



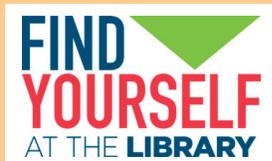
Friends

OF THE GULF GATE LIBRARY

Fall 2019 Newsletter

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President's Message

Greetings to All Friends,

I often think about how lucky I am to live in Sarasota. I appreciate all the services provided by the County to maintain and improve our quality of life here. I recognize that there are many demands that the Commissioners must address in their annual budget. That is why I am so grateful to each of the Friends of the Gulf



Maxine Solomon

Gate Library whose membership dues and generous donations allow us "to serve, support and promote the Gulf Gate Library in its programs and services and in its functions as part of the Sarasota County Public Library System." The manager, staff, and patrons of the library benefit greatly from your contributions.

I also consider myself fortunate to serve on a board with talented and dedicated individuals. The next board meeting is at 3:30 on Tuesday, November 12. All members of the Friends are welcome to attend our monthly meetings. Please come! Among other things, you will hear about plans for upcoming events like the Annual Membership Meeting and the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, as well as the Fifth Anniversary Celebration to include the official unveiling of a sculpture to tie the history of our beloved old library to the beautiful new building.

I am aware that several of you already serve on the Bookstore Committee as volunteers. There are also opportunities for you to serve on a committee like Special Events, Publicity (including Facebook and this newsletter), or Membership.

Thank you for your valuable support of our Mission!

Maxine Solomon, President, Friends of the Gulf Gate Library



Gulf Gate Library Manager's Message



Christine Aston

THE SUMMER WAS BUSY!

If you were here this past summer you already know that our Universe of Stories summer reading theme, incorporating the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, was a big hit. Patrons were encouraged to register for summer reading, filling out a reading log keeping track of how minutes they read and turning in book reviews to be posted in the library. We met our library-wide reading goal so stay tuned to see the prize!

We also hosted 87 programs for adults and an additional 3 that were for all ages with 1399 participants. Some of the highlights are listed below. Many of these programs would not have been possible without the generous support of the *Friends of the Gulf Gate Library*.

- On June 24th we hosted an all-day *Discovery Dome* program. Patrons were invited into the planetarium to view a variety of programs on the solar system.
- For the adult *Artists in the Library* program in June, Judy Levine hosted workshop showing people how to create a book of memories using collage and printing techniques.
- An avid group of adult crafters cooled off with *Christmas in July* crafts. They made ornaments out of various materials, including tree slices.
- On July 30, Baila Miller provided an informative multimedia art lecture on John James Audubon and his *Birds of America*.
- On August 9 the Ukulele band *The Hawaiian Shirts* performed a lively and fun concert to an audience of 57 patrons.
- We hosted a visit from a *NASA Ambassador* in August. About a dozen participants viewed NASA memorabilia and then helped construct a Moon habitat model.
- We also hosted several technology instruction programs in our *Learning Lab*, including 2 classes on *Hoopla*, our new-ish streaming service. Patrons learned how to log-in, search, mark favorites, download, and stream.
- The teens and tweens also enjoyed a busy summer. There were 335 teens and tweens attending a variety of programs this summer. The most popular craft program was tie-dying with 16 participants creating 24 tie-dyed shirts. Gaming was also very popular with the teens and tweens. At the gaming finale 21 tweens played games and enjoyed a pizza party. Many requests were made to continue programming through the rest of the year. Robert, the teen librarian, is exploring all options to see if we can accommodate their request.



NASA Moon Habitat Model

Again, many thanks to all of you who support the Friends of the Gulf Gate Library. Your support means that we can provide a wonderful variety of programs to our patrons.



Gulf Gate Library Youth Programs

OUR UNIVERSE OF STORIES THEMED SUMMER WAS A FANTASTIC HIT! THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER, THE GULF GATE YOUTH DEPARTMENT WAS ABLE TO HOST A VARIETY OF EVENTS THAT WERE FUN FOR PARENTS AND KIDS OF ALL AGES.

We had a wonderful line up of performers and storytellers, that included: a magician, a shadow puppeteer, a face painter, and a few different musicians. Other library run programs featured space themed movies, book clubs, and crafts, as well as, space camp, a moon landing party, and a Star Wars themed party to end the summer.



Our Space Camp allowed kids to practice their STEM skills by making galaxy slime, glittery moon rocks, and turning Oreos into the different phases of the moon. The moon landing party had families celebrating the 50th anniversary of the landing on the moon by dancing with music from a professional DJ, getting their faces painted, and having their pictures taken in an out of this world photo booth. We ended our summer with a massive Star Wars themed event, that included over 10 crafts, a costume contest, escape rooms, space snacks, and a viewing of Empire Strikes Back. All of these wonderful programs were funded

by the Friends of the Library. Each program was very appreciated by kids, caregivers, and staff.



Almost all of our summer events were well attended, including several events that had well over a hundred happy attendees. All of our events were well received and greatly enjoyed. With the support of the Friends, we were able to use the Universe of Stories theme to encourage participation in STEM activities, develop imaginations, and promote continued literacy with all ages. Without funding from the Friends of the Library, we would not have been able to provide such excellent programs this summer.



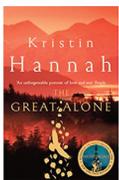
– Sheyenne Scott, Youth Librarian



2019-20 BOOK SELECTIONS FOR GULF GATE LIBRARY READERS

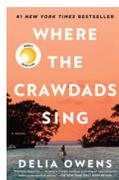
The Gulf Gate Library Readers Book Discussion Group meets the first Thursday of every month at 2:00 PM at the library. Everyone is welcome to come and join the discussion. *For more information, please call Deanie Erb at 922-6304.*

*In The Coming Months, The Following Books Will Be Discussed.
There Are Copies Of The Selected Books In The Sarasota County System.*



October 3

The Great Alone
by Kristen Hannah



November 7

Where the Crawdads Sing
by Delia Owens



December 5

Educated
by Tara Westover



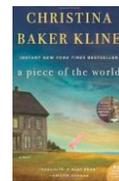
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The Radium Girls
by Kate Moore



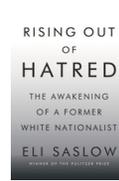
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The Storyteller's Secret
by Sejal Badani



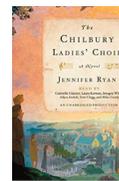
March 5

A Piece of the World
by Christina Baker Kline



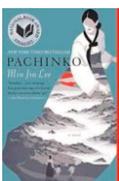
April 2

Rising Out of Hatred
by Eli Saslow



May 2

The Chilbury Ladies' Choir
by Jenifer Ryan



June 4

Pachinko
by Min Jin Lee



July 2

Home
by Toni Morrison



Help Us Celebrate Our Anniversary!



IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE, BUT IN JANUARY WE WILL CELEBRATE FIVE YEARS IN THIS BEAUTIFUL LIBRARY.

Our actual anniversary is Friday, January 24th but we will be celebrating all week starting on Tuesday, January 21st (Monday is Martin Luther King Jr. Day and the library will be closed) and continuing through Saturday, January 25th. There will be programs for all ages so please stop by in early January and pick up a program calendar. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Upcoming Adult Programs at Gulf Gate Library

- Friday, November 22nd: Baila Miller will be returning to present “Nature Photographers”
- Tuesday, December 10th: Cooking program: “Instant Pot 101”
- Thursday, January 9th: Paul Sarno will be returning to present a Southeastern Asia lecture
- February 5th: Ken Erb’s Italy:Rome/Sicily Travelogue
- February 21st: The Church of the Palms/Out-of-Door Academy Orchestral Concert

Future highlights still in the works are a continuation “Chair Yoga with Didi”, a return of The Hawaiian Shirts ukulele band, and the Asolo Play Readers.

The Friends Bookstore and Gift Shop

The Friends greatly appreciate all the items donated by our loyal patrons and we also appreciate those who purchase the items. In addition to our variety of Books, DVDs, CDs, and Audio Books, the bookstore has a Display Case which contains jewelry and small items that our patrons have donated for the Friends to sell to benefit the library. This has been a popular addition to our Bookstore. If you have jewelry or small items that you no longer want, we would appreciate the donation.

All proceeds from the Friends Bookstore and Gift Shop are given to the Gulf Gate Library to purchase items needed by the library and to fund all the programs for the youth, teens, and adults.

Visit the Friends Bookstore and help the Friends help Gulf Gate Library.





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- ◆ Library Foundation
- ◆ Hungarian American Culture Club-Legacy Tree Leaf
- ◆ Bryan Ward
- ◆ The Artists of Palmer Ranch
- ◆ David and Sharon Winkler Charitable Fund
- ◆ Edwin and Barbara Smith Trust-Legacy Tree Leaf
- ◆ Sara Griese-Legacy Tree Leaf
- ◆ Olson Family Foundation-Legacy Tree Leaf



Be A Leaf On The Legacy Tree

Dear Friends,

We are always grateful for the special people whose donations help make our library the special place it is. We wanted to acknowledge major donations with a Legacy Tree, which has now been placed in our atrium. The Legacy Tree displays brass, nickel and bronze leaves with the names of our generous donors, and as you see in the photo of a similar tree below, shows a boy and girl reading at the tree's base—a reminder of our mission of literacy and learning for all.

The Legacy Tree Donation Levels Are:

Bronze Leaves: \$250 - \$499.

Silver (nickel) Leaves: \$500 - \$999

Gold (brass) Leaves: \$ 1,000- \$19,999

Foundation Stones At The Tree's Base: \$20,000 Or More



Each leaf will be engraved with an inscription, containing up to 3 lines of type, with a total of twenty five characters or spaces per line. An inscription template is provided below. Wording on leaves may include names, dates, or a favorite quote. They may be just a name, or "in memory of" or "in honor of" a special person. If you have questions about how to word something, please call Deanie Erb at (941) 922-6304.

Please tell us on this form exactly how you would like your leaf or stone to read. You may have 3 lines of type, with a total of twenty five characters or spaces per line. Please print clearly:

If you are interested in being included on The Legacy Tree please complete the section above, and send it, with your donation check, to Friends of the Gulf Gate Library, 7112 Curtiss Ave., Sarasota, FL 34231 or drop it off at the library bookstore.

Thank you so much for being a Friends of the Library donor. Your gifts have made a difference in our community, and they will continue to do so as the library becomes an even more powerful resource for all our citizens.

*Sincerely, Deanie Erb
Vice-President of the Friends Board*

Join The Friends!



Every day the Friends of the Gulf Gate Library make a difference in the quality of the service that the Library offers – whether it be funding new print and electronic books to help meet increased demand or sponsoring guest performances and programs for patrons of all ages. With the new library opened Gulf Gate Friends need your support more than ever.

Join or Renew Membership 2019

Please join the Friends by completing this form and...

- Giving it, along with your payment, to the volunteer at the Friends bookstore, **or** –
- Mailing it, with your check, to our address shown below.
(We are longer able to accept payment through PayPal.)

I would like to join **or** renew membership:

\$20 Member \$30 Subscriber \$50 Director \$100 Underwriter

\$100 Business Sponsor \$250 Patron \$1000 Lifetime Member

Name: _____ Amount: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Make a Donation

I would like to make a memorial or a tribute:

In memory of **or** In honor of: _____

Your Name: _____ Amount: _____ Occasion: _____

Send notice of tribute to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Legacy Tree

Please send me information about purchasing a Leaf on the *Friends Legacy Tree* (\$250 to \$10,000)

displayed in the Lobby of the Gulf Gate Library by Email **or** to my above home address.

Please make checks payable to and mail to:

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Sarasota, FL 34231

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