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The Elsie Quirk Library's 60th Anniversary Celebration!

The First and the Best Sarasota County Public Library!

Hurricane Ian might have delayed the celebration of Elsie Quirk's 60th anniversary, but the library and the Englewood community joined together on February 11th for a day of music, food, and memories of the greatest little library in Sarasota County. The Elsie Quirk Library was founded on June 15, 1962 due to the determination of many individuals in the Englewood community who rallied around the need for a lending library. The following year, in 1963, it became the first library in the Sarasota County Public Library System. It is named after Elsie Quirk in honor of the land and funds Elsie and Wellington Quirk donated. We are so glad they did!

Ron Cutsinger, Sarasota County Commissioner and former President of the Friends, gave a moving account of the impact that the Elsie Quirk Library has had in his life.

Elsie Quirk Library Manager Zina Jayne emphasized the positive impact the library has in the Englewood community.

Renee Di Pilato, Director of Libraries and Historical Resources, spoke of the role that the Elsie Quirk Library holds in Sarasota County.

A delicious and quirky cake was enjoyed by all!

Local Historian Betty Nugent gave a delightful account of the history of the Elsie Quirk Library.

Lisa Brande and Mark Trichka of ***Vermont's Easy Street*** entertained the audience with nostalgic songs and tunes.

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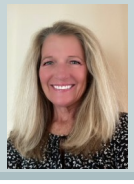

Message From the President
Becky Dubowik

Challenges Make You Stronger!

All of us have been dealing with many Challenges over the past 12 months. Restarting our lives after Covid, aftermath of Hurricane IAN – what will this mean to the Elsie Quirk Library building, Friends Bookstore, staff, volunteers, patrons, Board and financial support?

In the Spring of 2022, the Friends Bookstore began to reopen with volunteers returning post Covid. Our patrons started shopping again and soon we were finally producing income after being shut down for 2 years! Income so needed to provide free programing to our patrons.

Then September 28, 2022 came and went – Hurricane IAN left us all in shock and we saw the Challenges ahead. The Elsie Quirk Library was shut down. Bookstore closed. The Friends Reading Garden was badly damaged.

Our community, our county, library staff, volunteers and Board – all rose to the Challenge of repairing our Elsie Quirk Library property. The library reopened on November 1, 2022 – looking forward to servicing the community again.

Through all these Challenges, I am happy to report that our Friends memberships are back to levels of pre-Covid. Strong Friends makes for Strong financial support for the Elsie Quirk Library.

Challenges Overcome!

It puts a smile on my face to know you are resilient, you never give up and you strive to be the best you can be!

President, Friend, and Volunteer,

~ Becky Dubowik

MANAGER'S REPORT

Zina Jayne - Library Manager

Here at the Elsie Quirk Library, we are exuding exuberance as we plan for a fabulous Summer Learning series of programs, events, and activities for all ages. This year's theme of ***All Together Now*** is certainly appropriate to Englewood, which has proven to be a resilient community of folks who know how to come together in service to each other! It's also right up our alley at Elsie Quirk as we are conveners of community, celebrators of common ground, and warmly welcoming of one and all.

We have 9 full weeks of fun and learning planned, with each week having a specific focal point. Pick up a program of events at the library and stop in each week for surprise elements as well. In addition to this summer's abundant programs, we encourage one and all to explore our broad collection of books, movies, audios, magazines, newspapers, music, and digital resources to dive into the ***All Together Now*** theme!

Finally, please join us in welcoming new Library Assistants, Marisa Boyd and Logan Lynn. Marisa has recently moved to Englewood from Pennsylvania. She is a ceramic artist and is excited to be here in Florida and part of the Elsie Quirk team. Logan is a born-and-raised Englewoodian. He enjoys reading and classical music and is excited to work at what has been his family's local library for four generations.

~Zina Jayne

Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library Bookstore!

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

Current Specials: Collection of James Bond books in perfect condition - available Monday mornings. The Bookstore also has an excellent collection of books in German available during normal business hours.

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 Needed and Appreciated - Books, Magazines, Puzzles, CDs, DVDs
Please take all donations to the circulation desk. Thank you for your support!

Library News, Programs, and Events

Welcome Karen Clark - Our Newest Board Member!

Join us in welcoming Karen Clark, our newest Friends of the Library Board member. For the past three years, Karen has been a Master Gardener Volunteer in the Friends Golden Reading Garden. She has had a fascinating career working in education, with an executive and leadership search firm, and with screenwriters and producers, including the author of several box office favorites, such as *Top Gun*!

Welcome Sarah Anderson, Logan Lynn, and Marisa Boyd Our Newest Library Staff Members!

- My name is Sarah Anderson. I am happy to be joining the Elsie Quirk team! I am originally from Florida, but grew up and spent elementary through college in Washington state. I came back to Florida for warmer weather and to work at the theme park. I eventually began volunteering at the library and made it on staff. A decade later I am still working with the books and serving the community! As for fun facts, my favorite animal is horses and I enjoy a wide variety of musical genres.

- My name is Logan Lynn. My hometown is quaint, quiet Englewood. I love Classical music (especially Style Galant), Italian food, and Sea Turtles. I'm looking forward to working with Sarasota County again!

- My name is Marisa Boyd. I am new to Florida, originally from Pennsylvania near Philadelphia. I love making sculptures with clay, listening to podcasts, and spending time at the beach and on the water. I used to volunteer at my daughters elementary school library but this is my first time working in a library, and I really enjoy it!

Library News, Programs, and Events

Children, Tweens, & Teens

~ Little Adventures - ages 0-5
Thursday at 10:30 a.m.
Join us for Special Summer Reading Programs featuring music, stories, movement, arts, crafts, and school readiness!

~Forty Carrots/Partners in Play -ages 0-5
Mondays at 10:15 a.m.
Meet our friendly Parenting Educators and discover how play and learning go hand-in-hand. Tickets are at the youth desk.

~ Read with the Dogs - ages 3-12
June 12 - 3:30-4:30 p.m. Check with the Youth Department for additional days!
Come and read to our fuzzy friends from the Suncoast Humane Society!

~ Let's Pretend Day - ages 2-8
Wednesdays - Drop in time - 10:30-11:30
Come, explore, and play at the library! Join in the Special Summer Reading Programs!

Children, Tweens & Teens

In need of volunteer hours? The Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library is in need of a Teen Representative! Contact Becky Dubowik at 941-473-3515 for more information.

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

Friends Golden Reading Garden

After almost a year of hurricane cleanup, the Garden is lovely and blooming again! Come and enjoy this special reading spot. Interested in volunteering in the Garden? Join us for a special Fall Orientation Meeting on October 3rd at 10 a.m. in the garden. - Contact Becky Dubowik at 941-473-3515 for more information in September.

Library News, Programs, and Events

"All Together Now"
Summer Reading Program 2023
June 8 - August 5

Registration:

Download the Beanstack App or visit scgov.beanstack.org and register for the Summer Reading Challenge to earn prizes and receive a participation gift!

For a complete list and detailed descriptions of Library Summer Events, visit the Elsie Quirk Library or scgov.net/library
For more Summer Reading Children's Programs, see Youth News!

Summer Reading Program Highlights

Summer Learning Kick Off Event!
Thursday, June 8, 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m,
All Ages

Preserving Our Coral Reefs
Tuesday, June 13, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
All Ages

The Roots of Black Music in America
Tuesday, June 20, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
All Ages

Drop-In Cholesterol Screening
Monday, June 26, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Ages 18+

Didi McKay: Chair Yoga
Thursday, June 29, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Adults and Teens

Rock History for the Whole Family
Wednesday, July 5, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
All Ages

Genealogy 101: Discovering Your Roots
Wednesday July 5, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Jacob Winge: Pirates in Paradise
Saturday, July 8, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
All Ages

Mini-Golf Week
July 10 - 15, All Day
All Ages

Baila Miller Presents:
"Dale Chihuly: Glass Master Extraordinaire"
Tuesday, July 25, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Adults and Teens - Registration Required

Needle Felting with Kat Sjogren
Wednesday, July 26, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Adults and Teens - Registration Required

Let's Get Cooking with Chef Warren
Thursday, August 3, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Ages 5 - 11 - Registration Required

Indian Cuisine with Chef Warren
Thursday, August 3, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
Adults and Teens - Registration Required

Summer Learning Wrap-Up!
Saturday, August 5, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Members of the Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library
May 1, 2022 ~ April 30, 2023

To All Our Friends Members ~ Thank You!

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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 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.

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

Buy a Personalized Brick - $125
-In Memory of loved one
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-Your special words engraved
Support the Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library today!
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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