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L.E.A.P. MAKES PROGRESS

Friends of the Library continues its sponsorship of L.E.A.P. [Library Electronic Assistance Program] at Naples Regional Branch Library, Immokalee Branch Library, Vanderbilt Beach Branch Library, Golden Gate Branch Library, Headquarters Branch Library, South Regional Branch Library, and Marco Island Branch Library. Student interns, at least sixteen years old, will continue to be sponsored by FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY during this academic year to give Library patrons learning opportunities regarding emerging technologies.

Each applicant for the positions has filled out a form, on-line, at the L.E.A.P. page of the Collier County Library web site. A Letter of Recommendation from a Guidance Counselor or similar representative was submitted, testing was done, and students were then interviewed by members of the L.E.A.P. committee. After training by Library staff, interns will be available for up to ten hours each week to work with interested patrons.

It is expected these skilled students will focus on explaining computers and electronic devices. Elements of current and up-to-date communications such as setting up e-mail accounts as well as social media like Facebook and Twitter will be covered. The most modern and latest programs available through Collier County Library such as OverDrive (finding downloadable e-books and audio books) and Zinio (finding magazines for any reading device) will also be offered.

Wearing white T-shirts with a bold six inch high question mark on the front saying "Ask me," student interns are easy to spot. Their enjoyment of the task is illustrated on the back of the shirt with a large, colorful image of young people, leaping up-in-the-air, waving their arms with enthusiasm. Quite a sight!

SANDY LINNEMAN, Editor

FRIENDS BOOK CLUBS

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Bonita Springs)
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THE COUNTRY CLUB OF NAPLES 8:30 am
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2015 NON-FICTION LECTURE SERIES

JANUARY 12, 2015

Ron Powers not only received a Pulitzer Prize for journalism as a columnist for the *Chicago Sun-Times* but is also the recipient of an Emmy for his work at *CBS News Sunday Morning*. Drawing inspiration from his hometown of Hannibal, MO, he examines small town life. His comprehensive biography of Mark Twain was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award. *Flags of Our Fathers*, which Powers coauthored with James Bradley, was on the *NY Times* best seller list and was made into a movie which premiered in 2006.

FEBRUARY 2, 2015

Lawrence Goldstone, who writes fiction as well as nonfiction, says he is drawn to moments in history. His works, including those involving the U.S. Constitution, are written for general audiences so as to de-mystify historical topics. The very captivating *Birdmen* tells the story of the rivalry between the Wright brothers and Glenn Curtiss to dominate the aviation industry. His debut novel *Rights* is the winner of the New American Writing Award.

FEBRUARY 16, 2015

David O. Stewart was inspired by his law practice to become a writer. *The Summer of 1787*, which examines the U.S. Constitution, was a *Washington Post* bestseller and the winner of the Washington Writing Award for Best Book in 2007. Intrigued by Aaron Burr, he wrote *American Emperor: Aaron Burr's Challenge to Jefferson's America*, which examines the treason trial of the former Vice President. His first novel *The Lincoln Deception* was labeled "an impressive debut novel" by *Publisher's Weekly*.

APRIL 13, 2015

Walter Kirn, the author of eight books and one e-book, is a graduate of both Princeton and Oxford Universities. His very popular novels *Up in the Air* and *Thumbsucker* were made into feature films. Most recently he published *Blood Will Out* which chronicles the incredible story of the author's association with imposter Clark Rockefeller, a psychopath and a murderer. "A chill went through me," said Kirn when he realized this man whom he had known for over ten years was wanted in a gruesome murder. He admits he had been completely fooled.

CALLING ALL BOOK CLUBS

If you would like to have a FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY Board Member attend a meeting of your Book Club, please let us know. Day of the week, place and time are needed

FOL BOOK CLUB BEAT

Selecting books to read and then discuss, remains vital to the success of a Book Club. While there is a 'how-to' element, a 'best-seller' approach, a 'next in a series' suggestion, a 'famous writer's recommendation' aspect, or a...'what my friends had to say about a book' revelation..... the choices are endless!

Each process has validity, especially if suggestions have the possibility animated discussions will result. But, the pattern is secondary to selecting books which interest most of the Club. Involving everyone is desirable because it ensures participation.

'Best Sellers' have great appeal as well as a large audience. There is a reason why John Grisham, Anne Tyler, Barbara Kingsolver, and Ian McKewn have a long list of popular books. They are well written and have universal popularity.

It is comforting to followers of mystery series writers such as Robert B. Parker, David Baldacci, and Patricia Cornwell when another novel with easily recognizable main characters and a nail-biting plot are published. Authors, at times, write new books which fill in gaps in a previous novel. Marilynne Robinson's highly acclaimed new novel, *LILA*, takes place long before *GILEAD* which had first introduced her characters. Another narrative, *HOME*, took place during the same time period, creating a recognizable community from the additional characters.

Writers who have become household names (James Patterson, Janet Evanovich, and Sue Monk Kidd) when interviewed about books which were an influence, are resources for new titles to consider. Their personal responses are enjoyable; giving insights into their own work at the same time.

Acclaim is another reason for selection. *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn and *UNBROKEN* by Laura Hillenbrand have been talked about, have had author interviews published, and now have had movies made based on their work. Most people are effusive about their work.

But, considering an author who is a challenge can also be rewarding. Sometimes, an academically revered writer is recommended but can be very difficult to decipher. Thomas Pynchon, receiving accolades since his first books were published in the sixties, has been the subject of many advanced college classes. An advantage of reading *BLEEDING EDGE*, would be working with others to discuss and understand the material; reputed to be some of the best writing of the century.

And, it even is possible to agree to include a work by a new author and discover an unknown who exceeds expectations. It might seem as if it is a perilous journey, but could end, happily, with everyone being pleased. Sometimes, it is worth pursuing the uncharted. Consider it!

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