



## FRIENDS OF THE LEESBURG LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

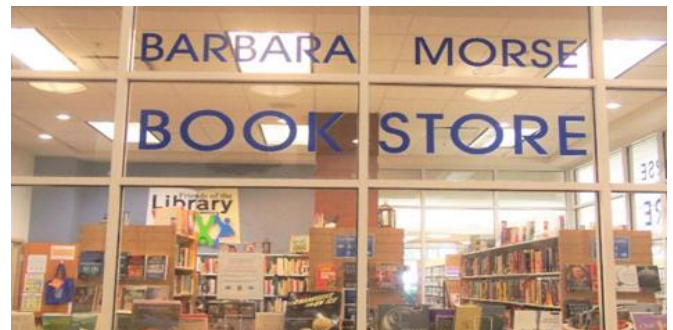
**Barbara Morse Bookstore Hours: Monday- Friday 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

### Message from Jane Marston, President of the Friends

The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on our community was upsetting to say the least. It left so many of us feeling powerless. The six-month closing of the bookstore from mid-March 2020 through August 2020 would have been a disaster, but we were saved by receiving a large grant from Lake County which enabled us to meet our obligations to both the Leesburg Library and the Lake community. The reaction from our bookstore customers was so positive when we reopened last September. Unfortunately, we had to cut the store hours in half and eliminate Saturdays because we only had 22 volunteers available to work in the store.

However, the Board did have some positive results during the 2020-21 Fiscal year.

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*Message from the Barbara Morse Bookstore. Hours are Monday thru Friday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.*

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS IN THE BOOKSTORE. STOP IN AND PICK UP AN APPLICATION. THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO MEET NEW PEOPLE WHILE HELPING THE COMMUNITY!!



**Message From The President, continued.**

- Membership dollars increased by approximately 10%! We can all give Debra Dabney a pat on the back for that accomplishment.
- Our Online book sales continue to do well. How else would we be able to sell a cookbook for \$50.00?!? Of course, Kevin Beach is the primary reason for the success of the online sales. Fortunately, we have an accounting wizard (Lynette Stevens) that can fathom the Amazon charge backs. Kudos to Kevin and Lynette.
- AmazonSmile. Time will tell, but I believe we will reap rewards from this as more and more people become aware of it.

My term as President ends this coming September, but I plan to remain involved with the Friends and with the bookstore.

Jane R. Marston

Visit us at [HTTP://friendslpl.org](http://friendslpl.org) or contact us at [info@friendslpl.org](mailto:info@friendslpl.org)

**FRIENDS OF THE LEESBURG LIBRARY  
BOARD of DIRECTORS and OFFICERS AS  
OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2021**

President: Kevin Beach  
Vice President: Lori Koechlein  
Secretary: Fran Gawlinski  
Treasurer: Lynette Stevens

Board Members: Bernie Hebrock, Debra W. Dabney, Jane Marston, Bonnie McKonly, Jackie Mierswa, Ardie Miller, Maggi Phillips, Julie Sligh and Lynette Stevens. Library Director, Lucy Gangone.

**Fundraising Events Planned**

**Watch for it!** We are getting a **QUILT** ready to raffle at the library. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Leesburg Library, Inc. – a non-profit organization whose



mission is to support programs and enhancements at the Leesburg Public Library.

**SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2021!**



*A Toast to Friends & Fashion.* The Friends are planning a champagne brunch and fashion show fundraiser. The location will be the Venetian Center at Venetian Gardens. Tickets are \$35.00 and non-refundable. *To purchase a ticket call or text Jane Marston at 860-823-0571 or email the friends at [info@friendslpl.org](mailto:info@friendslpl.org).*

## ***Tax Deductible Donations***

Donations to the Friends of the Leesburg Library are tax-deductible. The next time that you visit 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! You can honor family, friends or an organization by purchasing:

1. A copper leaf. Leaves are available with a \$1,000 donation.
2. A 12x12 inch tile. The tile is available with a **\$500** donation and includes up to seven lines of script.
3. A brick to honor a loved one or a friend. Is available for a \$100. Donation and includes up to 3 lines of script.
4. A membership to the Friends for a friend or family member.



To find out more about any of the above, contact us by writing to The

Friends of Leesburg library, 100 East Main St., Leesburg, FL 34748 or by email to [info@friendslpl.org](mailto:info@friendslpl.org).



Thank you for your support!



To find out about the upcoming virtual programs at the library, visit the library's web site for more information:

[www.leesburgflorida.gov/library](http://www.leesburgflorida.gov/library)



*Books give a soul*

*To the universe,*

*Wings to the mind,*

*Flight to the Imagination*

*And life to everything.*

*Thank you for being a member of the Friends!*

[www.leesburgflorida.gov/library](http://www.leesburgflorida.gov/library)

<http://friendsLPL.org>



Friends Facebook page: Friends of theLibraryBookstore

# TRIBUTES

Finding a perfect gift can be challenging at any time, but more so during the Pandemic. We would like to offer you another way to make a tribute for a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, etc.) or in memoriam. A gift to the Friends of the Leesburg Library, Inc. is one way to honor or remember a special person in your life. If you wish to make a onetime contribution to honor or in memory of an individual, complete the form on this page, detach it and drop it off with your check to the Leesburg Library. Your donation may also be mailed to: Friends of the Leesburg Library, 100 East Main St., Leesburg, FL. 34748. 34748.

We will post your contribution and memoriam in our newsletter, Web site (<http://friendsLPL.org> and on Facebook ([Friends of the Library Bookstore](#)).

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. DETACH AND INCLUDE WITH YOUR TRIBUTE DONATION**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Enclosed is a contribution in the amount of** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Circle one:** In Memory of / In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

(optional) Occasion: \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes** \_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_ I wish to have this posted in the Friends Newsletter, Website and Facebook.

**Send acknowledgement to:**

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