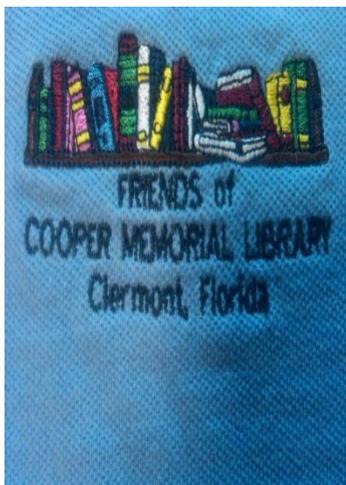


Friends Spring Update



The Friends of Cooper Memorial Library

Welcome Spring!

Although the winter proved to be relatively mild with only a few days when the temperatures dipped into the 20s and 30s, we welcome spring with its warming temperatures and the revitalization that it brings.

We invite you to join us and the CML staff as they launch innovative programs via cutting edge technology in order to develop and/or enhance the personal, career and professional growth of its patrons.

The Friends are gearing up for more exciting events and projects that benefit both the library and the community it serves.

Dates to Remember:

May 21 – Veteran's Memorial Program

June 25 – Bus trip to Weeki Wachee Springs State Park

July 31 & August 1 – Semi-Annual Book Sale

September 17 – De Leon Springs State Park – Barkerville

December (TBD) – St. Augustine

Winter Book Sale a Huge Success

The Friends of Cooper Memorial Library held their Annual Winter Book Sale February 6 through February 11. Over 1,000 patrons attended during the week contributing to over \$7,200.00 in proceeds. These monies will go towards funding existing programs such as the 2015 Children's Summer Reading Program as well as providing resources for exciting, new programs including the upcoming STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math)

programming for both youth and adults. In support of the arts, a Ukulele Club will start on March 5 initially providing lessons to adults but will soon expand its offering to children. The Friends have formed an on-going partnership with the Library team to ensure that Cooper Memorial provides the products and services that will keep the residents of South Lake County in the forefront of technological advances in order to further their educational, career and personal goals.

Not only did The Friends welcome Donna Persaud, as their 1,000th customer, but repeat patrons, book sellers, teachers, home schooling parents, year round residents, snowbirds, visitors of all ages from infant to one woman who is 101 years young were also in attendance. These patrons reflect the diversity that the library embraces and strives to serve by offering high quality products and services.

Winter Book Sale a Huge Success (Cont.)



(Pictured left to right
Adrian Titon, Vivi
Drummond and Donna
Persaud [1,000th
customer]
of Clermont)

If you missed this sale, mark your calendars for the Semi-Annual Sale on Friday, July 31 and Saturday, August 1. Stay tuned for more details.

The Friends are sponsoring a bus trip to Palace Theatre in Hudson, FL on Thursday, March 26, for a matinee performance of Roger and Hammerstein's "The King and I." The donation for the trip is \$85 which

includes round trip transportation from the Library parking lot, a buffet luncheon and the show. For reservations, please contact Kathy Weaver at 352-978-8681 or Priscilla Suffredini at 352-429-2747.

We invite you to become a Friend. Our meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month and begin with a social time from 5:00 PM to 5:30 PM. The

business portion of the meeting begins promptly at 5:30 PM and ends at 6:30 PM during which time we plan projects, events and activities to raise extra fund for our library. The 2015 regular membership is \$20, and the student fee is \$2.

What's Happening Now

Participants Enjoy Bus Trip to the Show Palace Theatre in Hudson

The Friends of Cooper Memorial Library sponsored a bus trip to the Show Palace Theatre in Hudson, Florida on March 26 to attend the luncheon matinee of Roger and Hammerstein's production of "The King and I."

Those that attended were treated to a bountiful and delicious buffet lunch, a spectacular show and a relaxing afternoon with friends both old and new.

Future trips planned by The Friends include Weeki Wachee Springs State Park on June 25, De Leon Springs State Park in Barkerville on September 17 and an overnight trip to St. Augustine in early

December.

Stay tuned for more information about these trips.

The money raised from these trips will help to fund projects such as the upcoming 2015 Spring and Summer Children's Reading Program and other on-going projects to benefit the South Lake County community.

Veteran's Memorial Program

The Friends of Cooper Memorial Library Veteran's History Project Committee will host a Veteran's Memorial Program on Thursday, May 21, at 5:00 PM in Room 108A at the library

located at 2525 Oakley Seaver Dr., Clermont.

Past programs have deeply moved those in attendance and expect this program will do the same. Light refreshments will be served. We encourage you to attend and feel free to bring a

friend.

CML Full STEAM Ahead!

Many of you are familiar with the STEM education initiative which focuses on science, technology, engineering and math identified as skills that will prepare students for future careers in these and other fields.

The CML team has taken this initiative one step further by introducing STEAM which not only aligns with and supports the STEM initiative but adds the arts as important part of the overall education equation.

Their first foray into the arts is the introduction of ukulele classes for adults. The first class was held on February 5 with a total of 19 students who had a

great time while learning to play 3 songs. Currently there are 30 students enrolled in the class. The most important take away from this class was that the students were introduced to a new experience that took them out of their comfort zone and challenged them to go beyond what they thought they were capable of doing.

In addition, the ukes were purchased from a vendor in downtown Clermont affording the library an opportunity to support a small local business.

Classes for youth will be introduced in the very near future.

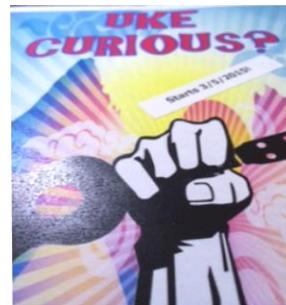
In support of STEM, the CML team plan to add, in the very near future,

front desk to obtain an order form and listing of magazines/newspapers currently available for adoption.

“maker spaces.” These areas will be specifically designed and designated for people to develop, create and produce an actual product. In order to accomplish this, patrons will have access to editing equipment, robotics and other STEM related activities.

The arts will also be incorporated into these spaces via craft activities and classes.

The Friends have already played an important part in this initiative by funding the initial purchase of the ukes. They will continue to provide resources to help fund the construction and activities supported in the maker spaces to insure that CML is positioned to serve their patrons by offering products, skills, and services that will keep pace with technology.



Uke classes are now being held at CML.

Adopt-A-Magazine Program

The Adopt-A-Magazine Program enables patrons, businesses and organizations the opportunity to donate subscription renewals or add new magazines/newspapers. Donations may be made in honor or memory of a loved one. Donors may choose to be recognized or remain anonymous. All donations are tax deductible.

Please stop by the library

“The program is halfway to its goal of 54 magazines/newspapers.”

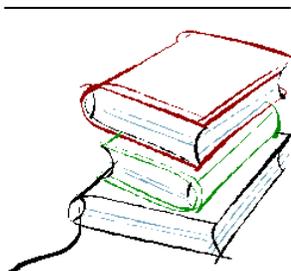
Used Books for Sale

Just a reminder to some and news to others that used books are shelved outside of the Children’s Library at Cooper Memorial. There is an assortment of books in both paperback and hard bound editions including romance, mystery,

science fiction, fiction, non-fiction, biographies, autobiographies, children’s books and videos for both children and adults.

We ask only that you leave a donation for your selection of books/videos in the mail box which is located on the bookshelf.

Sponsored by The Friends of the CML, donations are used to fund programs for children, teens, adults and projects for the library.



The Cooper Memorial Book Club

The book club invites you to read with them on the third Tuesday of each month in Room 108 (First Floor) at 5:00 PM. Come and join the discussion. The book selections for 2015 are as follows:

April 21 – *Gilead*

May 19 – *Devil in the Grove*

June 16 – *Ethan Frome*

July 21 – *The Storyteller*

August 18 – *Night Moves*

September 15 – *Orphan Train*

October 20 – *Night Road*

November 17 – *Their Eyes Were Watching God*



Cooper Memorial Library

About Our Organization...**PLEASE JOIN US**

Now that you know a little more about us, we hope that you will decide to become a Friend. It's easy to do. Simply fill out the information below, and mail to the address shown together with your check made payable to "Friends of Cooper Memorial Library."

Name _____

Address _____

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Annual Membership Dues:

Regular Membership
\$20.00

Student Membership
\$ 2.00

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