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Angie Zerad at 100 years young!

Angela (Angie) Zerad celebrated her 100th birthday on November 26, 2021. Many of you from the Elsie Quirk Library and in the Englewood community have been lucky to interact with Angie, who is full of talent, knowledge, and personality!

I certainly have been one of the lucky ones to consider Angie my good friend for over 15 years – and I can tell you – she hasn't changed one bit! The truth!

I met Angie through – of all places – Elsie Quirk Library. Angie has served on the Friends of Elsie Quirk Library Board, participated in many of the programs including the interactive, thought-provoking world affairs Great Decisions group and donated a piano in memory of her late husband, Frank, for the large meeting room where she would play before every Great Decisions group meeting. Angie would entertain participants as they arrived for the program and always played a patriotic song or two.

Angie was born and raised in the Chicago area, started playing the piano at 7 years old, and graduated from Mundelein College majoring in music – Cum Laude I will add! Angie met and married Frank, a handsome Navy submariner, and helped him build a successful business in the Midwest. They raised two lovely daughters, Susan and Deborah. When the children were young adults, Angie and Frank looked for a quiet retirement community – and yes – the location they found was Englewood, FL! They purchased a condo on Manasota Key, which she still owns. Angie immediately found the local library – Elsie Quirk – and became a regular patron and continued her love of the library with participation in programs, becoming a Friend of the library, serving on the Friends of the Library Board, and sharing her talents at the piano to enhance library programs. Elsie Quirk Library and the board were so lucky to have Angie – she became a Lifetime Friends Member in 2016, awarded by the Board.

Angie expressed to me that being involved at the library gave her the opportunity to keep learning and to enjoy the social gatherings of diverse groups of people. She credits Elsie Quirk with many of the lifelong friendships that she continues to treasure today.

Angie moved to The Windsor in Venice, FL in 2020, where she had long volunteered playing piano programs for the residents. She moved her baby grand piano from her Englewood condo into her assisted living apartment, where she continues to practice with diligence and pleasure every day.

When Covid came and outside entertainers could no longer provide activities in the Windsor, Angie stepped right up to the challenge – Angie plays the piano for the residents in the Memory Care wing twice a week and in the community room for all other residents every day – 7 days a week! She calculated that she plays over 450 piano programs a year!!!!! Angie loves to hear the people sing and tap their feet. She sees the emotion in their faces as they listen to songs from their past or hold their hands over hearts when they hear the patriotic songs. Angie knows she is making a positive difference in their daily lives.

So when I ask Angie, "What is your secret on achieving the milestone of 100 years young?" she says: "Keep Your Body and Mind Active"! At a century young – Angie is playing the piano, coloring adult coloring books with colored pencils and pens, and using her computer to keep in touch with family and friends. Angie's commitment to community, helping others, and hobbies has been unwavering.

I want to follow in Angie's footsteps – she is truly amazing, and we wish her many more birthdays!

Becky Dubowik
President, Friends of Elsie Quirk Library Board

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ELSIE QUIRK LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday	-	10 am to 8 pm
Tuesday	-	10 am to 6 pm
Wednesday	-	10 am to 8 pm
Thursday	-	10 am to 6 pm
Friday	-	10 am to 5 pm
Saturday	-	10 am to 5 pm

100 West Dearborn Street
Englewood, FL 34223

Message From the President Becky Dubowik

A Word of Thanks!

Every day in our lives and at the Elsie Quirk Library, we are moving forward with more opportunities, more openings and more to be thankful for. I would like to take a moment to thank those who have made a difference over the past year and over many years at the Elsie Quirk Library

Thanks to the Elsie Quirk Library Staff
The Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library Board and our patrons would agree that the staff has done a tremendous job over the past year to make the library as accessible as possible. The staff created new ways and new items to continue to serve the community. Thank you for staying the course, being creative and always helping others!

Thanks to Tom Swepston
The Board would like to give a big shout out of thanks to Tom for his years of dedication to the board – serving as a member, Vice-President and acting President. Tom provided years of guidance, direction and supported improvements for all patrons to enjoy. He will be missed on the board but we will continue to appreciate his past participation. Thank you Tom!

Thanks to Julianna McIntyre
Thank you Julianna for over three years of service on the Elsie Quirk board as our Teen Representative. We appreciate your volunteerism on the board knowing you also had a busy school schedule. You gave the board many helpful insights and updates on teen activities, social media enhancements and being creative with the Friends bulletin board and newsletter assistance. Your time and efforts did not go unnoticed. We wish you all the best as you pursue your college goals next year. Thank you Julianna!

Thanks to our Patrons and Volunteers
Thank you for your continued support and to our volunteers who are patiently waiting to return to the library. We look forward to seeing every one return to the library soon!

The Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library Board are always looking for new board members and committee members. If you have a desire to participate in this capacity – please reach out to me!! Thanking you in advance!

Have a Great Day at the Library!

Becky Dubowik

Manager's Report

Zina Jayne - Library Manager

Hello Englewood! No matter what traditions we celebrate, or how we mark the passage of time, for most of us this is a time of year to think about gratitude, gifts, and new beginnings. Here at the Elsie Quirk Library, we have plentiful gratitude for the kindness, liveliness, and curiosity of our patrons; and for the pleasure of working together as a team to serve the community. We joyously offer the gift of commitment to making Elsie Quirk the welcoming, helpful, and resourceful library that you deserve. And we look forward to the new year with hope, renewed energy, and a vision for the future.

In 2022, the Elsie Quirk Library will celebrate our 60th anniversary! To celebrate we are planning a makeover to enhance and refresh the library. This will include fun, functional, and fanciful changes to the adult section, the teen are, and the children's room, as well as the launch of our exciting Creation Station. We look forward to introducing these exciting changes to you throughout the coming year. Let me assure you, though, that what won't change is the warm welcome each and everyone who walks through our doors receives, and how proud we are to be your public library.

Library News, Programs, & Events

The Great Books Discussion Group

Fall, 2021-Spring, 2022

We meet on the First Thursday of each month at 10:15 am in the large meeting room on the second floor of the library. We will continue with **Great Conversations 5**; a copy is available from the reference librarian. You may also buy an inexpensive copy through Amazon or even on e-bay. For information feel free to contact George Mahoney: 941-474-7685; e-mail: mahoney74@verizon.net

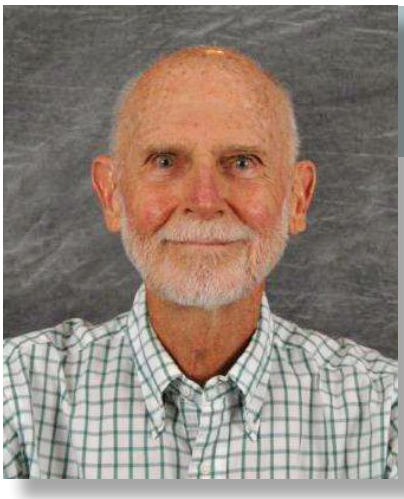
Thurs., Dec. 2, 2021 – R. Akutagawa, ***Hell Screen,*** p. 205
Thurs., Jan. 6, 2021 – R. Niebuhr, ***The Children of Light, …of Darkness,*** p. 235
Thurs., Feb. 3, 2022 – J-P Sartre, ***Why Write?,*** p. 259
Thurs., Mar. 3, 2022 – R. Wright, ***Bright and Morning Star,*** p. 285
Thurs., Apr. 7, 2022 – S. Weil, ***Human Personality,*** p. 319

The Short Story Group

Fall, 2021-Spring, 2022

We meet on the second Thursday of each month at 10:15 a.m. in the large meeting room on the second floor of the library. The Best American Short Stories of the Century, edited by John Updike, is our text. A copy is kept at the reference desk of the library. For more information feel free to contact George Mahoney: 941-474-7685; e-mail: mahoney74@verizon.net.

Thurs., Nov. 11, 2021 – ***The Golden Honeymoon,*** Ring Lardner, p. 45
Thurs., Dec. 9, 2021 – ***Paul's Case,*** Willa Cather. This story is found in Library of America, an online publication to which you can subscribe for free. I will also send a link.
Thurs., Jan. 13, 2022 – ***Soon,*** Pam Durban, p. 735
Thurs., Feb. 10, 2022 – ***The Interior Castle,*** Jean Stafford, p. 250
Thurs., March 10, 2022 – ***The German Refugee,*** Bernard Malamud, p. 438
Thurs., April 14, 2022 – ***I Want to Live!,*** Thom Jones, p. 671



Remembering Paul Hyatt

We are saddened by the passing of Friends Board member, Paul Hyatt. In a letter of condolence to George Mahoney, Paul's friend and colleague in "The Great Books Discussion Group" Peggy Johnson wrote a most striking tribute. "Paul's loss will be keenly felt by everyone who knew him as representing the soul and spirit of learning at Elsie Quirk Library. For so many of us it will be a difficult moment to enter the library and realize we will not encounter his smiling, gentle presence."

In addition to serving twice on our Friend's Board, Paul led several "Great Decisions Discussion Group" programs over the years. In 2017 he moderated a program entitled "Nuclear Security". In 2017 and 2019 Paul, a founder and active member of The Lemon Bay Playhouse, organized special fundraisers to benefit The Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library where actors donated their time and talent for a production of "Tuesdays with Morrie" and "Lying in State". These benefit productions generated over $5000 for the Friends of Elsie Quirk Library and the Friends was able to upgrade the sound system in the large meeting room. In both the Friends and Playhouse organizations Paul encouraged a spirit of volunteerism, and he often shared thoughts and ideas in the editorial pages of The Englewood Sun.

Paul's many friends remember him as an ardent pacifist and an admirer of the works of Henry David Thoreau. However, they may not know that Paul, serving as an Army lieutenant in Korea, was a decorated war hero. He was awarded the Korean Service Medal with one battle star for service in combat, United Nations and National Defense Service Medals, and a Commendation ribbon for Meritorious Service. After owning and operating a business while raising a family and conducting a series of courses in social and political philosophy at Indianapolis Free University. Paul moved to Englewood in 1989 and passed away on October 19, 2021. His loss will be keenly felt by his many Englewood friends.

- Christine Kourapis, Former board member and lifetime Friends member

Master Gardeners Display!!!

Come and see this wonderful display of information and free booklets to help with your Florida gardens! Karen Clark and JoAnn Glazewski are Sarasota Master Gardeners and created this display full of information for you through January 2022. Karen and JoAnn also help to maintain our beautiful Friends Reading Garden. Don't miss this opportunity!

Elsie Quirk Library Programs December - March

ALL MONTHS

Every Tuesday, by Appointment
Tech Help by Zoom

Every Thursday 1-3
Quirky Knitters
Bring your projects, patterns, and questions join the Quirky Knitters for an afternoon of knitting and crochet. All skill levels welcome.

DECEMBER

December 9th and 16th 10:30-11:30
Storytime in the Golden Reading Garden

December 13 3:30-4:30
Read With the Dogs
Children are invited to read with certified pet therapy dogs. This program encourages conversation and develops reading and communication skills.

JANUARY

January 6, 10:15-Noon
Great Books Discussion Group
The Great Books Discussion Group meets the 1st Thursday of each month. Discussion selections are from Great Conversations 5

January – Every Friday 10:30-Noon
Conversational Spanish Class

January 7, 7 pm
Drive-In Movie

January 10 3:30-4:30
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January 13 10:15-Noon
Short Story Discussion Group
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January 24th and 31st at 10:15 and again at Noon
Forty Carrots Partners in Play
For mobile babies to 5 years old. Drop in to enjoy a special uninterrupted playtime with your child in our FREE Partners in Play® (PIP) groups. Meet our friendly Parenting Educators and discover how play and learning go hand-in-hand.

FEBRUARY

February 3, 10:15-Noon
Great Books Discussion Group
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February 4 7pm
Drive-In Movie

February 4th, 18th, and 25th 10:30-Noon
Conversational Spanish Class

February 5 – 12 Lemon Bay Fest
Daily events and activities in conjunction with community partners.

February 7th, 14th, and 28th
at 10:15 and again at Noon
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February 14
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Elsie Quirk Library Programs December - March

MARCH

March – Every Friday 10:30-Noon
Conversational Spanish Class

March 3, February 3, 10:15-Noon
Great Books Discussion Group
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March 4, 7pm
Drive-In Movie

March 7th, 21st, and 28th at 10:15 and again at Noon
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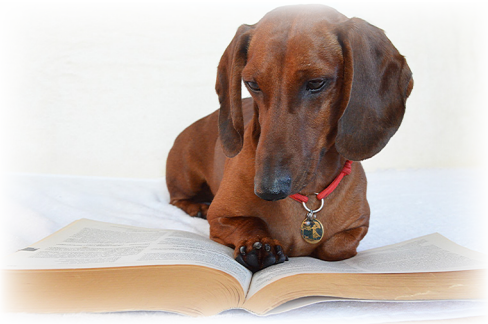

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to *Samantha Allspach* who received the 2021 Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library Teen Volunteer Scholarship. She will be attending State College of Florida this upcoming year.

Are You an Elsie Quirk Library Teen Volunteer Thinking about College?

Applications for the Friends of the Library Teen Volunteer Scholarship are Due April 1st. Contact Sandy Perron at **SLPERRON@COMCAST.NET** to apply

Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library Bookstore

The Friends Bookstore is CLOSED due to the pandemic.
NO DONATIONS can be accepted at this time. Please Stay Safe!

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SCHOLARSHIPS!

The Friends of the ***Elsie Quirk Library Teen Volunteer Scholarship*** is open to graduating high school seniors who have volunteered a minimum of 36 hours at the Elsie Quirk Library. This $1000 scholarship recognizes teens who strive to better the Englewood community through volunteering at the Elsie Quirk Library.

For scholarship applications, please contact Sandy Perron, slperron@comcast.net
For volunteering opportunities, please contact George Barnhouse, gbarnhouse@scgov.net

Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library Membership

The Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library spends more than $20,000 annually to provide you FREE educational programs, activities, and live entertainment. Our Tax Dollars do not support these programs, ~ only the FRIENDS of the Elsie Quirk Library!

Be a Friend of the Library for as little as $10 annually! Your dues can be 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.

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

Buy a Personalized Brick - $75

- In Memory of a loved one
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- Your special words engraved

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Forms are available in the Bookstore or contact the Friends President, Becky Dubowik, at beckydubowik@gmail.com or 941-473-3515

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Do you wish to remain anonymous? **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

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