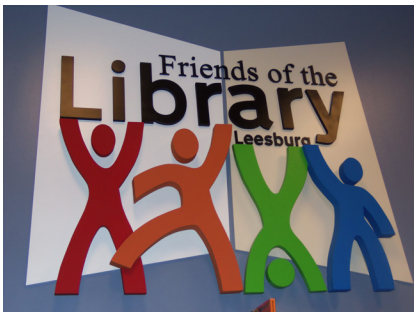


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Summer / Winter Contest 2016



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President's Message

Hello Friends,

Summer has come and gone with many activities and programs for our community. Thanks to all Volunteers, Library Staff, Friends and Board members who made Summer 2016 a success. Fall is brimming with a great slate of activities and events for our community.

It is our pleasure to serve as Co-Presidents of the Friends of the Leesburg Public Library (FLPL). We look forward to continuing the works of the many past Presidents, Board of Directors and Friends as our Library continues to be a thriving hub of community engagement. Everyone has equal opportunity to enrich their lives through the benefits of educational, entertaining, informative and thought provoking programs. We are looking forward to many good things happening at the Library and Bookstore with the continued support of the FLPL. Thank you for making the Library and Bookstore a community treasure of Leesburg.

Please continue your memberships with the Friends and encourage others to become one of us! FLPL raises funds to provide services, programs and materials for the Library that are beyond the means of the city budget; for cultural and educational enrichment of our community. Tell them they will be among Friends!

See you at the Bookstore and Library!

Debra W. Dabney

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Visit our website: <http://www.friendslpl.org>

Friends Members

Do You Know How Important You Are?

Your membership is so important in helping provide funds for the many programs our Library provides for Leesburg and the surrounding communities. Have you noticed how many varied programs are available to us? This year, with your help, the Library has been able to provide more programs than ever.

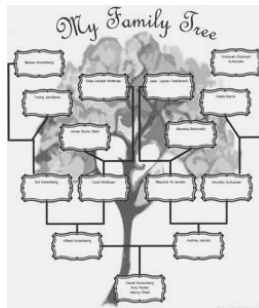
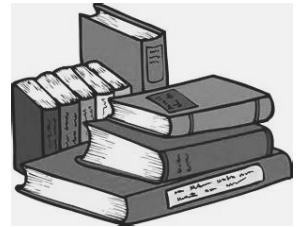
Fall is on the way, and in October we will be encouraging current members to join us again for the 2017 membership year. For all of you who haven't been a member before, we want you to think about joining us. It feels great to be able to help the Library. It isn't hard to join. You can always find a membership form on the back of the newsletter. You can also find forms in the Bookstore, at the circulation desk and upstairs on the information wall. You can choose a donation level that suits you.

Our Library staff provides so many wonderful events, we want to help them keep it all going!

Claudia Marshall

Membership Director of the Friends of the Leesburg Library

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Message from the Bookstore Manager

Greetings from the bookstore!

I hope you are all enjoying this lovely Florida summer and finding ways to stay cool. As always, the Friends of the Leesburg Bookstore is continuing to provide books, magazines and videos to our wonderful patrons, and we thank you for your support and donations.

A quick update on the store:

- We have just wrapped up our Summer Blowout Book Sale Fill-a-Bag Sale on August 1-6. For 5 days, we had customers from all over Lake County come in to fill up a bag for \$5 and/or purchase any number of our discounted books.
- Every Wednesday is still half-price day.
- We have introduced a “Recommended Reading” section to the store, as a way to highlight our collection of lesser known authors and books.
- The next book sale will be held in October, date to be determined.

Make sure to like us on Facebook, at Leesburg Library Bookstore, where you can find an update on upcoming sales and promotions at the bookstore. We also have our collection of classics and antique books posted online. Our collection includes Homer’s Odyssey (1897) and Iliad (1871). If you are interested in any, please give us a call at (352)728-9790, or send us a message at www.facebook.com/FLLibraryBookstore.

Lastly, I want to thank all of our bookstore volunteers for their hard work over this summer!

Torrie McGriff

Bookstore Manager

Highlights from the Library Director

This past year, the Friends of the Leesburg Library supported the programming of the Library with funds of \$23,000 which in large part supported the 700 programs offered by the Library, with 18,000 people attending!

In addition, funds from the Friends were used to:

- Purchase, install and program a 50” digital sign in the foyer window on Main Street, providing an electronic “window” to the daily events and upcoming events of the Library.
- Work with a local graphic artist and sign maker to create a new library logo, templates for all promotional materials, a 40” clear acrylic map of the Library for the lobby, and interior and exterior signage.
- Develop plans for an innovative learning center. Eureka! Factory of Odessa, FL worked with staff to develop a customized program to create a number of learning, or maker, spaces within the Library. The recommended plans have been delivered to Library administration, and are under review for implementation.

Lucy Gangone

Library Director

Summer Writing Contest Results

The Friends of the Leesburg Library were proud to sponsor the 4th Annual Summer Writing Contest, June 13-July 14, 2016, for students entering grades K through 12 in the Fall of 2016. A picture of this year's winners is on the cover (Pranav Gupta and Anna Shen absent). Participants chose from the following topics:

1. CHARACTER is how you live your life when no one is watching. How does this statement relate to an experience in your life?
2. My Hero and Why
3. A Conversation With _____
4. What Makes Me Special
5. Spend a day with no technology (TVs, computers, I-pads, cell phones, etc.) and write about your day.
6. Topic of your choice.

Winners:

High School: 1st Place: Olivia Robinson - awarded \$100.

2nd Place: Pranav Gupta - awarded \$75.

Middle School: 1st Place: Natalie Encrapera - awarded \$100.

2nd Place: Anna Shen - awarded \$75.

3rd Place: Kate Mehr – awarded \$50.

Elementary: 1st Place: Zoha Waheed Bajwa – awarded \$100.

2nd Place: Catalina Encrapera – awarded \$75.

The Winners Congratulatory Ceremony was held July 27 at 6 p.m. at the Library. We are grateful for the families, Library personnel and school personnel who supported the students and who were able to attend the ceremony. The Writing Contest Committee consisted of: Mary Ellen Willis, Debra Dabney, Kathy Encrapera, Melissa St. Louis-Curry, Youth Services Director, and Gale Lashua. The Committee would like to thank Tim Hocker for developing the flyer and for taking pictures at the ceremony.

Also contained in this Newsletter are interviews with the 1st Place winners of each school.

We look forward to next Summer's contest and are aiming for even more participants!

Interview with the 1st Place High School Winner in the Summer Essay Contest

By Kathy Encrapera

If you ask Olivia Robinson what her strong suit is, she would tell you that it is her drawing ability. She keeps a notebook handy, so she can make a quick sketch whenever the mood hits her. Olivia has many interests including volunteering at the Animal Rescue in Tavares and helping out at the front desk at Leesburg Hospital.

When asked what makes a good writer she felt that, in her opinion, writing about things you know and have experienced helps a lot. That was evident in her very clever essay comparing herself to Wednesday Addams of “The Addams Family” television show.

Next year Olivia will be entering Leesburg public high school after going to private school for the past several years. She is looking forward to her ninth grade year and expects to try out for sports teams and continue advancing her interest in art by taking art classes offered by the high school.

Olivia was surprised when she found out she was the winner of the Writing Contest, and she plans to encourage her brother to enter the contest next summer. According to Olivia, he is both a smart and gifted writer. We hope he does participate next year. If Olivia is an example of the talented children in the Robinson family, we cannot wait to see his offerings.

Thank you Olivia for your participation in this year’s Writing Contest. You are a very unique and interesting young lady. Looking forward to seeing what the future holds for you.

Interview with the 1st Place Elementary School Winner in the Summer Essay Contest

By Debra W. Dabney

As Glinda the Good Witch says in The Wizard of Oz, “It’s always best to start at the beginning.” So let this interview begin.

Zoha Waheed Bajwa was born in New York and moved to Leesburg with her family at the age of 2. She has matured into this astounding, captivating and clever young lady waiting to begin 4th grade at Lake Prep School, Leesburg. School is where she received the flyer about the 2016 Summer Writing Contest. The reason for entering the contest was to continue pursuing the dream of becoming a ‘well known’ author/writer. “This is the start of my career and will help me become a better writer,” she said. What a tenacious young woman already thinking about the start of her career at the age of 9! By the way Zoha has already begun writing her first novel, which she started at the beginning of this year (2016).

All of Zoha’s free time/afterschool activities evolve around the love of reading and writing, which are her favorite subjects in school along with science. But cooking can be added as a hobby. When asked what makes her laugh she said, “Her Dad tickling her and reading funny books.” There is that word reading again! This aspiring young author reads between 5-10 books a month; of which her longest was about 500 pages. She enjoys reading mysteries and all the Harry Potter novels of which some have been read more than once. So, guess who is her favorite authorJ.K. Rowling.

Zoha’s goal is to complete her first novel, continue to improve her writing skills and have fun, so that she too will be well known as an ‘Author’. We the members of the Summer Writing Contest can say we knew her at the very beginning of her career! It has been an honor and a pleasure to meet this expressive young lady. The Friends of the Leesburg Public Library wishes her success in completing that first novel and the writing of many, many more books.

Good Luck Zoha!

Interview with the 1st Place Middle School Winner in the Summer Essay Contest

By Gail Lashua

Getting to know Natalie Encrapera, this year's Middle School Writing Contest Winner, was so enjoyable! She's a poised, self-confident gal with a sense of humor. She's also very serious about everything she does, and she puts her whole heart into it.

Headed for her first year in the Tavares School System, she is excited about a new adventure. Although Natalie has many interests and hobbies, Dance is her passion (ballet, jazz, and point). She aims to perform on Broadway some day.

Another favorite hobby is Cooking. Her dad has been her primary mentor in this area, as he has had extensive experience as a chef. Interestingly, although Natalie is an avid reader and writer, Math is her favorite subject. When asked, "What do you think makes a good writer?" Natalie said the writer needs to "pull you in" right away! She reads all genres, but Science Fiction is her favorite. She enjoys books about vampires.

Natalie is determined and self-assured. Anything she puts her mind to, she will accomplish!

Congratulations, Natalie!

BOOKSTORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you can offer one or two days a month to help with the bookstore please stop by the bookstore to get an application. Volunteers generally work in 4 hour shifts. The bookstore is open Monday through Thursday from 10 am to 6pm and Saturday from 10am to 4pm. We can always use the help! It is a lot fun and a great way to meet some wonderful and interesting people.



ADULT PROGRAMS & EVENTS SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2016

The following is a highlight of the many types of programs offered at the Library. Please visit the Library website - leesburgflorida.gov – to obtain more information about each program and to determine the latest programs and dates.

English Conversation/Clase de inglés, every Monday at 10am.

Coloring & Crafting Time for Adults - The Library supplies coloring pages, crayons, markers and colored pencils. Those interested in crafting are invited to bring a project to work on, or an activity to share with the group. The program is now held the first and third Monday of the month at 6pm.

Authors at the Library *Brought to you by the Friends of the Leesburg Public Library*

Tim Dorsey: Coconut Cowboy	Saturday, September 24	1:00 pm	
Jake Vest: From Columnist & Cartoonist to Lake County Teacher	Thursday, October 6	6:00 pm	

Music at the Library *Brought to you by the Friends of the Leesburg Library*

Threshold Choir of Leesburg	Wednesday, September 28	2:00 pm	
Christ Fam Rock Concert	Saturday, October 1	2:00 pm	

Adult Culinary *Registration required.*

Roaming Gourmet Ze' Carter: Adult Pasta Academy	Thursday, September 8	11:00 am	
Gourmet Ze' Carter: One Pot Wonders	Thursday, October 13	11:00 am	

Leesburg Library Readers' Circle Evening Book Club *No registration required.*

Join us for an informal book discussion facilitated by local author and former educator Ray Moore. Adults and teens are welcome. Books are available for pickup at the second floor reference desk and can be checked out downstairs at the customer service desk.

Lifelong Learning

Time Management for Home & Work	Wednesday, September 14	2:00 pm	
Let's Pokémon Go!	Thursday, September 15	6:00 pm	
Fall Vegetable & Container Gardening	Tuesday, September 20	2:00 pm	
Facial Contouring: Make Up & Skincare Class	Wednesday, October 12	2:00 pm	

Technology

Learn how to create worksheets, use math formulas, create charts and format for printing. Learn how to download free Library eBooks and digital magazines. Find out what is the same, what is different, and what is better about Windows 10. To obtain more information about the Technology classes, please call the Library (352-728-9790), visit the Library website leesburgflorida.gov, or email librarian@leesburgflorida.gov to find out what the Library is offering in September and October.

Health & Well Being

Wheel of Wellness	Thursday, September 22	2:00 pm	
Essential Oils 101	Tuesday, September 27	2:00 pm	
Food as Medicine: Nutrition for Chronic Illness	Tuesday, October 4	11:00 am	
Self-Care Naturally	Thursday, October 6	2:00 pm	
Essential Oils: The Super Seven	Saturday, October 8	11:00 am	
Acupuncture & Natural Medicine: An Overview	Wednesday, October 19	2:00 pm	
Senior Care Resources: Understanding Your Options & Costs	Tuesday, October 25	2:00 pm	

Haunted Happenings

Bats in My Florida Backyard!	Thursday, October 13	6:00 pm	
Paranormal Investigators	Saturday, October 22	2:00 pm	
Ghosts of the Civil War	Thursday, October 27	2:00 pm	

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COPPER LEAF



Purchase a Copper leaf to help support Leesburg Public Library. This is a wonderful way to honor family members, friends or your organization.

The Copper Tree in the lobby of the Library was designed and fabricated by copper sculpture artist Bill Squires of Tavares. Each leaf has been inscribed by local calligrapher Sandra Wright with the name of each donor who contributed \$1,000 or more to the Library.

Leaves are available with a \$1,000 donation. If you are interested, please contact Lucy Gangone, Library Director, at 352-728-9791. Donations to the Friends of the Leesburg Library are tax-deductible.



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COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS

When visiting the Library, look at the bricks along the sidewalk, the tile on the amphitheater seats and the beautiful Copper Tree in the lobby. A brick, tile, or leaf is a perfect gift for someone who has everything, and it would also be a gift to the Library! Please print your information in the blocks below the way you want it to appear on the brick or tile. Spaces and punctuation count as characters. "In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of" can be used. Use one form for each brick or tile.

With a **\$100** donation you can purchase a brick to honor a loved one or a friend. Three lines of script are available on the brick.

With a **\$500** donation a 12x12 tile is available to honor family, friends, or organizations. Seven lines of script are available on the tile.

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