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Summertime in the Library…

Summer Learning at Elsie Quirk Library is more than just fun, it's a vital way to keep young minds active and curious while school is out. From hands-on STEM activities and creative arts to engaging story times and special events, our programs foster a lifelong love of learning. There's something for everyone, kids, teens, and adults! We hope to see you at the library this summer for exciting programs, new adventures, and plenty of reading!

Sewing fun with the Elsie Quirk Creation Station!

Katie Adams presents "How Color Came to the World; Folk Tales from Latin America"!

"Professor Universe: Found in the Stars" entertains and educates!

Summer Learning Kick-off Party with entertainment for all ages!

The very existence of libraries affords the best evidence that we may yet have hope for the future of man. ~T.S. Eliot

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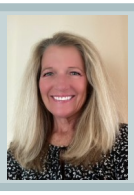


Message From the Friends President Becky Dubowik

Too HOT Outside? It is really COOL in the Library!!!

Summer is here and that means the temperature outside is steamy!!

But in the Elsie Quirk Library – you can not only COOL down but also be active in really COOL activities! And the best part of all these COOL things to do, learn and use - it is all FREE!

How can anyone beat the heat like that in Englewood? You should tell your friends and neighbors how really COOL the library is – for all ages!

Check out our FREE programs in this newsletter or pick up a schedule at the circulation desk or visit the library website!

We have some COOL ways you can support our library so we can continue FREE services for our community!

If you are wondering "What COOL opportunities can I help with?"....please continue reading!

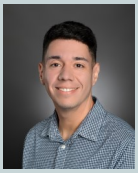
1. Visit our Elsie Quirk Friends Bookstore and buy a COOL book (or magazine, puzzle and more!) today!!! 100% of the monies generated from the bookstore stays at Elsie Quirk to provide more FREE programs and materials!

2. It is COOL to be supportive. Become a Friend of the Library member for as little as $10 per year!

3. Volunteering is COOL – share your time and talent with the community! Giving back is extremely satisfying and a great way to meet new friends! Consider volunteering with library staff, in the Friends Bookstore or be a Friends Board Member!

Show me how COOL you can be!!!!!

~ *Becky Dubowik*
~ 941-716-3953



Message from the Elsie Quirk Library Manager
Victor Otero

Wrapping Up a Vibrant Summer, Welcoming a Fresh Fall!

This summer at the library was full of discovery, creativity, and community connection. From colorful hands-on activities like Cyanotype Printing to energetic programs like Fun-To-Be-Fit, children and families came together to explore, learn, and grow. Our Summer Learning program encouraged young readers to stay curious during the break, and the response was incredible, Beanstack reading logs were filled, prize baskets emptied, and the library buzzed with excitement all season long.

As we turn the page into the fall, we're carrying that same momentum forward. Our calendar is packed with new opportunities for lifelong learners of all ages. Whether you're looking to attend a tech workshop, join a book club, or learn a new craft, there's something for everyone. We're grateful to our community for making this summer so successful and look forward to seeing you this fall at the library, where learning never ends.

~ *Victor Otero*

Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation. ~Walter Cronkite

Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library Bookstore!

Bookstore Hours:
Monday - Friday - 10:00am - 4:00pm
Saturday - 10:00am - 4:00pm

New Books Arrive Daily!

Stop by for a summertime visit and view our extensive collection of books for **adults** and **children** along with DVD's, CD's, puzzles, and magazines.

Current Specials: Visit the Bookstore for our Summer Sales!

Interested in **Cars** or **Trains**? **Sewing** and **Quilting**? We have a large collection of books specializing in these topics as well as a great collection of **Art** books, **History** books, **Fiction**, and **Non-Fiction**! Are you interested in **Gardening** in Florida or learning how to **Cook** what you grow? There is wonderful selection of **cook** books and **gardening** books!

Thinking about travelling and learning a new language? We have books to help you on your journey!

For questions or if you are looking for a special book, please call the bookstore - 941-861-1216.

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

Color Our World - Summer Learning 2025

Summer Learning Finale - July 31st
Noon - 2:00 p.m.

Come party with us at Elsie Quirk Library's Summer Send-Off Bash! Dive into a day packed with excitement, featuring a circus booth, face painting, sand art, pizza and so much more! All ages are welcome!

The health of our civilization, the depth of our awareness about the underpinnings of our culture and our concern for the future can all be tested by how well we support our libraries.
~Carl Sagan

~ Tech Navigator - all ages -
Tuesdays 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Let us help solve your problems with technology!

~ Reading Groups / Book Clubs
- older teens, adults, & seniors
Quirky Readers Book Club
- 3rd Tuesday, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Embark upon a reading journey at the library!

~ Drums of Unity - adults / seniors
Friday, June 20 - 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Join in a library drum circle and strengthen your cognitive - motor skills!

~ Cyanotype Printing - adults & seniors
-Tuesday, July 8 - 10:15-11:45 a.m.
Hands on mixed media workshop that explores the wonders of cyanotype printing!

~ Learn to Sew! - Water Bottle Holder
- teens, adults, & seniors.
Wednesday, August 20, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Join in another sewing adventure!

~ Quirky Crafters - ages 10-18
2nd Tuesday - 4:45 - 5:45 p.m.
Learn a new craft while meeting new crafty friends!

~ Quirky Knitters - all ages -
Thursdays - 1:00-300 p.m. - Bring your knitting and crocheting projects for fun and answers to your questions!

~ Quirky Mahjong - adults & seniors
1st & 4th Tuesdays - 10:30-12:30 p.m.
Join in fun, social game known for its skill, strategy, and luck!

~ Baila Miller Presents: Artistic Rivals - Willem de Kooning & Jackson Pollock
Thursday, July 24, 11:00-12:15 p.m.
-teens, adults, & seniors.

~ Hurricane Preparedness!
-older teens, adults, & seniors
Thursday, August 7, 10:30- 11:30 a.m.
Join Sarasota County Emergency Management Division to prepare for this hurricane season!

Library News, Programs, and Events

Children, Tweens, & Teens

~Forty Carrots/Partners in Play ~ages 0-5
~ **Mondays** ~ Two Sessions!
10:30 ~ 11:15 a.m. & 12:00 ~ 1:00pm
Meet our friendly Parenting Educators and discover how play and learning go hand-in-hand. Tickets are at the youth desk.

~ Let's Pretend Day! ~ ages 2-8
~ **Wednesdays** ~ **10:30-11:30 a.m.**
Come to explore and play at the library!

~ Little Adventures Story Time ~ ages 0-5
~ **Thursdays ~10:30 ~ 11:30 a.m.**
Explore stories, music, arts & crafts, and while developing school readiness!

~ ROAR! On the Road with Ringling!
~ **2nd Thursdays, ~ 11:00-12:00pm**
Through August ~ ages 1-5~ Learn about art with Ringling! Explore an art piece, read a story, and create our own art!

~ Fun to be Fit Kids! ~ ages birth ~5
~**Select Mondays & Tuesdays**
~**10:30 a.m. ~ 11:15 a.m.** ~ Enjoy an interactive child friendly exercise program!

~ Fun to be Fit BIGS ~ ages 5 ~ 12
~**Wednesday, July 23rd ~ 1:00-2:00pm**
~**10:30 a.m. ~ 11:15 a.m.** ~ Enjoy an interactive exercise program geared for BIG KIDS

~ Read with the Dogs ~ ages 3-12
2nd Mondays ~ 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Come and read to our fuzzy friends from the Suncoast Humane Society!

~ STEAM CLUB!! ~ ages 5-9
1st Wednesdays ~ 3:34~ 4:30 p.m.
~ Special STEAM activities ~ Use Art to learn about Science and Technology!

A trip to the library is like coming home and going on an adventure at the same time. ~Megan Shepherd

Teen Volunteer & Scholarship News

Congratulations to Julianna McIntyre who has received the 2025 Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library Teen Volunteer Scholarship! Julianna has volunteered at the library as both a library teen volunteer and as the Friends Board teen representative, logging more than 150+ hours. She will be attending the University of Cambridge this fall.

Thinking About College?
Are You Interested in the Elsie Quirk Library Teen Volunteer Scholarship?
For more information and applications:
Contact Sandy Perron at
SLPERRON@COMCAST.NET

Are you a teen who wants to make a difference at the library! Are you willing to share the youth / teen perspective with the Friends Board? In need of volunteer hours? The Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library is in need of a Teen Representative! This is a fun position where your opinions matter!

Welcome Marsha Billias - New Friends Board Member!

Please join us in welcoming Marsha Billias to the Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library Board! Marsha has extensive experience working with nonprofit organizations, including in administration, finance, fundraising, and volunteer coordination. She is enthusiastic about libraries, and for the past year, Marsha has been a dedicated volunteer to the Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library Bookstore. The Friends are grateful that she is willing to devote even more of her time and skills in support of the library by joining the Friends Board. Welcome!

Welcome Dr. Michele Campbell - New Friends Board Member!

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Michele Campbell to the Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library Board! Dr. Campbell has had a long career in education and a long connection to Englewood and Manasota Key. She has been a part-time resident and visitor for over 40 years, regularly visiting the Elsie Quirk Library and volunteering in the community. Dr. Campbel has served on library boards in Pennsylvania, and she will bring her many talents working with both children and adults to the Elsie Quirk Library and the Friends Board. Welcome!

New Employee Spotlight: Welcome Kit Lovelace - Elsie Quirk Library Customer Service Representative!

Hi! My name is Kit Lovelace and I am the newest Customer Service Representative here at the Elsie Quirk Library. I graduated from Lemon Bay High School in 2018 and am currently continuing my college education. My journey in libraries began in an academic setting, where I spent a year and a half learning the ins and outs of research support. For the past four years, I've worked in public libraries, gaining experience in youth services, reference, and circulation. Each role has deepened my love for libraries and the many ways they serve and connect communities. Outside of work, I'm an avid reader with a soft spot for fantasy—especially anything with a Tolkien-esque flair. I also enjoy creating digital art, getting outside for a good hike, and unwinding with video games or tabletop adventures. I'm always happy to chat about books, art, or your favorite game! I'm so excited to be here and look forward to working with everyone—and helping people find their next favorite book.

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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.

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