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Recovering and Thriving Post-Hurricane Ian At The Elsie Quirk Library

Hurricane Ian's path of destruction touched everyone in the Englewood community. The damage to the Elsie Quirk Library's roof, interior, and the Friends' garden required the library to be closed for 5 weeks, re-opening on November 1st. Those who depend on the library for news, books, computer access, and friendly help felt this keenly. In response to the disaster and in acknowledgement of the resilient spirit of those who call Englewood home, the Elsie Quirk Library is focusing on a new series of programs and events during the month of January.

New Year - New EQ

The Friends join with the library staff in welcoming the Englewood community to see the completion of the repairs and to once again enjoy our common library home. The Friends Bookstore is open and it continues to be a wonderful place to find a special book. Explore the garden and see that while some of its shade has been lost, the plants are flourishing and it is still a great place to read a book or talk to a friend. Despite Hurricane Ian, the Elsie Quirk Library, like the community of Englewood, is resilient and thriving.

The Garden Team hard at work after the county cleared the big trees. Becky Dubowik (Friends' president), JoAnne Glazewski (master gardener), Holly Duke, Karen Clark (master gardener), and Mary Jean Greene.

Diaz Lawn Maintenance taking jasmine off the leaning fence in preparation of fence repairs

Lemon Bay Fest

February 4-11

Lemon Bay Fest will be celebrating its 21st year with a week full of new presenters and old favorites. Pick up a program at one of the library desks to discover all the events and happenings at the library and around Englewood!

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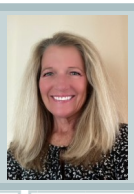


Message From the President
Becky Dubowik

GRATEFUL!

Tis the season for thankfulness and gratefulness and the Friends of Elsie Quirk Library Board have much to be GRATEFUL for!

Over the past two years, our Friends memberships had drastically dropped and our bookstore was closed. The library depends on the Friend monies received to provide the many free services and programs offered at the Elsie Quirk Library.

We are GRATEFUL that the bookstore slowly reopened this past Spring and the team of volunteers were willing to come back after being shut down during the Covid pandemic. The patrons have started to return and we are gearing up to be open full time. We would be GRATEFUL to receive donations to be sold in the Friends Bookstore. Please bring your excellent condition collections of books, magazines and DVD's.

We are GRATEFUL for the amazing success of our Friends mailing this Summer to reach those who may have forgotten to renew their annual Friends memberships. On the last page of this newsletter you may see your name listed – we are thankful and GRATEFUL for your continued support. If your name is not there – use the form on the last page and become a Friend of Elsie Quirk Library!

We are GRATEFUL that the library reopened November 1 after Hurricane Ian caused some damages that needed repair. We hope that you are safe and we can all be GRATEFUL for our wonderful community who helping so many in need.

Come visit the library, become a Friend of the Library! GRATEFUL for the staff, volunteers and YOU – our patrons!

From your GRATEFUL Library Friend!

-Becky Dubowik

MANAGER'S REPORT

Zina Jayne - Library Manager

Hello Elsie Quirk Friends!

We are very pleased to have reopened after Hurricane Ian and we missed our patrons, just as they missed us. During the hurricane, library staff worked with dedication and skill in emergency evacuation centers, helping the community stay safe and calm. Now, our work in supporting the community's long road to recovery has just begun. When people aren't sure who to ask or where to go, they often go to the library—and we welcome that! We are here to help in any way we can, to offer resources, information, technology assistance, a friendly place to decompress, or an opportunity to escape into a good book.

We are also here to provide uplift and renewal. We are enthusiastically planning a rich and active 2023 for our patrons. Our theme for January is New Year, New EQ! We invite the entire community to come into the Elsie Quirk Library to explore our new youth section; meet our new staff; discover new programs; see our new Creation Station; make new acquaintances; encounter new ideas; and, of course, find new books to read, new movies to watch, new audios to listen to, and new resources to learn from!

In February we will host, in partnership with the Englewood Charlotte Library, the annual Lemon Bay Fest, with new programs and activities as well as old favorites. For this year's Fest, we will be launching an exhibit space with our Englewood: Making History exhibit. Local artists interested in submitting pieces for the exhibit are invited to contact Leah Holst (LHoslt@scgov.net).

We look forward to seeing you in the library!

Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library Bookstore is Open!

Bookstore Hours: Monday & Thursday - 10:00am - 4:00pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, & Saturday - 10:00am - 1:00pm

The bookstore has an amazing collection of books for adults and children along with DVD's, CD's, puzzles, and magazines.
Lesen Sie Deutsch? The Bookstore has an excellent collection of books in German.

If you are looking for a special book, we are happy to take your name and phone number and we will call you upon receipt in our bookstore!

Donations are now being accepted. - Please take all donations to the circulation desk. Thank you for your donations and support.

Welcome to Elsie Quirk!

A warm welcome to Elsie Quirk Library's newest staff! - Cynthia Cuffy, Emily Noeske, Heather Johnson, and Leah Holst.

Cynthia Cuffy is our superstar CSR from Delaware. She lives in Englewood with her sweet dog, Chile, loves the beach, reggae music, and good food.

Emily Noeske is our new senior CSR extraordinaire. She was formerly at North Port Library, has a background in marine biology, and is on a mission to share the beauty and joy of sloths with one and all.

Heather Johnson is our adventurous and audacious Youth Librarian. She comes to us from the wilds of Wisconsin, and enjoys video games and making pizza.

Leah Holst is our cool, calm, and highly inspired Adult Services Librarian. She is a native Sarasotan and has been with SCLS for several years, at Fruitville Library and Gulf Gate Library. She recently earned her MLS and is on her way to a rich and wonderful library career.

ONE BOOK ONE COMMUNITY
-SARASOTA COUNTY-

Beginning in January, join fellow readers and library staff members in exploring the 2023 book pick for One Book One Community -

The Personal Librarian **by Maria Benedict and Victoria Murray.**

Library News, Programs, and Events

Children, Youth, and Teens

- Mystery Crafternoons - ages 9-18
Every Wednesday, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
(no program on Dec. 28)
Each week will be a surprise activity!

- Read with the Dogs - ages 3-12
Monday, December 12, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Come and read to our fuzzy friends from the Suncoast Humane Society!

-Little Adventures - ages 0-5
Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.
(no program Dec. 22 & 29)
Join us for music, stories, movement, arts, crafts, and school readiness!

- Forty Carrots / Partners in Play - ages 0-5
Monday, December 5, 10:15 a.m.
Monday, January 23, 10:15 a.m.
Monday, January 30, 10:15 a.m.
Meet our friendly Parenting Educations and discover how play and learning go hand-in-hand. Space is limited; pick up a ticket at the youth desk on the day of the event.

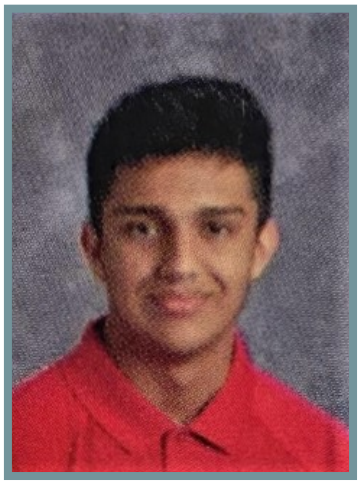
Are You an Elsie Quirk Library Teen Volunteer Thinking About College?

Applications for the Friends of the Library Teen Volunteer Scholarship are due April 1

Contact Sandy Perron at SLPERRON@COMCAST.NET to apply

2022 Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to Keagan Roeder who received the *2022 Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library Teen Volunteer Scholarship.* She is attending one of Florida's premier honors colleges, the New College of Florida where she is concentrating on environmental studies and public policy.



Congratulations to Sid Sharma who received the *2022 Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library Teen Volunteer Scholarship.* He is attending the Judy Genshaft Honors College at the University of South Florida and is part of the 7-year B.S/M.D. program which combines an undergraduate degree in biomedical sciences and medical school studies culminating in a Doctor of Medicine degree. His goal is to become a physician.

Library News, Programs, and Events

Adult and Family Programs

~ Make & Give Day - Tuesday, December 13 at 10:30 a.m.
Join in a morning of holiday inspired activities including a DIY craft suitable for gift-giving as well as board games, snacks, and a movie.

~ Drive-In Movies - First Fridays of the Month - 7:00 p.m. - Family Friendly
December 2 - Coco
January 6 - Soul
February 3 - The Princess Bride
March 3 - Matilda

~ Monday Night Movies in December - Mondays - 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Join us for a feature film in our meeting room! Ask at the desk for upcoming film titles.

~ Saturday Movie Matinees in January - Saturdays
Join us for a matinee movie! - Ask at the desk for movie times and titles.

~ Great Books Discussion Group - First Thursday of the Month - 10:15 a.m.
~ Short Story Discussion Group - Second Thursday of the Month - 10:15 a.m.
Join one of the longest running book groups at Elsie Quirk!

~ Quirky Readers Book Club - Third Tuesday of the Month - 10:30 a.m.
December 20 - Mango and Peppercorns - by Tung Nguyen, Katherine Manning, & Lyn Nguyen
January 17 - The Girl They Left Behind - by Roxanne Veletzos
February 21 - Officer Clemmons - by Dr. Francois S. Clemmons
March 21 - In Kiltumper, A Year in an Irish Garden - by Niall Williams with Christine Breen

~ Quirky Knitters - Thursdays - 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Bring your projects, patterns, and questions for an afternoon of knitting and crochet. All skill levels welcome.

~ Tech Help - Tech Navigators - Tuesdays 2:00-4:00 p.m. by appointment
Sign up for one-on-one technology assistance - register at the library or on the website.

Books are the plane, and the train, and the road. They are the destination and the journey. They are home.
- Anna Quindlen

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

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