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The Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library SCHOLARSHIPS!

Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library Scholarship - $1,000.00

The Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library is one of the **only** libraries in Sarasota County to have consistently offered and maintained a scholarship program to one of its **graduating high school teen volunteers**. Not only does this scholarship program promote volunteerism among our teens at the Elsie Quirk Library, but it also encourages teens to view the library as a place to find creative and informative programs, new innovative technology, new friends, and, of course, lots of wonderful books and media. Requirements for this scholarship include a minimum of 36 volunteer hours at the Elsie Quirk Library, a completed application and essay, and acceptance to a either a two or four year accredited college or university. This scholarship is open to all teens who volunteer at Elsie Quirk Library and who are currently enrolled in a public or private high school or who are home schooled. The scholarship is for **one year** only and is not renewable. Please contact Teen Librarian Deirdre Morrow at the youth services desk or at *dmorrow@scgov.net* for more information and an application.

Ringing in the new year with a new scholarship!

The Patricia Burkey Memorial Scholarship - $1,000.00

In memory of board member Patricia Burkey, the Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library Board is pleased to announce a new scholarship open to **graduating high school students** (public, private, or home schooled), **students currently enrolled in a college or university** (undergraduate and graduate), and **adults wishing to further their education.** Patricia Burkey exemplified a life dedicated to helping and serving others. She viewed education and learning, whether in a classroom or in a swimming lane, as a life-long pursuit, and she encouraged those around her to always strive for their best. Requirements for this scholarship include volunteer hours at the Elsie Quirk Library, a completed application and essay, and acceptance to an accredited vocational school, an accredited two or four year college or university, or an accredited graduate school. This scholarship is **renewable** for up to **four years**. Each renewal requires a new application. Applicants exemplifying the values of Patricia Burkey are encouraged to apply. Please contact Teen Librarian Deirdre Morrow at the youth services desk or at *dmorrow@scgov.net* for more information and an application.

Recent Scholarship Winners have attended the following colleges and universities :

Brown University
Flagler College
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida SouthWestern State College
State College of Florida
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University of Florida
The University of South Florida Honors College

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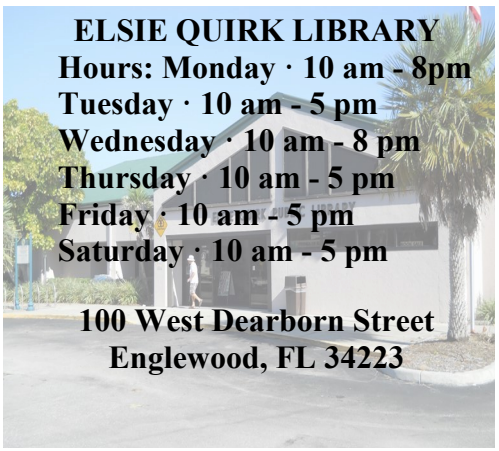

From the President
John Dubowik

'Tis the Season – Reuniting with your friends and the Friends of Elsie Quirk!

We want to welcome our seasonal patrons back to the community! Hope to see you at the library soon to check out new books, new programs and our bookstore.

As mentioned in our Fall newsletter, we also have a new librarian, Zina Jayne. She is excited to continue her librarian work at Elsie Quirk and will be a great asset to the library team. Please extend a warm welcome to her.

The Friends are also highlighting in this newsletter our scholarship program and a new scholarship in memory of our dear friend and past Friends board member, Pat Burkey. Be sure to read about these opportunities that benefit those who are pursuing their education and have a passion for volunteerism at the library.

As you reunite with friends and neighbors, please spread the word about our great library and programs. Encourage them to become a Friend of the Library because it is only with your financial support and volunteerism that we can continue providing free services for all ages.

~ John Dubowik

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MANAGER'S REPORT

Zina Jayne - Library Manager

Greetings Elsie Quirk Patrons and Friends! At this festive time of year, we invite you to explore the many and varied ways that people here and around the world celebrate winter holidays. However you celebrate, and whether you celebrate or not, the library is a warm and welcoming place to seek knowledge, recipes, community engagement, decorating ideas, joyful music, wisdom, or a simple respite.

We are pleased to be participating in Butterflies of Hope and Remembrance, a year-long awareness and education program sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Sarasota. The program, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration camps, focuses on the character traits of people who found ways to help those in peril of severe persecution. We have embraced this theme and will present displays and programs throughout January that highlight liberation, and courage in the face of persecution, across the human experience. We will host a mini-film festival, incorporating Monday Night Movies, as well as adding opportunities for discussion of some of the films. We will have a map of displays and interactive story-telling throughout the library, to help patrons explore this broad and compelling theme.

In other library news, starting January 26th, two Sarasota County Library branches will be open on Sundays to better serve patrons. Selby and Jacaranda Libraries will be open from 1-5 p.m. on Sundays offering full library services, including Creation Station activities. Staff from all branches will be rotating Sunday shifts, so if you stop in Jacaranda on a Sunday you may find a familiar Elsie Quirk face!

And finally, I am excited to report that the Sarasota County Library System has launched ONEPass. ONEPass stands for One Number Equal Access, and allows Sarasota County School District students and teachers to use their "N number" (students) or "A number" (staff) to a select number of the library system's digital resources. Students and teachers can access these resources through the school system portal; and, as always, we welcome you to ask library staff for help accessing any and all library resources.

Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library Bookstore
Christmas and New Year Shopping!

New Books, DVDs, CDs, and puzzles have been added and everyone can find something exceptional for that particular someone.
All the money from the bookstore goes to the library to help provide the best programs possible for kids and adults .

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**.

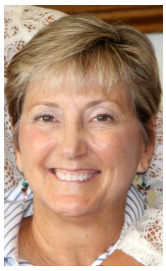
New Library Staff Member

Welcome Ashley Hunek!

"I am 20 years old and love to read and write, which is perfect for working in a library. I am the youngest of 4 kids and I love my family with all my heart. I graduated from Venice High School, where I took all honors and AP classes. I had worked at Elsie Quirk Library as temp for 8 weeks; I loved the team and the job so much that I knew this is where I wanted to be. I am located in the youth department and would love to meet anyone who wants to get to know me more."

New Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library Board Member

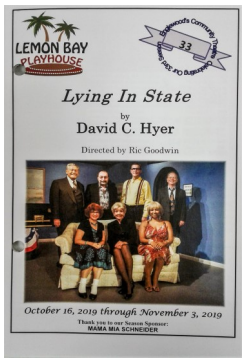
Welcome Sandy Perron!

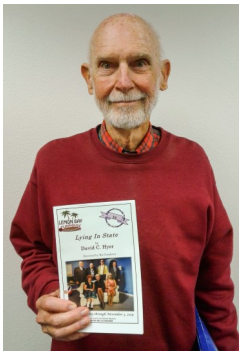


"My name is Sandy Perron and I was born and raised in St. Petersburg. I moved to Englewood with my husband, Lee, in 2006. We have a daughter and grandson in Georgia. I spent the majority of my career in California in the cable, telecommunications and internet field in Sales & Marketing. I volunteer and serve as an officer on one of the P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) chapters in Englewood supporting education for women. In addition, I am a volunteer at my church in various capacities. I have always been an avid reader and know the importance it plays in education and look forward to supporting the numerous programs at Elsie Quirk Library."

FANTASTIC FRIENDS FUNDRAISER AT THE LEMON BAY PLAYHOUSE!

The Lemon Bay Playhouse Benefit Performance of *Lying in State* was a wonderful success! The house sold out with all ticket sales benefiting the Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library. A heartfelt thank you to the Lemon Bay Playhouse team and actors for donating their time and many talents for this benefit production! Many thanks to our volunteers and fellow board member Paul Hyatt who arranged this benefit performance. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this event.





The playbill for *Lying in State* and our fellow Board Member Paul Hyatt who organized this event!

Friends Golden Reading Garden

~ The Gazebo Renewed! ~

After facing the relentless onslaught of Florida wind, rain, sun, and even a hurricane, the gazebo is again in her prime due to the completion of much needed paint and repair work. The gazebo is a delightful spot to read a book or talk to a friend. Visit and discover the gazebo and the garden for yourself!

If you enjoy gardening and volunteering, consider joining the garden team as they maintain the Friends Golden Reading Garden every Tuesday from 10am-noon. Contact Jim Pollard (master gardener) at 941-473-1360 or at *jimpollard721@yahoo.com* if you are interested or it you would like information about tours of the Garden .

Youth and Teen News

YOUTH NEWS

Cristina Walton
Library Professional, Youth Services

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

TEEN NEWS

Deirdre Morrow
Teen and Reference Librarian

Programs for Youth

The Youth Department offers a wide range of programs and activities for children of all ages, from babies through tweens! Stop by for a calendar of events!

Special Programs in December & January

~ Drawing Santa Faces
Friday, December 20 at 10:30am. Ages 7-13

~ Family Movie & Popcorn
Tuesday, December 31 at 10:30am. All Ages

~Coding Fun!
Wednesday, January 8 at 3:30pm. Ages 5-11

Alexander Skadal reading with Hercules

Julianna Lake reading with Ruby

Ada Skadal sharing a smile with Adele at Read with the Dogs

Escapees from the Monster Mash Escape Room!

Amelia & Charlotte Bunton Wearing their Storytime Gobbler Costumes

Thomas Myatt and his mother Anna at "T is for Turkey" Storytime

Programs for Teens & Tweens

Teen programming is in full swing this fall at the Elsie Quirk Library! Join us on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, at 5:30 p.m. for Teen Gaming Unplugged! Choose from classics like Clue or Monopoly or newer favorites like Sheriff of Nottingham or King of Tokyo. There's also a deck of cards and a guide book for learning all kinds of card games!

On the 3rd Wednesday of each month, at 5:30 p.m., is the Teen Advisory Board (TAB). We are always looking for new members! Help plan the programs we offer and give your input on things like the teen space and furniture and materials. Open to all middle and high school students.

On the 4th Wednesday of the month, at 5:30 p.m., is D.I.Y. "No Sweat" Workshop. So far the teens have sewn little pillows to provide to children in need. We will be branching out soon to make treasure boxes for the kids. Also check out our "Write on the Wall" board to give your feedback on important issues.

If you are interested in becoming a Teen Volunteer, please fill out the application at www.scgov.net and we will get in touch with you! Happy Holidays to all and we look forward to an awesome 2020.

James Van Sickle received his *Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library Scholarship* from Teen Librarian Deirdre Morrow at the Venice High School Senior Awards night on May 9, 2019. James is attending the University of Florida and is planning on majoring in computer science.

Friends of the Library Discussion Programs
Fall, Winter & Spring 2019-2020

Short Story Group

Meetings are on the **2nd Thursday** of the Month at **10:15 a.m.** in the upstairs Small Meeting Room. Selections are from ***The Best American Short Stories of the Century*** (1999 expanded edition) edited by John Updike. A copy is available at the Reference Desk or you can purchase a copy at most bookstores or online. New members are always welcome. For more information, contact **George Mahoney, 941-474-7685, mahoney74@verizon.net**

11/14 ~ The Peach Stone, Paul Horgan
12/12 ~ Resurrection of a Life, W. Saroyan
~ The Other Woman, Sherwood Anderson
1/9 ~ You're Ugly Too, Lorrie Moore

2/13 ~ Crazy Sunday, F. Scott Fitzgerald
3/12 ~ Here We Are, Dorothy Parker
~ Gesturing, John Updike
4/9 ~ Soon, Pam Durban

The Great Books Discussion Group

Meetings are on the **1st Thursday** of the Month at **10:15 a.m.** in the upstairs Small Meeting Room. Selections are from the Great Books Foundation's ***Great Conversations 4*** and ***Great Conversations 5***. Copies are available at the Reference Desk or can be purchased at most bookstores or online. New Members are always welcome. For more information, contact **George Mahoney, 941-474-7685, mahoney74@verizon.net**

11/7 ~ **The Smallest Woman**, *C. Lispector*
12/5 ~ Lava Cameo, E. Boland
1/2 ~ The Things They Carried, T. O'Brien

2/6 ~ Hekabe, Euripides
3/5 ~ Selected Poems, John Keats
4/2 ~ Ethan Brand, Nathaniel Hawthorne

The Reading Discussion Group

Meetings are every **3rd Thursday** of the month, November through April. Copies and more information are available at the Reference Desk. Everyone is welcome!

12/19 ~ The Tattooist of Auschwitz, Heather Morris
1/16 ~ Before We Were Yours, Lisa Wingate
2/20 ~ Little Fires Everywhere, Celeste Ng
3/19 ~ Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine, Gail Honeyman
4/16 ~ Lion, *Saroo Brierley*

Great Decisions Discussion Group ~ 2020

Most Mondays ~ January through April ~ at 10:15a.m. to noon

The Elsie Quirk Library's Great Decisions Discussion Group 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. Everyone is welcome!

~ Climate Change and the Global Order
~ India and Pakistan
~ Red Sea Security
~ Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking
~ U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle
~ China's Road into Latin America
~ The Philippines and the U.S.
~ Artificial Intelligence and Data

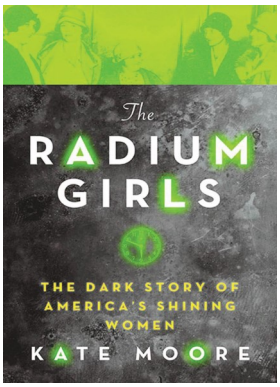
Friends of the Library ~ Presentations, Lectures, and Events

The Radium Girls; The Dark Story of America's Shining Women

One Book One Community 2020

On **January 31** at 10:30 a.m., award-winning British author Kate Moore will be discussing her book ***The Radium Girls*** at **Shannon Staub Library**. At 7 p.m., she will speak at **Selby Library**. Both events are being promoted by Sarasota County's One Book One Community program, which allows people to increase knowledge and awareness by reading and discussing the same book with others. All ***The Radium Girls*** discussions and activities will be posted on the Sarasota County Library website *www.scgov.net/government/libraries/one-book-sarasota*. Participants are encouraged to register in advance.

Kate Moore discovered the story of the radium girls while directing ***These Shining Lives***, a play by Melanie Marnich. In her book, Moore focuses on a group of factory workers who assembled watches and military dials using luminous radium paint. When workers became poisoned, employers denied responsibility, leaving the women no choice but to fight for justice. Moore's non-fiction account is part courtroom drama, part medical mystery, and part horror story. ~ Christine Kourapis



Kate Moore with ***The Radium Girls***

Watch for future programs on ***The Radium Girls*** here at the Elsie Quirk Library and at other libraries in the Sarasota County Library system.

HOLIDAY COOKING LECTURE MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2 p.m.

Chef Warren shows you how to enjoy the holidays with great ideas for appetizers and main courses.

FLORIDA FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING 101 - TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 10:30 a.m.

Learn the basics along with nine principles for a beautiful, eco-friendly landscape.

BAILA MILLER LECTURE SERIES:

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

January 30 ~ Greek Myths
February 27 ~ The Iliad and the Odyssey
March 26 ~ Greek Sculpture and Architecture
April 30 ~ Hellenistic Geography, History, & Alexander the Great

Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library Membership

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! 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.

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