and Diploma
4/1 ~ Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future?

2/21 ~
Hidden Figures - Margot Lee Shetterly

3/21 ~
Killers of the Flower Moon - David Grann

4/18 ~
Americanah - Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Friends of the Library Membership
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The Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library spends more than **$25,000.00** 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 Library!

Be a Friend of the Library for as little as $10 annually! Your dues can be at whatever level you choose and are tax deductible. Volunteering is optional.

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 Brick in the Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library's Golden Reading Garden

Buy a Personalized Brick - $75
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Forms are available in the Bookstore or call John Dubowik, President of the Friends, at 941-473-3515.

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