



FRIENDS OF THE LEESBURG LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



***Giving Thanks to Our Bookstore Patrons, Our Volunteers and
Our Membership***

And Wishing You All the Happiest of the Holidays.

Come Check Us Out

100 E. Main Street,
Leesburg, Florida

Bookstore Hours: Monday -Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and
Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Please visit our website: [HTTP://friendsLPL.org](http://friendsLPL.org)



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THE MISSION OF THE FRIENDS OF THE LEESBURG LIBRARY, INC. IS TO:

- **Maintain** an association of persons interested in libraries.
- **Focus** public attention on the library.
- **Stimulate** the use of the library's resources and services.
- **Receive** and **encourage gifts, endowments** and **bequests** to the library.
- **Support** and **cooperate** with the library in developing library services and facilities for the community.

The Board meets on the **second Tuesday** during the months of **September, November, January, March and May** and you are **encouraged to join us**.

Message from Debra Wanza Dabney, President of the Friends



“Since you get more joy out of giving joy to others, you should put a good deal of thought into the happiness that you are able to give.” - Eleanor Roosevelt

To our Friends of the Library:

WOW!! This year, 2018 is almost over.....What a Year!

As I pondered how to address you all for this newsletter certain words and phrases came to mind: **thankful, thankfulness, giving, attitudes, blessings, what am I thankful for, making a difference, getting involved, sharing, family, friends, life, death, volunteers, donors, time, gratitude, kindness, celebrate, living, love and peace.**

The Friends of the Library Board and I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to our membership for your donations, contributions and everything you have done this year and to wish you the very merriest Holiday Season and the happiest New Year!

There are many opportunities to help our Bookstore, Library, its staff and the Leesburg patronage in the upcoming new year. We are looking for Corporate Sponsors/Donors, new memberships, and additional volunteers. We are thankful to have great Friends members, but next year can be even better. It’s time to renew your memberships, so let’s get to work to make our Bookstore and Library better than it has ever been before. Let’s become the “*talk of the town*” for what we do for the community! **Be a Doer.....Step Out.....Step Up and love your public Library! Please consider making a difference to help better our community.**

I would be remised if I didn’t thank our **Board, Volunteers, Bookstore Manager** and the **Library Staff** for everything they have done in the past, currently and in the future. **My hat goes off to all of YOU.**

You are among Friends!

Always with a grateful heart,

Debra W. Dabney, President
Friends of the Leesburg Public Library



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“I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver.” - Maya Angelo

Message from Torrie McGriff, Bookstore Manager

Hello Everyone!

And just like that we are looking at the end of the year! The Leesburg Public Library Bookstore is looking forward to offering a wonderful collection of books, puzzles, magazines, DVDs, CDs, etc. With the holiday season here, we are hosting our **Seasons Reading's \$5 Fill-A-Bag Sale starting December 8th- 22nd, 2018**. This year we brought our Holiday books out in November, however there are still more than enough books, calendars and magazines available for our Fill-A-Bag sale. Follow us on  Facebook to receive early notices of our upcoming sales.

During your next visit to the Bookstore you might notice things looking a little different. In early November, we added new shelving to the Bookstore, greatly increasing the amount of storage and allowing us to display more of our books. In January, the Library and our Bookstore will be open on Fridays! The Bookstore Friday hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Library will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

As our snowbird travelers return, we would love to welcome new volunteers into our ranks and encourage you, our wonderful Friends, to stop by and fill out an application. In addition to volunteering in the Bookstore, we now offer a more flexible position working solely in the back-sorting area.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers and amazing patrons for your support and for helping our Bookstore to continue to thrive.

Happy Holidays,
Torrie McGriff
Bookstore Manager



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Bookstore Volunteer Highlights

Volunteer Recognition for the Quarter

Mary Ann Aneiro and Shirley Lowrey

Two volunteers with the Barbara Morse Bookstore, **Mary Ann Aneiro** and **Shirley Lowrey**, were recognized this past June for their hard work and valuable contributions to the success of the Bookstore. Shirley Lowrey and Maryann Aneiro share the recognition for the second quarter of 2018 because they both worked the same number of shifts.



Meet Mary Ann Aneiro, one of our busiest volunteers at the Barbara Morse Bookstore. Mary Ann was born and raised in the Bronx. She and her husband Chuck, relocated to Southern Florida in 1971, when a friend convinced them to pursue opportunities in Florida. I guess 47 years of living in Florida explains why she does not have a New York accent! They remained in Southern Florida for 32 years, retiring to Central Florida in 2003. Not content to sit at home, Mary Ann (an avid tennis player), needed to be more active so she took some golf lessons and she and a friend started a lady's softball team (in 2005)! Recently, Mary Ann has substituted cleats for cowgirl boots and now enjoys line dancing. An avid sports enthusiast, you can still find her on the tennis court in the early hours of the morning. Mary Ann has been a volunteer at the Bookstore since 2006! The Friends of the Leesburg Library are very appreciative of her many years of service in the Bookstore.



Meet Shirley Lowrey, one of our top volunteers at the Barbara Morse Bookstore. Shirley's first husband was a pastor and they lived in every state in the Midwest. They had one son of their own and adopted a brother and sister. In 2012, Shirley left Iowa and moved to New York to be closer to her older son. Shirley and Charlie married in 2013 and we are very fortunate they decided to retire to Florida! Between Charlie and Shirley, they have 6 children and 7 grandchildren. Charlie helps the community by picking up food that the church donates to local school children, so the children have food on the weekend. Shirley joined our Bookstore volunteer pool in June of 2017. Shirley is a very active retiree; she volunteers for several organizations in addition to the Bookstore. Every Monday she works in our Bookstore and every Tuesday she works with Helping Hands, a church group who does various projects for the church and

community, including The Children's Advocacy Center. On Wednesday, she helps the church feed over 25 Seniors a very healthy lunch at their Senior Center. On Thursday, she participates in Lake County Ladies Chorus. The Friends of Leesburg Library are very appreciative of her efforts to help the Bookstore.

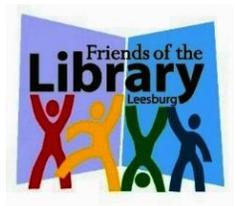
DID YOU KNOW?

- Effective January 4, 2019, the Library will have new hours. The new hours will be Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Friday & Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Leesburg Library has not been open more than five (5) days a week since 2007.
- On September 20, the Leesburg Library celebrated the occasion of the 2.5 millionth customer to visit the Library. A family of three entering the Library was treated to gifts donated by the Friends of the Leesburg Library in recognition of their status as the 2.5millionth person to enter the Library since it opened in 2007!
- The Library participated in the Leesburg Police Department's National Night Out on October 2nd at the Susan Street complex. An estimated 450 children and families stopped by to pick up promotional materials and giveaways. An additional 467 children were reached through other outreach efforts by the Youth Services department, including visits to child care centers and school literacy nights.
- Leesburg Library was a site for Early Voting for the Primary Election from August 16 to 25, with more than 2,800 people casting their votes at the Library. The Library was also a site for Early Voting for the General Election from October 22 to November 3, with 7,284 voters casting their vote here; we were the 3rd busiest site of the ten early voting sites in the County. As a result, the number of people visiting the Library in October (26,026) is a 16% increase over September, and a 5.9% increase over October of the previous year.
- We have a Veterans Memorial Park in Leesburg? All Lake, Sumter, and Marion County Veterans are invited to have their names engraved on the Memorial's walls. Residents or former residents, who have served in the military, are eligible. You must have been in the service for at least 90 days. A \$35 charge will apply for engraving. Visit the web site www.lakeveterans.com for additional information.



CANDID PHOTOS OF OUR VOLUNTEERS AND BOOKSTORE

*"May your walls know joy, may every room hold laughter, and every window open great possibility."
--Mary Anne Radmacher*



Show your pride in the Library and support the ongoing innovative services it provides. Make your impact on the Community! Invite a friend to join the Friends of the Leesburg Public Library.

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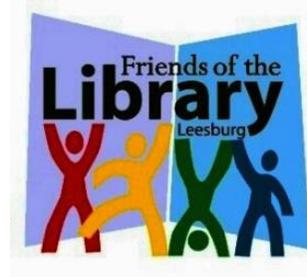
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