

Friends of the Library



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Poinciana Friends of the Library, Buenaventura Lakes Friends of the Library

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Support Your Local Friends Group

Friends of the Library Groups Add Value to Library Programs

You may have been to a Friends of the Library book sale and seen the nice ladies telling you to buy more books because it helps the library. But do you really know what value the Friends adds to your local library branch? Funds raised from these sales are funneled back into your library in a number of ways.

In the past the Friends have donated money for the purchase of books shelves, children's rugs, and TVs for the teen rooms. Every year they help fund the Fan Faire and the Summer Reading Program. And most recently they provided the children's program with STEM equipment including a 3D printer.

The Friends also help fund specific programs, like the Chef Caterson event and the Introduction to Sign Language classes. Events like these provide an opportunity for patrons to expand their knowledge in ways they didn't think possible. This is the value that libraries add to our community, and the Friends help them do that.

The Friends need support to continue their mission. The purchase of a membership is one way to show these volunteers you support the work they do.



Book Sales

Poinciana
First Wed of Month
No Sale June/July
10 am - 12 pm

Nov. 30, Dec. 1
9 am to 3 pm

BVL
Sept. 14, 15
12 pm to 5 pm, 9 am to 3 pm

St. Cloud
July 5, 6, 7
12 pm to 8 pm, 9 am to 3 pm,
9 am to 3 pm

Hart
August 9, 10, 11
10 am to 3 pm

Sorting All Sorts of Books In the Sorting Rooms

The Friends of the Library are busy all year long performing one unique task: sorting books. From library discards to community donations, there is seemingly no end to the books that need to be sorted in time for the Friends of the Library book sales.

Fortunately the Osceola County Library System has given space at two of their branches to the Friends for this job. Located at St. Cloud and Hart, these Sorting Rooms have become a second home for some of the most loyal volunteers.

“Sorting through the boxes is like a treasure hunt,” Joan Touzin, president of the group, said. “We recently found some from the early 1900’s.”

Sorting is done at least once a week at each location, but this depends on the amount of books donated. The Friends of the Library could always use additional volunteers to help sort books. If you want to join this treasure hunt, email libraryfriendsosceola.com.



Hart



St. Cloud



Volunteer Spotlight: Barb Shuman

Barb Shuman, involved with the Friends of the Library in Osceola County for over 15 years, is one of their most dedicated volunteers. She is currently president of the St. Cloud Friends and vice president of the Osceola group. She can usually be found at her second home in a sorting room putting the books in order for books sales. “I love books and I want to share that,” Shuman said.

A retired high school history teacher, Shuman put her love of books and history together to start a Florida Collection. Curating books from the sorting room and using Friends’ funds, she put together a selection of Florida history books and books by Florida authors that can be checked out at the St. Cloud branch.

“We are lucky to have her knowledge and dedication,” Joan Touzin, president of OCFOL, said.

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Mission Statement

*To Build a Partnership with the
Library and the Community
Through Literacy*