



LEESBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY

June 2019

## FRIENDS OF THE LEESBURG LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

**CELEBRATE THE SUMMER WITH THE FRIENDS**



**Come Check Us Out**

**100 E. Main Street,  
Leesburg, Florida**

**Bookstore Hours: Monday- Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

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



## FRIENDS OF THE LEESBURG LIBRARY BOARD

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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 W. Dabney, President of the Friends



### Farewell from the **President and Celebrate Summer with the Friends**

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

When approached and asked if I would serve as President of the Friends of the Leesburg Library, Inc., I was nervous and filled with apprehension. Many doubts and questions filled my mind. After many conversations with self and several restless nights, I decided to jump in and commit to the fullest extent possible. The driving factor behind my decision was what this Library represents to the community. What better organization to become affiliated with than the Friends?

As I make my exit as president of the Friends of the Leesburg Library, Inc., the quote from Maya Angelou could not ring truer for me. The past two years on the board have been nothing short of fulfilling. I went in with the intention to not only “make a difference”, but to become a better community member by giving in any and every way I could while further advocating/advancing the mission of this wonderful organization. I was able to understand that to be truly successful, all parts of the organization are mutually valuable, and all must work together in a balanced and cohesive way to accomplish its longevity. We all come from varying walks of life, and this contributes to the uniqueness of how we view the world and how and why we choose to make an impact. I truly believe that deep down, most individuals want to make the world a better place. We think and ponder about the condition it was in when we entered it

*President's Message continued:*

and say it can be better. Those thoughts are my motivation to work, give, and make a difference.

As I move forward serving on the board of directors it is my desire to do more, be more, and serve more. My duty of giving what you can, how you can, and when you can, will resonate with me always.

Thank you all for your support, insights, and help you have provided me. Please, please continue to support the Friends of the Leesburg Library, Inc. More than two-thirds of Americans agree that Libraries are important because they improve the quality of life in a community, promote literacy and reading, and provide many people with a chance to succeed.

Come to the Leesburg Public Library!! It is an exciting place to be this summer and throughout the year! Its programs are informative, lively, and entertaining and best of all they are for all ages.

See you on Main Street!

You are among Friends!

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



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## Message from the Barbara Morse Bookstore

We are delighted to announce the hiring of our new Bookstore Manager, Cynthia Sharp. Cynthia started with us on May 17, although she has been a volunteer in the Bookstore for several months. She has a BA from (SUNY) Binghamton University, NY. She has worked with books in some capacity since 1986; she opened and managed a used and rare book shop for five years, trained as a book editor and now currently runs a publishing company (Sea Hill Press) in Leesburg with her husband Greg. The Friends are very excited to have someone with her knowledge. This is only a part-time position, only 12 hours a week, so we still rely very much on our wonderful volunteers.

The Friends have opened another Free Little Library that is located outside of the Leesburg Resource Center at 1041 CR 468 in Leesburg. It will contain a variety of books for all ages, including adults. It will include magazines as well.

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

Jane Marston  
Acting Bookstore Manager



[www.facebook.com/FriendsoftheLibraryBookstore](http://www.facebook.com/FriendsoftheLibraryBookstore)

## Bookstore Volunteer Highlights

### Volunteer Recognition for the Quarter

**Kathy Encrapera** was recognized by the Friends for her contributions to the Bookstore during the fourth quarter of 2018. Kathy was recognized because she worked the greatest number of hours during the quarter. This dedication



by Kathy is invaluable to the Barbara Morse Bookstore. The Bookstore relies on over 40 volunteers to fill a minimum of 96 shifts each month! Kathy has been a volunteer with the Barbara Morse Bookstore for approximately 8 years and is a former member of the Friends Board of Directors. She is Mistress of Ceremonies for a variety show being held at her community and is always interested in auditioning at the local live theaters in Lake County. We are so fortunate to have Kathy, especially since she is such an active member

of her community. Born and raised in Southwestern Pennsylvania, Kathy and her husband Tom, retired to Florida in 2009 to be near their children and grandchildren. The Friends of the Leesburg Library are very appreciative of all the time she devotes to the Bookstore.



## DID YOU KNOW?

- The Friends are known for their strong support of the youth programming here at the library. The most visible and familiar youth program is the annual Summer Reading Program for ages 0-18. A lesser known project that the Friends support is the *New Card? New Book! Program* that operates year-round. When the State funding for giveaway books was cut last year, the Friends group responded by approving a lump sum to support this program. Every baby, child or teen who receives a new Leesburg Public Library card is given a coupon for a free book that is redeemed in the Youth Services Department. The coupon is exchanged for a free new book! The young patron chooses one from several books offered that are selected with the patron's reading level and interests in mind. The *New Card? New Book!* books are chosen by the Youth Librarian so there is a variety of reading levels and interests ranging from baby board books to teen fiction. The books are always received with delight and gratitude as gifts from the Friends of the Leesburg Library. What a great way to start a first ever library card holder off on their lifelong reading journey!
- In case you missed it in our last publication, please be aware that the Library and the Barbara Morse Bookstore have new hours. The Library's new hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Friday & Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Bookstore is now open Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



## DID YOU KNOW?

The beautiful basket was sponsored by the Friends of Leesburg Library, Inc. The Friends have purchased furniture, equipment, and helped add to the library's décor, making it a comfortable and welcoming place to visit. The Friends also underwrites additions to the book and media collection, library staff enrichment, programs for the young and mature, along with sponsoring library events.!

We raised \$385 in just 3 short weeks!!

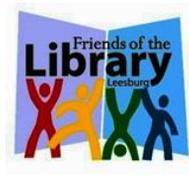
***Watch for our next basket raffle in the Fall!***



**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***



# THINKING ABOUT VOLUNTEERING?

The Friends of the Leesburg Library need

**YOU**

to Volunteer to work in the

**Bookstore.**

**PICK UP AN APPLICATION IN THE FRIENDS'  
BOOKSTORE**

**OR**

**GO to [WWW.FRIENDSLPL.ORG](http://WWW.FRIENDSLPL.ORG) and download an  
application.**

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 work in 3 hour shifts. It is a lot fun and a great way to meet some wonderful and interesting people

# Bookstore Donation Guidelines

## ***We accept certain materials within specified limits:***

Hardcover and paperback books in good condition.  
Commercially published media (CDs, DVDs, VHS, Audio Books)  
Current and recent editions of magazines (3 months or newer)  
Puzzles/Board Games  
Textbooks (less than 5 years old)  
New Coloring books/crossword puzzles/word searches.

## ***We accept certain materials within specified limits:***

Medical and financial advice books (less than 5 years old).  
Travel guidebooks (less than 5 years old).  
Computer manuals (less than 5 years old).  
Historical or National Geographic Magazines.  
Maps or Artwork.

## ***We do not accept:***

Damaged books with broken bindings, missing pages, soiled, musty, moldy, with smoke or water damage, or with excessive writing in the text.  
Clearly outdated materials (Magazines/Textbooks).  
Encyclopedias.  
Workbooks or study guides that are partially or wholly filled in.  
Homemade copies of any type of media or commercial software.  
Free Magazines.  
Magazines older than 3 months.  
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