

Check this Out

A bright and breezy update
for our awesome library community

Friends of the Library Ponte Vedra Beach ~ WINTER 2025-2026 Newsletter



LOOKING FOR A HOLIDAY GIFT IDEA?

Looking for a
meaningful
holiday gift?

Consider
giving an FOL
membership to
someone who
loves the
Library as much
as you do!
It's a thoughtful
way to celebrate
someone special
while supporting
the library that
brings our
community
together.



Friends of the Library (FOL) 2026 Membership Campaign is Well Underway!

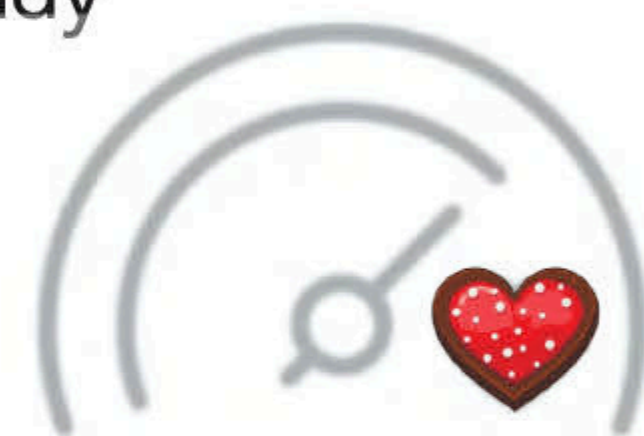


A heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers and early-responder members who helped launch this year's campaign with energy and enthusiasm! Your commitment has set the pace as we work toward our goal of achieving 100% membership renewals by December 31, 2025.



We're making great progress — as of November 9th, we've already reached 53% of our goal! Let's keep the momentum going!!!

WHY RENEW or JOIN?



See Your Support in Action

Flip through the pages of this newsletter and count how many times you spot the phrase "Sponsored by the FOL" or "thanks to the FOL" on the programs and events that our incredible Library staff executes all year long. Each of them represents your membership dollars at work— supporting programs for all ages, new materials and equipment and the exciting renovation of the Children's Library. Even this quarterly newsletter is sponsored by the FOL, with members receiving a subscription with early access.

Shop, Save, and Support at Seymour's Bookstore

When you're next in Seymour's Bookstore, remember that the FOL operates this community gem with over 40 volunteers offering quality donated books and media at below-market prices. Every purchase directly supports the Library. Plus, FOL members enjoy early access to our popular Lobby Book Sales ~ both the preview and the final-day clearance events!

Celebrate With Us!

Current 2026 members will receive an exclusive invitation to the *"Golden Dreams Celebration"* ~ our **Members-Only Annual Event on February 28, 2026**. Save the Date! Step into a fantastical evening filled with delicious food, live music, whimsical décor, and warm fellowship as we celebrate another remarkable year together.

Renewing or Joining is Quick and Easy!

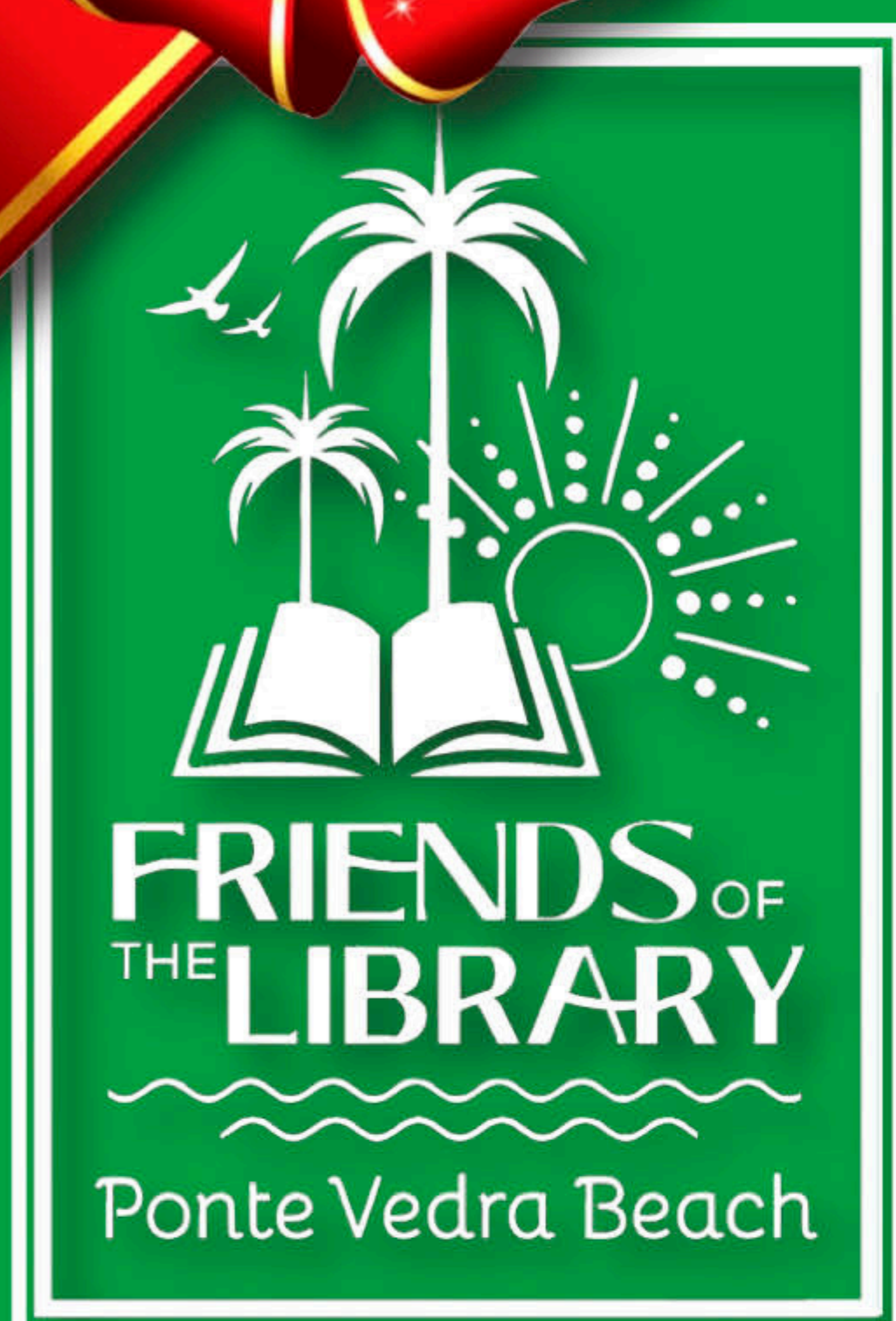
Online: Visit <https://folpvbfl.org/annual-membership> to renew or join through Zeffy, our secure, fee-free online platform.

By Regular US Mail or Drop-Off at Library: Complete your membership form (sent to all current members) and return it with payment (checks payable to FOLPVB) using the black mailbox to the right of Seymour's entrance. New members can pick up a blank form and self-addressed envelope in the same location.

Questions? Email us anytime at membership@folpvbfl.org

Your membership truly makes a lasting difference ~ helping the Friends of the Library keep our community learning, growing, and connected.





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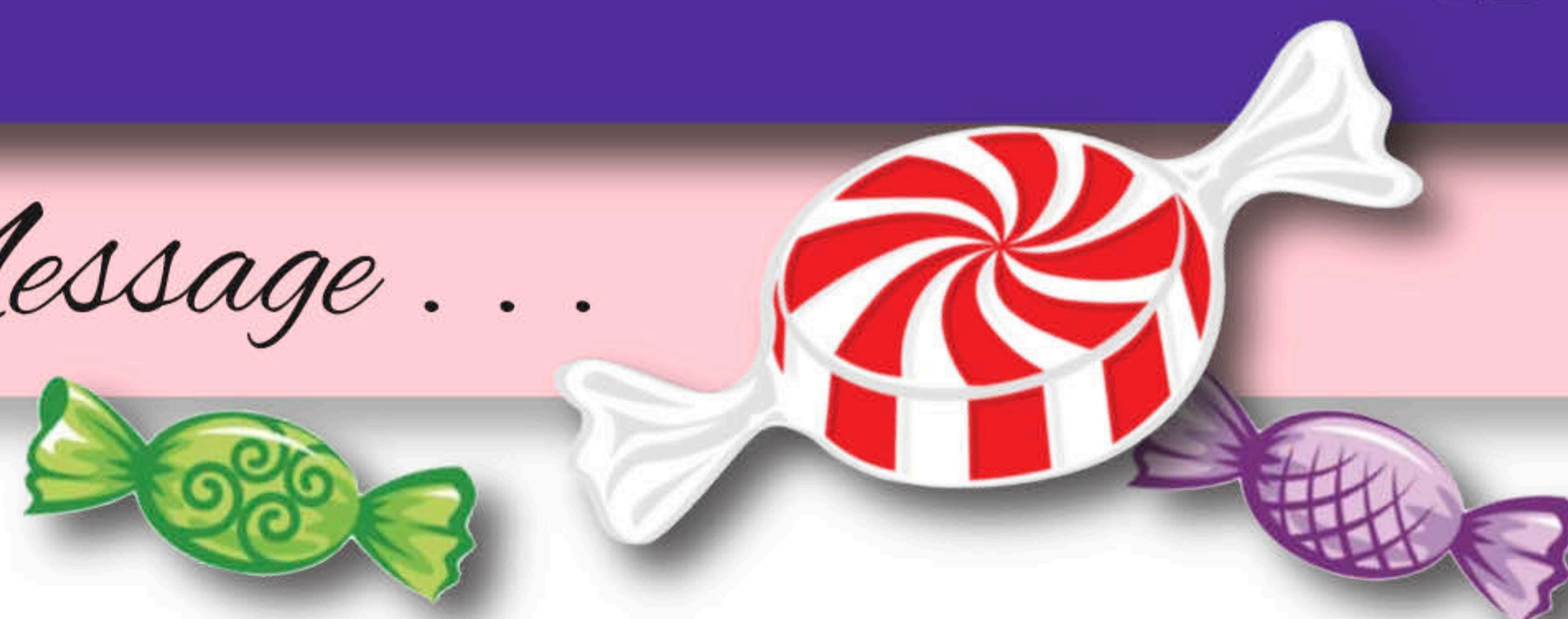
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The President's Message . . .



Dear Friends,

Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year! As we look ahead, 2026 promises to be an especially exciting year ~~ the long-awaited renovation of our **Children's Library** is finally about to begin!

After more than two years of planning, the project officially launches in **January 2026**. During construction, the Children's collection and programs will temporarily move to the **FOL Room**, ensuring that young readers can continue to borrow books and enjoy library activities without significant interruption. Once completed, this vibrant new space will be unveiled to the community ~~ a bright, welcoming place designed for exploration, imagination, and discovery. We'll also be refreshing the carpeting in the FOL Room to complement the new look.

This year also marks a personal milestone for me, as I complete my final term as President. It has been a privilege to serve alongside such dedicated board members and volunteers. I will be passing the reins to **Mary Gebhart**, whose creativity and energy have already made a lasting mark. As our Membership Chair, Mary helped launch our new logo and branding with **Laura Chenore**, giving the Friends a fresh, modern look across our **website, newsletter, and communications**. She also streamlined the online membership and donation process, making it easier than ever to support the library.

While Laura is stepping down from the board, we're grateful she'll continue serving on committees. Her design eye, technical know-how, and can-do spirit have elevated everything we do. As I like to say~~ there's nothing Laura can't do; if she doesn't know how, she figures it out!

We're also saying goodbye to two long-time board members who have given so much of themselves to our organization and the community. **Jan Bialka**, a board member for over 20 years and twice our President, also chaired our Arts Program for a decade, bringing in fascinating speakers and hands-on presentations. Her beautiful paintings grace our Art Wall every year. **Jan Crewson**, who has served for four years as Library Support Chair, has been a tireless advocate for our librarians, coordinating program funding that is sponsored by our Friends group and ensuring we always got the best deals for our purchases.

Finally, please save the date for our Annual Meeting on **February 28, 2026**. We promise an evening that's even more fun and inspiring than last year's — and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate milestones, friendships, and the exciting year ahead!



With heartfelt thanks,

Leslie Kleiman





Kim Odom,
Branch Manager,
Ponte Vedra Beach
Library

❄️ PVB MANAGER'S REFLECTIONS

A Year to Remember ~~~~~ and a Bright Future Ahead

As we close the books on a tremendous year of service, we extend our heartfelt thanks for your continued support of this wonderful community library. It's amazing to think we hosted more than 40 events and activities every month! We extend our heartfelt thanks for your continued support of this wonderful community library.

I can still hear the giggles of babies during story time, see the smiles of parents nearby, and tap my toes remembering the joyful performances in the Dr. Gerson Yessin Music Series. Teens explored, created, and learned together; young readers built LEGO masterpieces and marveled at the wonders of our planetarium. Friendships blossomed in painting classes and crafting circles, while the stories shared through our Speaker's Series inspired and uplifted us all.

You may have noticed a few changes this year, too~ added new resources and services, welcomed new staff, and even added some fresh furnishings. And the best is yet to come! Thanks to the vision and generosity of our Friends of the Library and the wider community, we're about to begin an exciting new chapter: the renovation of our Children's Room. Construction begins this winter, so please pardon our dust while we create a brighter space for our youngest readers. During this time, children's books will still be available in the reimagined FOL Community Room, and we'll continue a modified program schedule both on site and around the community.

Thank you
for being
part of
our story
.....
we can't
wait to
see you
in the
New Year!

As the year winds down, we invite you to share the gift of "library love" with your friends and family. In addition to renewing your Friends membership, encourage someone new to join, or surprise a loved one with a gift of membership. And don't forget to stop by and use your library card ~ whether to discover a cozy winter read, try a new holiday recipe, or find tools to help with your New Year's goals. If you prefer reading on the go, our Libby app makes borrowing digital titles easier than ever.

WINTER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Ring in the holidays

Chef Warren treats us to Stressless Holiday Entertaining on Monday, December 1 ❄️

Make one to keep and one to give at our DIY Ornament workshop on Wednesday, December 10 ❄️

Celebrate the magic of the Irish at an Irish Dance performance on Saturday, December 13 ❄️

Cozy up at the Polar Express Pajama Storytime on Monday, December 15 ❄️

Dive into our Immense World at one of our St. Johns Reads programs

Learn about the Atlantic Right Whale with a marine biologist on Thursday, December 4 ❄️

Animal Tales teaches about Animal Senses on Thursday, January 15 ❄️

Explore *Scales and Tales* with St. Johns County Naturalist on Tuesday, January 27 ❄️

Get fiscally fit in the new year

Attend a Financial Wellness Wednesday program on the 4th Wednesday, January – March ❄️

Join the Coffee & Crime and chat with Sheriff Officers about Fraud on Tuesday, December 9 ❄️

Gain some peace of mind at the Wills and Advanced Directives program on Wednesday, February 18 ❄️

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Thanksgiving	November 26-28, 2025
Christmas	December 24-26, 2025
New Year's	January 1-2, 2026
Martin Luther King Jr Day	January 19, 2026
Presidents' Day	February 16, 2026



A FRESH CHAPTER FOR THE NEW YEAR: HOW BOOKS LIFT US UP!



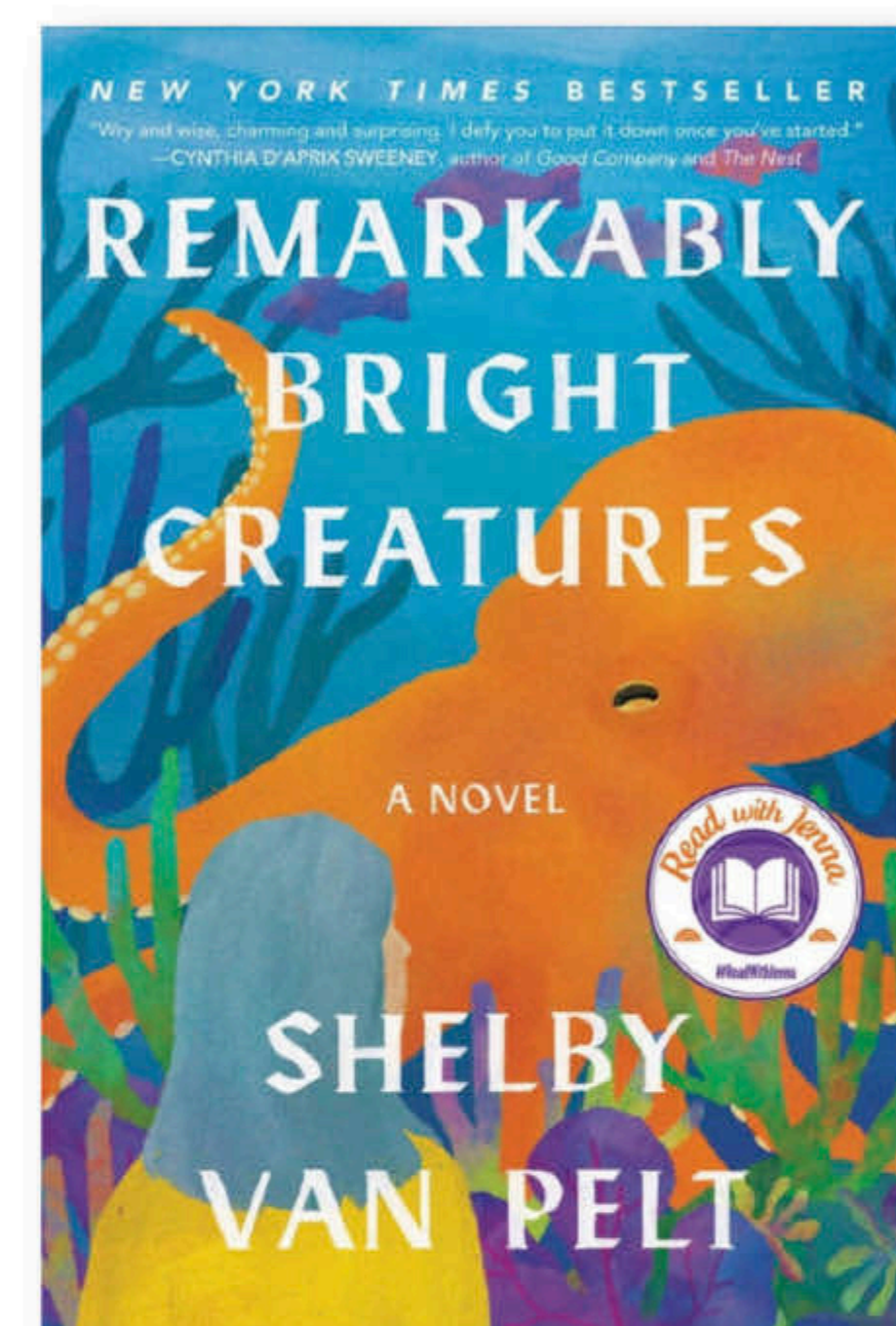
It's that time of year again ~
when we clear the clutter, set new
intentions, and dream about
fresh starts. It's also the perfect
time to turn to books for

INSPIRATION

Books have a wonderful way of nudging us toward self-discovery, renewal, and a brighter outlook ~ often without us even realizing it. The most uplifting books aren't always the ones labeled self-help. Sometimes, it's a story, a character, or even a single line that stays with us and changes how we see the world.



Earlier this year, I read Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt ~ a story about friendship, grief, and the unexpected connections that heal us. I never thought I could feel so deeply for an octopus, but Marcellus (the remarkably bright creature himself) reminded me how wisdom and empathy can come from the most surprising places. That book made me pause, reflect, and appreciate the quiet power of friendship and forgiveness.



As we open this New Year, think about the books that have lifted you. Maybe it was a novel that reminded you to slow down, a memoir that gave you courage, or even a lighthearted read that helped you laugh when you needed it most. Each book has the potential to shift our perspective ~ to help us see beauty where we hadn't before, or to imagine new possibilities for ourselves.



Whatever you choose, may your next read bring a sense of hope, joy, or maybe even a gentle push toward something new. After all, every book we open has the power to change a small corner of our lives ~ and that's a pretty wonderful way to begin the year.

GIFTS OF BOOKS THAT INSPIRE BETTER LIVING

So, why not start 2026 with a book that uplifts you? Here are a few staff and librarian favorites that would be perfect Holiday gifts to spark your next great read.

The Midnight Library by Matt Haig ~ A moving reminder that every choice creates a new story.

The Fringe Hours by Jessica Turner ~ Little moments can restore you and fuel your purpose.

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus ~ A witty, empowering story about challenging expectations.

The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse by Charlie Mackesy ~ Simple words, beautiful truths.

Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt ~ Heartfelt and full of unexpected wisdom.

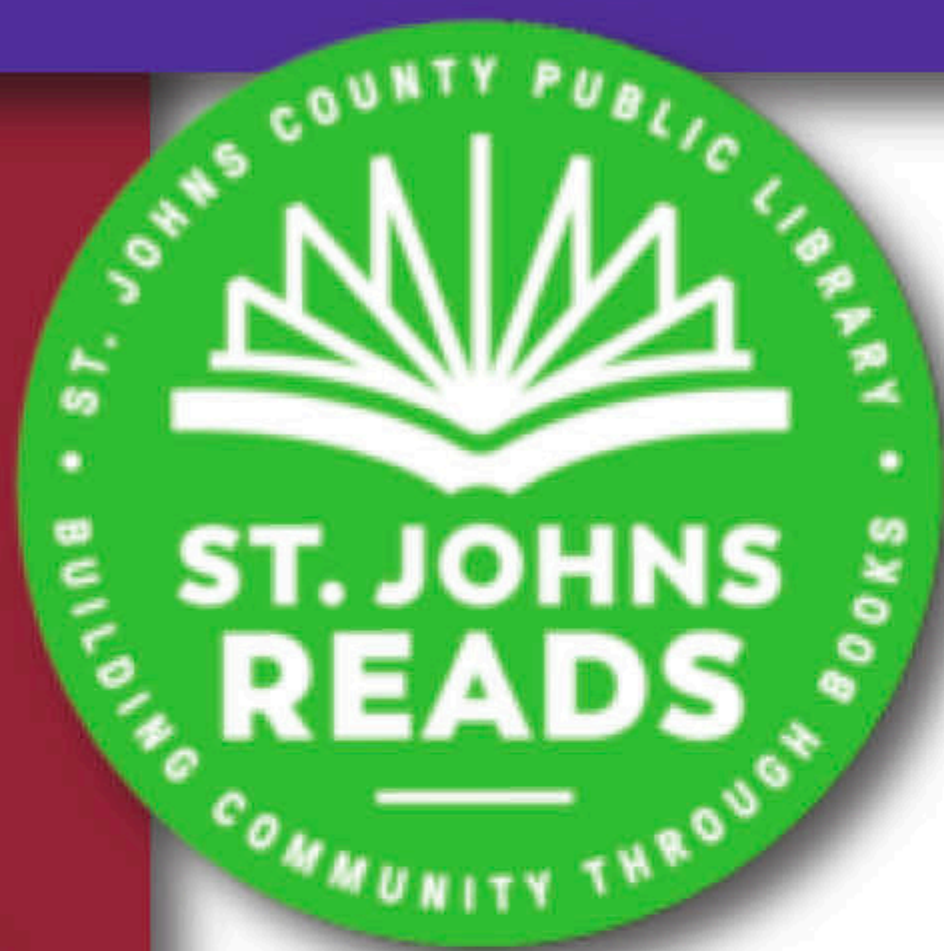
Affirm My Power by Phoebe Garnsworthy ~ Shape your inner world through daily intention.

Die With Zero by Bill Perkins ~ Don't hoard life's opportunities - invest in experiences now.

Still Life by Sarah Winman ~ About art, love, and finding beauty in unlikely moments.

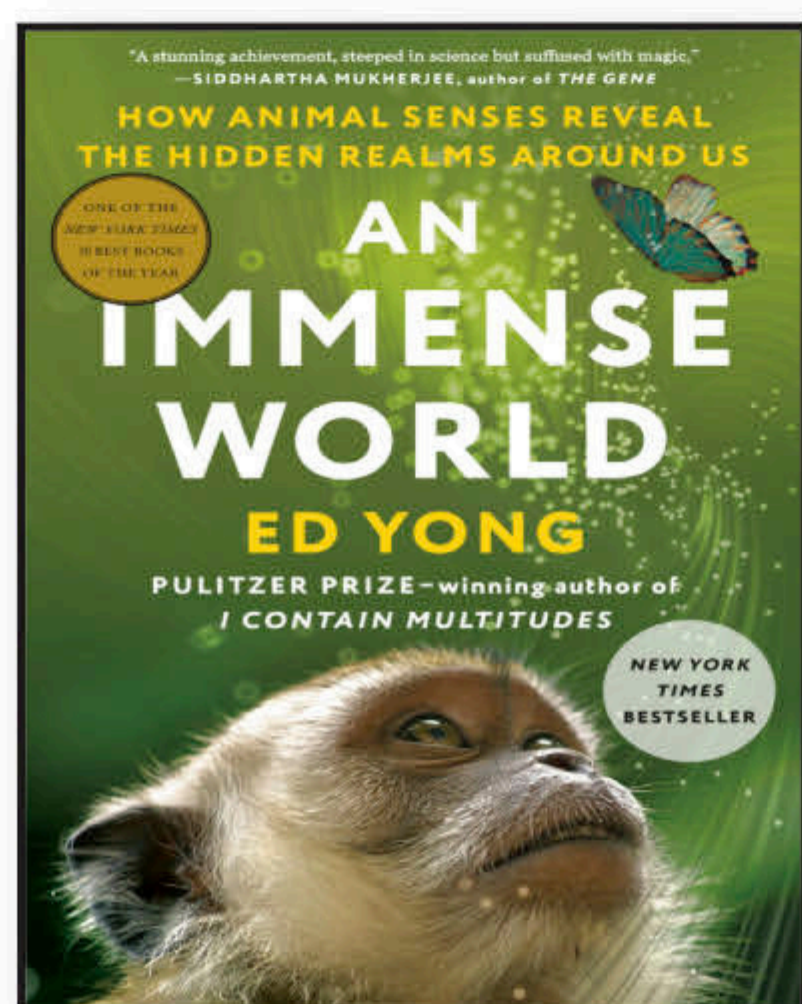


At a Glance . . . Library News



St. Johns Reads is proudly supported by the Friends of the Library groups throughout St. Johns County.

Don't miss St. Johns Reads, the St. Johns County Public Library System's annual One Book, One Community Event focused on creating a shared conversation on a selected novel. Now in its 22nd year, St. Johns Reads 2026 features programs and discussions inspired by the book *An Immense World* by Ed Yong.



Discover how animals experience the world in ways both familiar and astonishing, and join in the many community events inspired by the book. Learn more about St. Johns Reads 2026, including book discussions and special programs, at

www.sjcpls.org/st-johns-reads.



INTRODUCING **kanopy** STREAMING VIDEOS

The St. Johns County Public Library System is excited to offer free access to Kanopy, a premier streaming service featuring thousands of movies, documentaries, and independent films.

With your library card, you can explore an ever-growing collection that includes an assortment of themed "Plus Packs" such as:

- ~ Easy Watching
- ~ Favorites
- ~ US & British Cinema and TV
- ~ US Series Episodic



Kanopy can be streamed on smart TVs, tablets and phones, so start streaming today ~~ all at no cost! Visit kanopy.com/en/sjcpls and log in with your library card.



New Meeting Room Registration System

On November 1, 2025 the library launched a new online meeting room reservation system. This system will make it easier than ever for you to check availability, review room details, and request reservations. Here's what you need to know:



- You can search by room or by date to find what works best.
- Each room listing includes photos, capacity, and available equipment.
- Reservations can be requested up to six months in advance.
- Requests will be reviewed by branch staff, who will approve or deny as appropriate.
- To make a reservation, you will need an active County Resident or Paid Non-Resident library card.
- You will no longer need to complete a paper application~~ the entire process will be digital.



~~ LIBRARY OF THINGS CONTINUES TO GROW ~~

Did you know you can borrow more than books at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library? The Library of Things is a growing collection of unique, hands-on items available to check out for free with an active County Resident or Paid Non-Resident library card.

Here are just a few of the "Things" you can borrow:

Birdwatching Backpacks - Provided by the St. Johns Regional Audubon, each pack includes binoculars and a birding guide— perfect for exploring Florida's feathered friends.



*Mobile Hotspots ~~ Stay connected on the go!
Ideal for travel or areas without reliable internet access.*

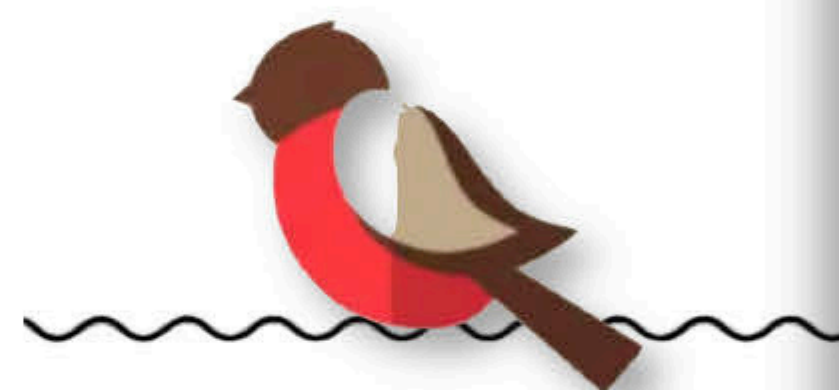


EnChroma Glasses ~~ Specially engineered lenses that help those with color blindness experience a wider range of colors many of us take for granted.

*Memory Masters Kits ~~ Designed for individuals with memory-related challenges, these kits encourage creativity, conversation, and cognitive engagement.
Funded by a NEFLIN Innovation Project Award.*



*And there's more on the way!
Ukuleles and Book Club Bags are coming soon.*



Discover your next new Thing to borrow - from birdwatching to music-making, the Library of Things continues to grow-- opening doors to discovery one "Thing" at a time. Stop by and see what new adventures await you!

<https://sjcpls.librarycalendar.com>

Pardon Our Dust! Programming Changes for January ~ May

The next time you visit the library, you may notice some exciting changes taking place! Thanks to a generous donation from the Friends of the Library (FOL), the Children's Room is undergoing a major renovation. From mid-December through June, the FOL Community Room will be unavailable for programs. But don't worry ~~ library programming continues! Our creative staff have arranged alternative locations for many of your favorite events:

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Storytimes:

Nocatee Community Center and the Brown Family YMCA

Book Club:

Christ Church

Special Programs:

Bird Island Park

Amphitheater

Please check the library's calendar of events for updated locations and times, and peek in during your visit to see the renovation progress!

BOOKS AT THE BEACH/BEACH READS



If you've visited Mickler's Landing in the last few months you might have seen a new PVB Little Free Library (LFL). The LFL is a community library that is regularly stocked by library staff with donations from Seymour's Bookstore. Beachgoers can take a book to enjoy under the sun. This project is a partnership between the library, the Minton Foundation, St. Johns County Beach Services, the Friends of the Library, and Seymour's Bookstore.



YOUTH SERVICES EVENT HIGHLIGHTS >>

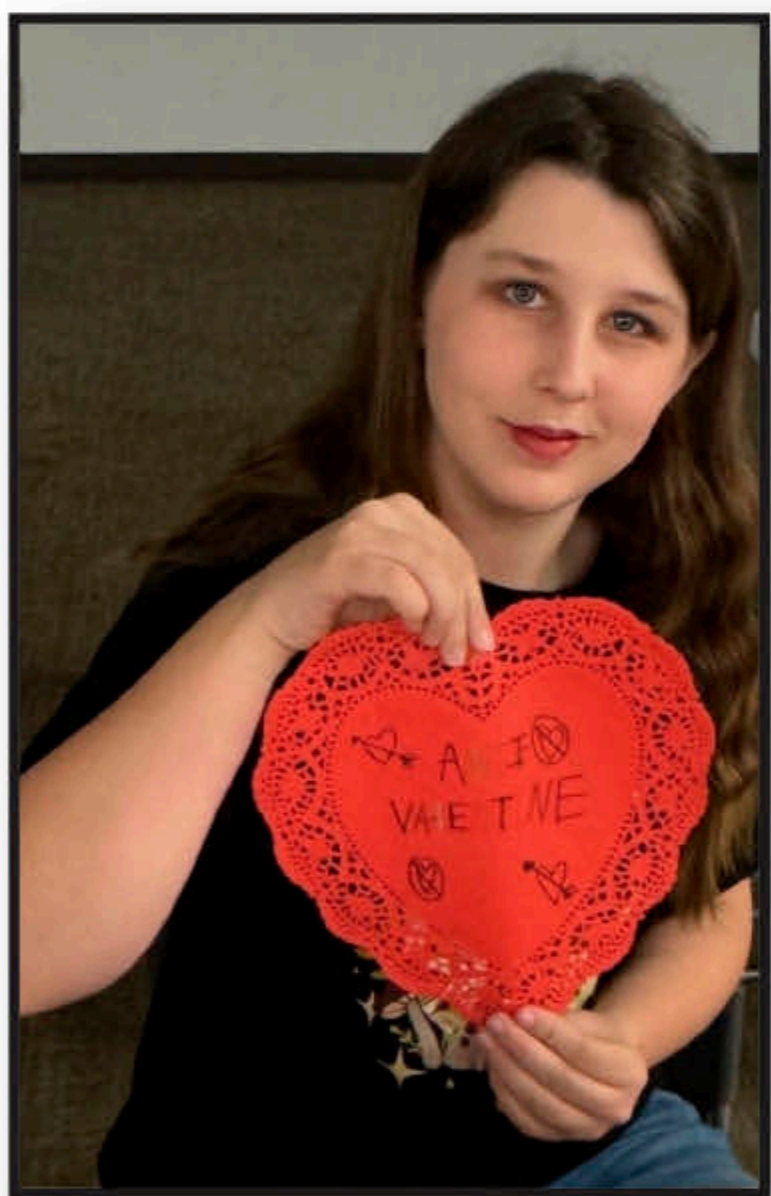
As we ring in the New Year, you'll start to see some exciting activity in the library — especially in the Children's Department! The children's collection and programs are temporarily moving into the FOL Community Room to make way for a full renovation of the Children's area.



**Big
Changes
Coming
Soon**



This project has been in the works for over a year, starting with community surveys and a dedicated planning committee. Now, it's finally becoming reality! While space may feel a little tighter for a while, our team is committed to keeping things running smoothly. You'll still find many of your favorite books and programs right here at the library, along with the same friendly faces ready to help.



We're also grateful to our community partners — the Nocatee Community Center and the Brown Family YMCA — for opening their doors to host our family and baby storytimes during construction.



It's going to be an exciting year of transformation, and we can't wait to welcome you into a bright new Children's Library when the project is complete!



These are just a few
of the fun activities we did this year and we'll continue the fun in 2026!

BEHIND THE SHELVES

Every day at Seymour's Bookstore, a new team of volunteers brings energy, warmth, and dedication to our customers. They keep the shelves stocked, help visitors find just-the-right book through the Book Search, and greet our youngest patrons asking them what the "magic" word is prior to their pulling out a special lollipop from the lollipop basket. And the children respond

May I have a lollipop, Please?



MEET DIANNE

Dianne began volunteering after years of bringing her children to the library and admiring the bookstore and the volunteers.

"I always looked longingly at the store, thinking how fortunate the volunteers were. Years later, after my kids went to college, I finally asked what list I needed to be on to be considered ~~ and while it wasn't a real hug, it felt like one. I've been working there ever since!"

When asked what she loves most about Seymour's, Dianne says,

"I would have said the books or treasures that come through, or the feeling of giving back to the community—but honestly, it's the people!"

She believes strongly in the store's impact:

"Everyone who comes in knows each donated book or purchase goes right back to the local community. Every penny is proudly spent creating new spaces or experiences for them and their children."



Dianne shared that supporting the library is important to Ponte Vedra Beach. "Libraries are more than old books," she said. "They're a place where everyone can experience history, learn new skills, gain knowledge about current events, and connect with the community. We should all support the library system because literacy is the greatest gift one can have – it's the key to everything in life."

Her message to anyone considering volunteering? **"DO IT!"** It's easy, fun, and very flexible. If you love books, you won't regret it!"

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TUESDAY's at SEYMOUR's

This issue highlights the Tuesday team, who keep things running smoothly in four two-hour shifts from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Be sure to say hello to Dianne, Gail, Christine, and John, the next time you stop by.

Dianne and Gail volunteer in back-to-back time slots on Tuesdays

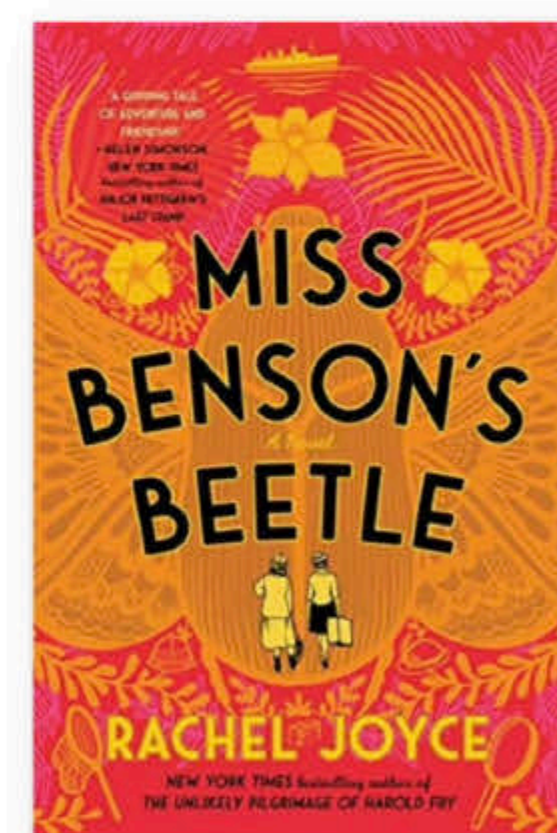
MEET GAIL

Gail's journey to Seymour's started quite by chance. One day, she came in to visit a friend who was volunteering. They began chatting with another volunteer, and before she knew it, her friend turned to her and said, "Would you like to have my shift?" Just like that, Gail took over the desk ~~ and has been a smiling fixture at Seymour's for the past **22 years**.

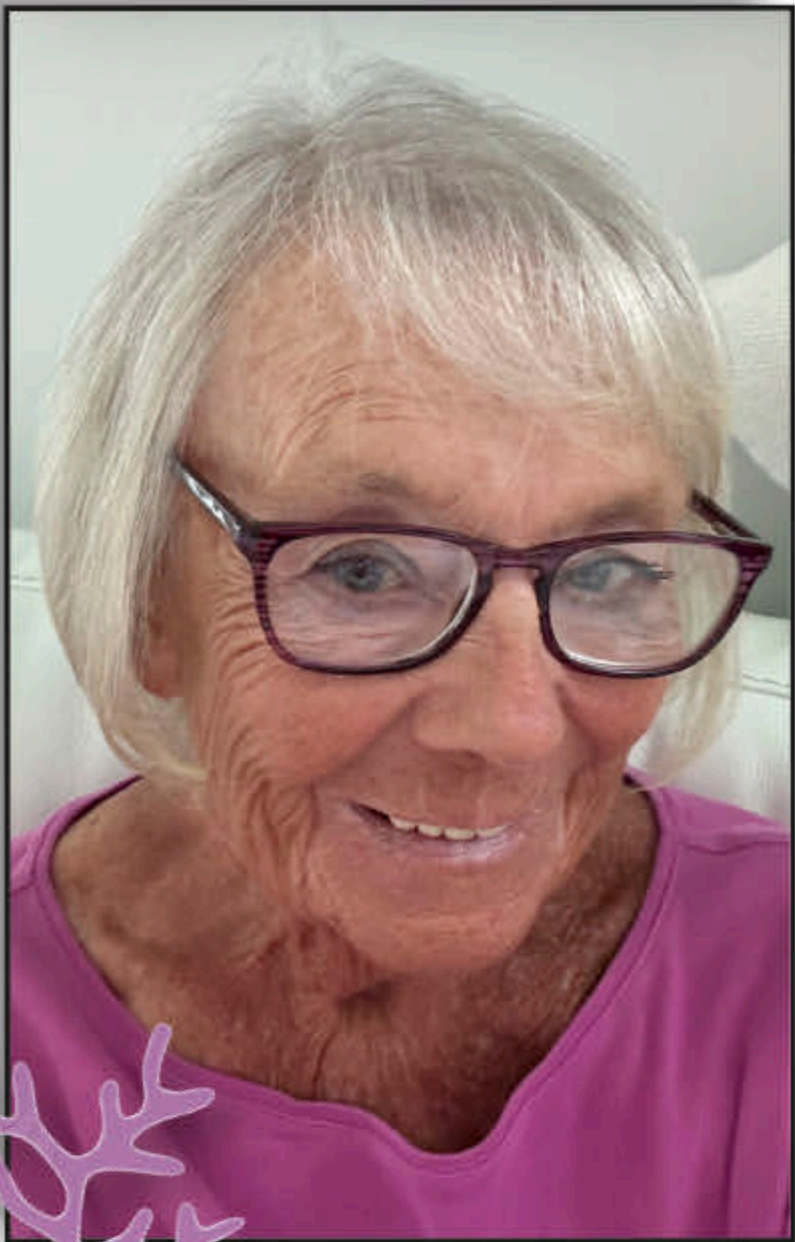
Sadly, Gail will soon be moving away, and her friendly face will be greatly missed. Her favorite part of volunteering? "The people ~~ the customers who come in and the staff. I love to watch the kids come in and light up when they choose a lollipop, especially if they find one with the black mark on the stick!" (The black mark means they get a choice of a bookworm bookmark or \$1 off any children's book in the store.)

Right now, Gail is reading **Miss Benson's Beetle** by Rachel Joyce, and she counts Lisa Jewell among her favorite authors.

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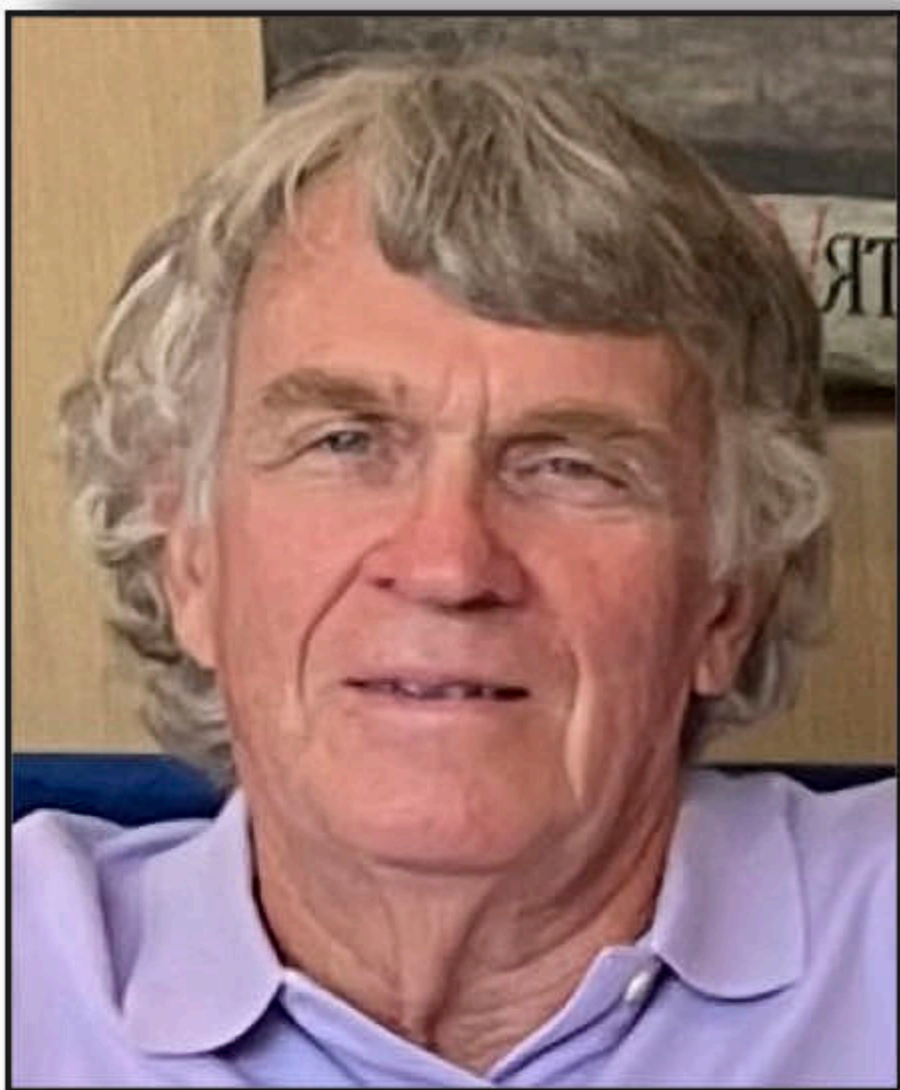


BEHIND THE SHELVES CONTINUED



MEET
CHRISTINE

Two other valued members of the Tuesday team, Christine and John, round out this dedicated group. Whether they're organizing new arrivals, helping a customer track down a favorite title, or sharing a smile with visitors, their quiet commitment helps keep Seymour's welcoming and well-run every week. If our visitor can't find the book they are looking for, we log their request in our Search Book and will give them a call when the book comes in. Christine has been volunteering at Seymour's since 2017, subs a lot for other volunteers, and always keeps the popular puzzle section in order. She said, "I love working there and I think Seymour's Bookstore is such a great and valuable asset to the community." John has been volunteering at Seymour's for 4 years and his favorite thing to do is to call folks that have books on hold to remind them to pick them up.



MEET
JOHN



Bad Dog Mama Rocks the House!



Bad Dog Mama drew an enthusiastic crowd at the recent session of the Dr. Gerson Yessin Music Series. The performance was a hit, earning rave reviews from attendees. As FOL Secretary Estes Carns summed it up perfectly:

"They were great!"

 *Bad Dog Mama and
Estes Carns (in the middle)*



There's Music in the Air!

The Friends of the Library are delighted to announce receipt of a Jack Page Project Grant from the EMMA Concert Association. This generous grant will fund *ukuleles* for library patrons to checkout as part of the St Johns County Library System's growing **Library of Things** collection. The instruments wil soon be available at a few of the libraries in our system, including the Ponte Vedra Beach branch. FOL Board Member Jan Crewson accepted the grant check from EMMA representative Tommy Bledsoe during their October 11 concert.

Amazing

By Marianne Stein,
FOL Board



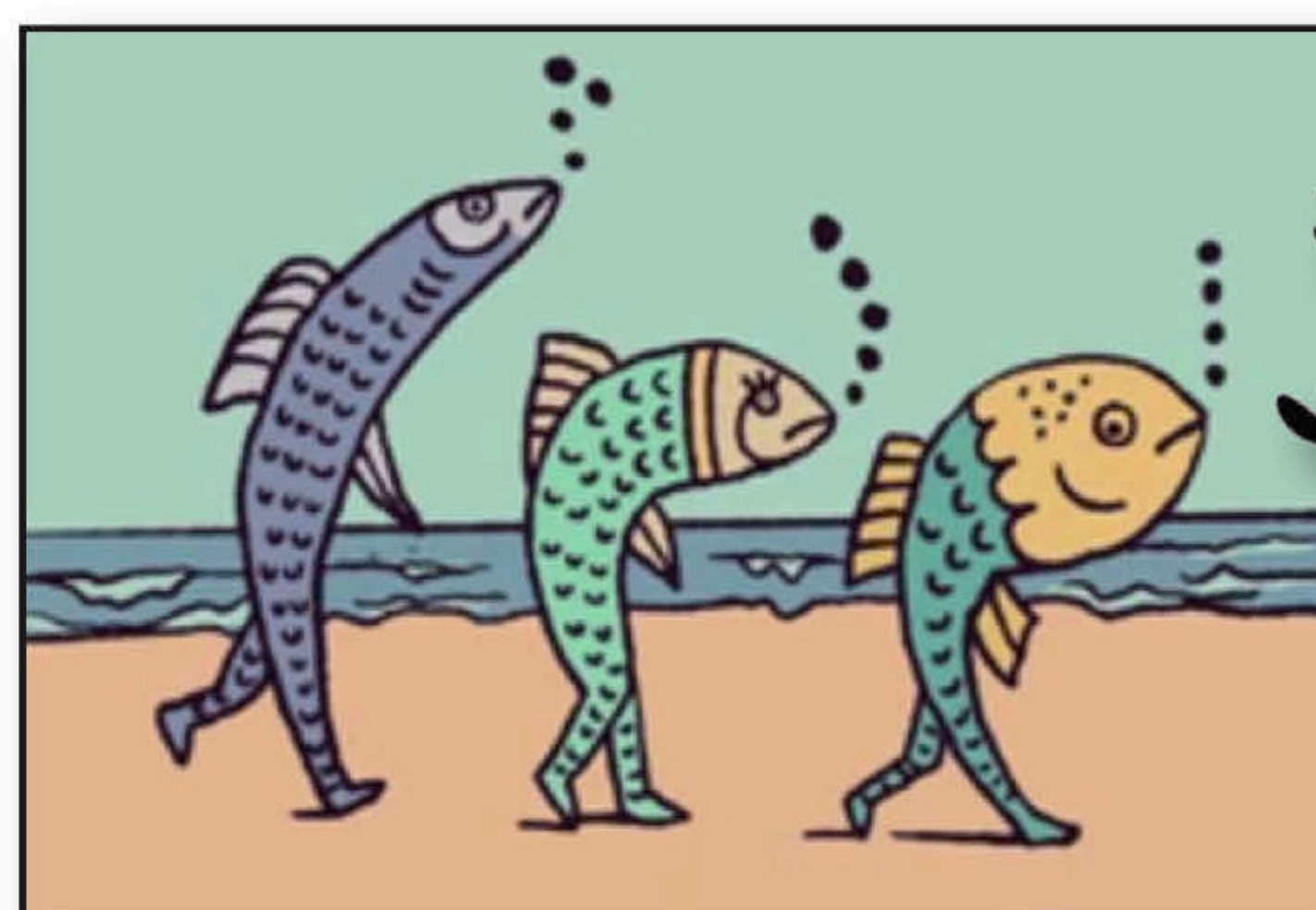
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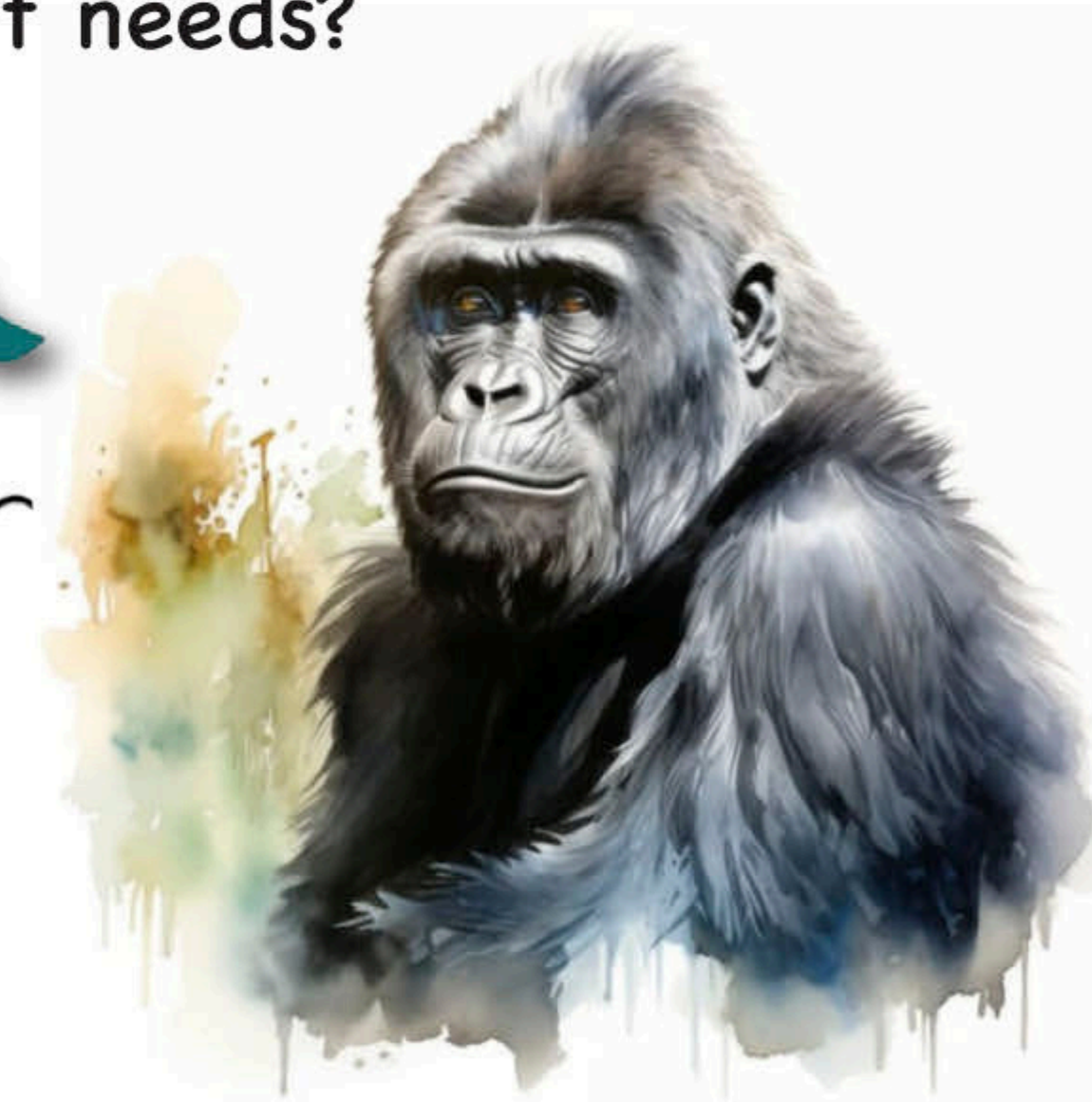
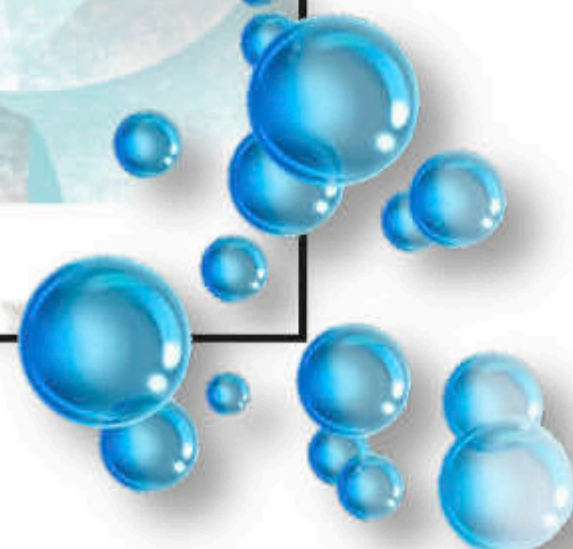
Have you ever stopped to think about the incredible things animals can do? Nature is full of fascinating creatures that leap, climb, sing, and even communicate in ways that amaze us. Here are a few wonderful books from our library that shine a light on their talents



In [Flying Frogs and Walking Fish](#) by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page (ages 4-9), readers meet a spider that can leap 50 times its body length, a lemur that vaults gracefully from tree to tree, and even a crab that shimmies up a palm tree. Each page reveals how inventive and adaptable animals can be in the wild.



For a closer look at how animals are like us, check out [Humanimals: Incredible Ways Animals Are Just Like Us](#) by Christopher Lloyd (ages 8-14). You'll discover that animals express emotions such as anger, affection, and love ~ and that they communicate using distinct sounds and signals. Did you know sperm whales use up to 21 different messages? Or that chickens have unique calls for different needs?



Curious about animal intelligence? [Intelligent Animals](#) by Camilla de la Bedoyere (ages 8-15) explores how animals use tools, work together, and rely on family. You'll learn how whales create "bubble nets" to catch fish, coyotes howl to coordinate hunts, and gorillas grunt to stay in touch.



All animals rely on their senses and instincts to understand the world ~~ but some do so in truly extraordinary ways.



Want to learn more? Visit the [595 Section](#) of our library and discover these amazing books and others that celebrate the wonders of the animal kingdom.

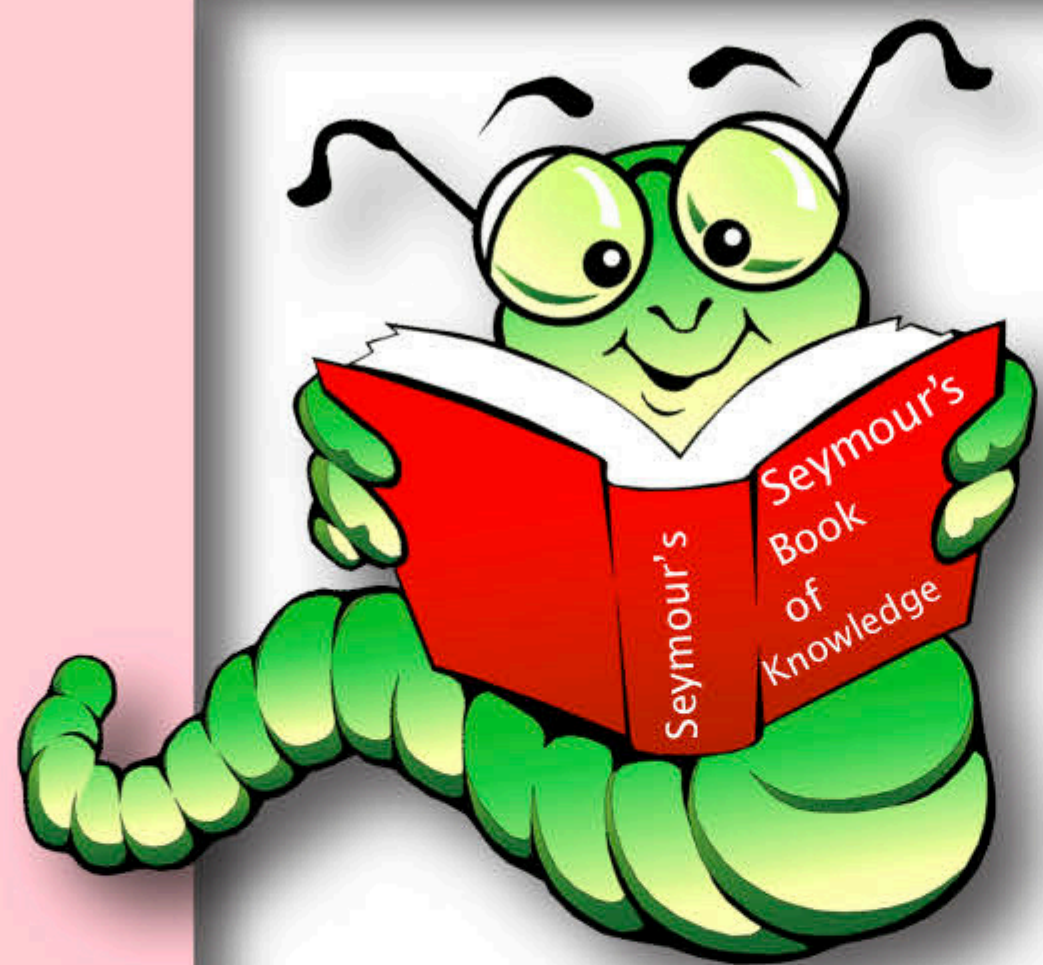


2026 Seymour's lobby book sale lineup

Get ready, book lovers! Seymour's is planning another exciting year of lobby book sales—five great chances to find your next favorite read and support our library. While the Children's area renovation may shift some early dates, here's the tentative 2026 schedule to mark in your calendar:

Sale #1: February 12-28
Sale #2: April 16 — May 2
Sale #3: June 25 — July 1
Sale #4: September 10-26
Sale #5: Nov 19 — Dec 12

Each sale brings new selections and **TREASURES**—so come often and see what's new on the tables!



Ask Seymour, he knows . . .

Each issue, Seymour is sharing little-known facts, helpful tips and behind-the-scenes gems about Seymour's Bookstore and the Library. In this issue Seymour was asked:

Q: What's the most unusual book or item donated to Seymour's?

A: Oh, we've seen some very interesting donations over the years! As it turns out, there have been at least two that were memorable. The first wasn't a book at all ~ it was art! In 2012, Seymour's received a bronze sculpture titled "Cossack Capturing a Cow" by 19th-century Russian artist Alexei Petrovich Grachev. His works appear on art sites for anywhere from hundreds to thousands of dollars. Not bad for an item that was donated for one of our book sales.



The second memorable surprise was pure nostalgia - a vintage plush Snoopy complete with 16 outfits, all still sealed in their original packages. Talk about "Joe Cool!" Snoopy quickly found a loving new home and helped raise funds for the library. Snoopy and his outfits sold for \$250 - a great donation for FOL funded library projects.



(We're still trying to top that one . . . so keep those donations coming!)



We're happy to accept your book donations! If you have a large number of books to donate, please call Seymour's at 904-295-3202. If needed, we can provide boxes (if available) to help you pack up your books and then you can drop them off at Seymour's Bookstore.

The Friends of the Library has exciting projects underway -- and we could use a few extra hands!

We're looking for volunteers with skills or experience in Excel, Word, Google Workspace, web design, and/or social media (Facebook, Instagram, Nextdoor) to support: **Communications | Digital Organization | Membership**

Interested? Email: newsletter@folpvbfl.org
Help make a difference at our community library!





Ever Wonder HOW the Library chooses WHICH books to offer?



When you walk into the library, have you ever wondered who decides and how decisions are made as to what books end up on the shelves?

From the latest bestsellers to timeless classics, there's an intentional process behind every title that makes it into your hands.



Building a Well-Rounded Collection

Every public library operates under a **Collection Development Policy** ~ a thoughtful plan that guides what materials are selected, replaced, or retired. Here in **St. Johns County**, the goal is to provide resources that inform, entertain, and inspire residents of all ages. That means offering a wide variety of materials-books, audiobooks, e-books, newspapers, and more ~ that reflect both lasting works of value and today's most timely topics.

How Choices Are Made

Creating a balanced collection starts with you ~ the reader! Much of the library's purchasing is *patron-driven*. When someone requests a title through the library website or at the service desk, our librarians review it for inclusion. The library also tracks which books are checked out most often to understand community interests.



In addition, our librarians monitor **professional review journals**, **bestseller lists**, and **core collection guides** that highlight essential works and trusted authors. The County maintains standing orders for popular writers whose new releases are eagerly anticipated. And yes, an eye is kept on the **New York Times Best-seller List** to make sure you'll find the latest hits right here at your local branch.

One Library, Many Shelves

Our library system uses what's called a **floating collection**. That means books don't permanently belong to one branch. If a Ponte Vedra Beach patron requests a book from the Southeast Branch, the book travels~ and stays~ at its new location until another request sends it elsewhere. This system keeps materials moving to where they're most wanted.



However, some branches ~often with help from their **Friends of the Library groups** ~ curate unique local collections to reflect their community's specific interests. Those items stay in place for the enjoyment of their patrons.

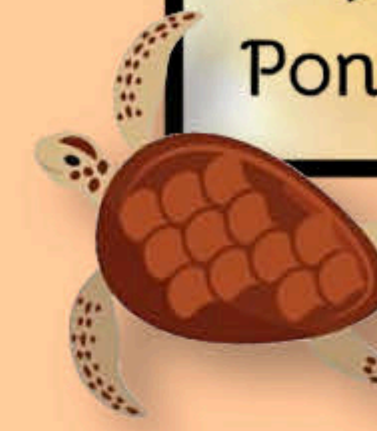
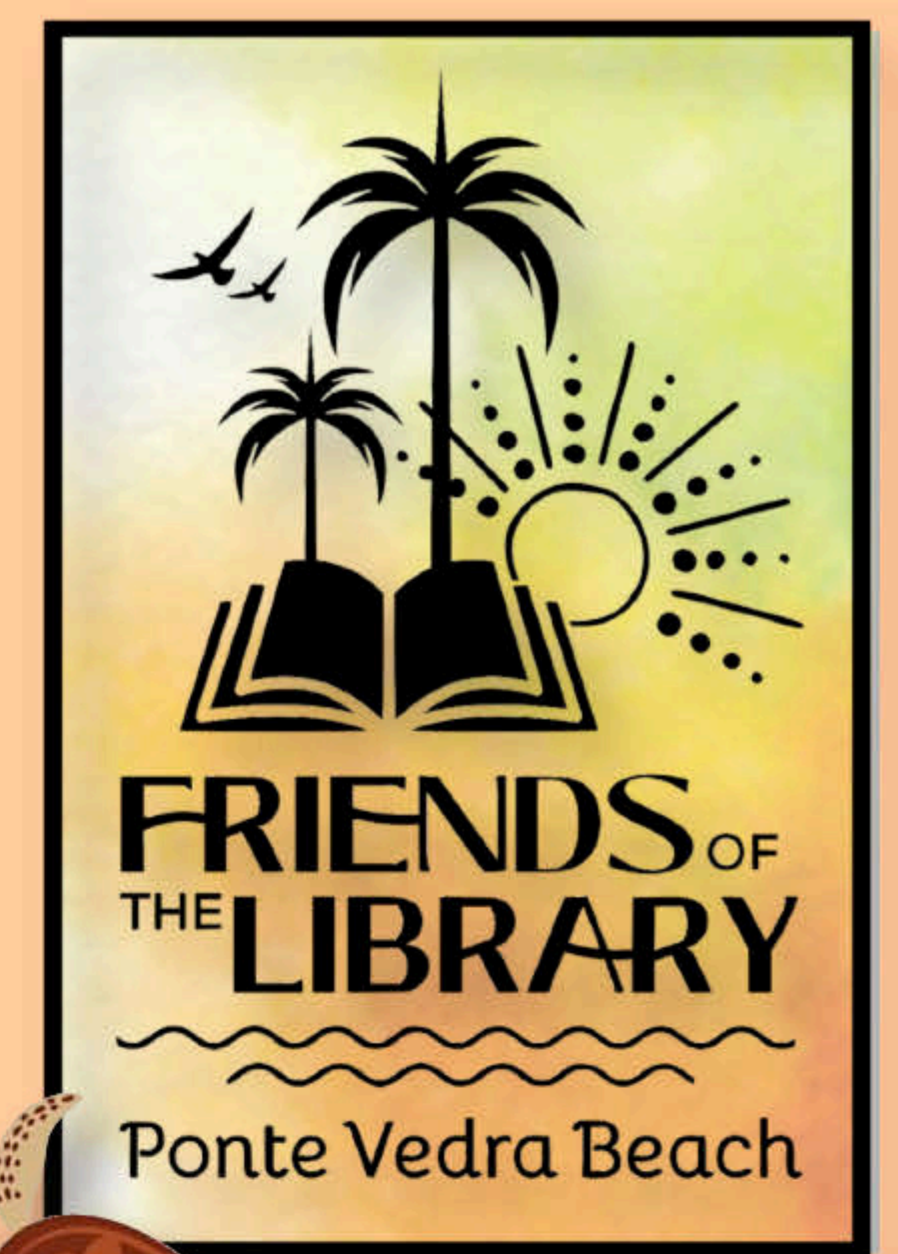
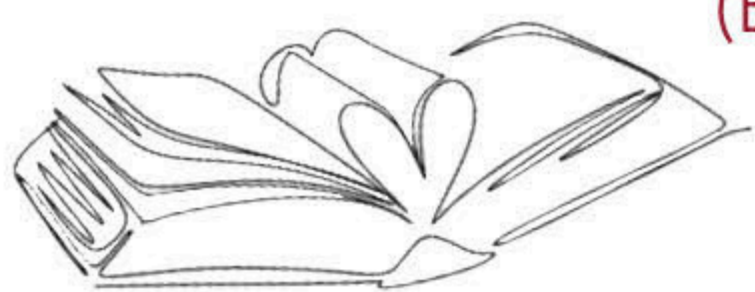
Our Library has several collections: one for writers and a collection of materials for small business owners. Both are located in the Quiet Room.

The Role of Librarians

Our librarians play a key role in shaping the collection. They're avid readers, trend watchers, and community listeners. Working within the County's budget, they strive to balance requests, reviews, and resources to ensure our shelves reflect a wide range of voices and viewpoints.

So the next time you pick up a great read at the library, know that it arrived there thanks to a blend of **data, expertise of our librarians and county staff, and community input** ~ and maybe even a personal request from someone just like you.

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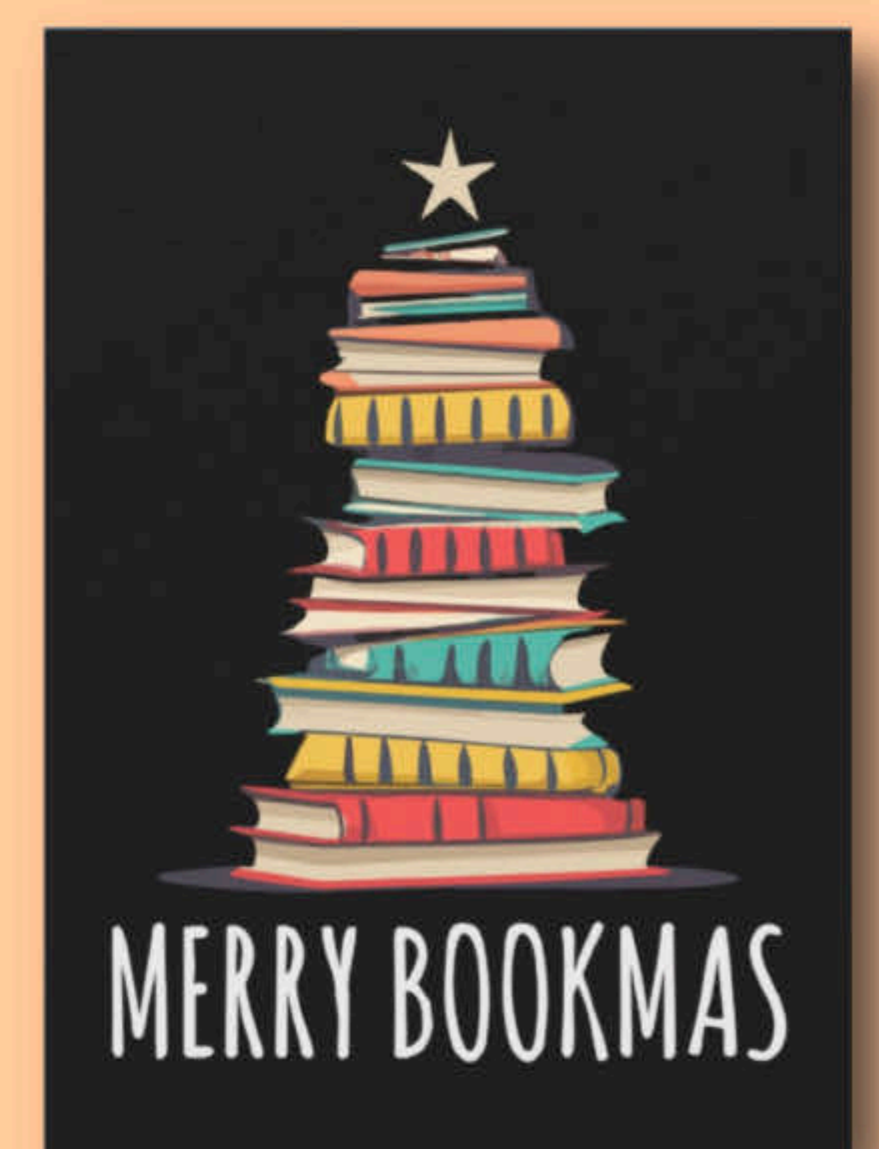
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Our Mission



is to make the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch of the St. Johns County Library System an outstanding educational, cultural, civic and recreational center for the community. This will be achieved by providing supplemental books, materials, volunteers and programs; fundraising and advocating on behalf of the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library.

By enlisting support of all those dedicated to disseminating knowledge, we believe the community will be enhanced and enriched.



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