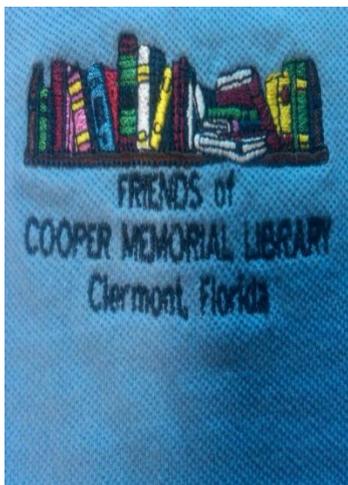


Friends Winter Update



The Friends of Cooper Memorial Library

Happy New Year!

We hope that you and your family had a memorable holiday season filled with love, laughter and a chance to reflect upon the year past and to anticipate the beginning of a brand New Year.

Speaking of new beginnings, we've changed the format of our quarterly updates to be more user friendly and fun to read!

Dates to Remember:

January 22 – Bus trip to Ringling Museum, Sarasota

February 6 & 7 – Annual Winter Book Sale

What we did in 2014

Many of us reflect on what we've accomplished in the year gone by and The Friends are no exception. So let's take a minute to see what we've been up to in 2014.

First, our Annual Winter Book Sale held on February 14-19 raised over \$6,300 in proceeds and our Semi-Annual Book Sale held on August 1-6 raised over \$6,700.

Second, the Adopt-A-Magazine Program continues to grow with a

year-end total of over 27 magazines/newspapers added to the library, more than half of our goal of 54.

The Veteran's Project Committee continued to interview Korean War veterans for Part 2 of the "Collection of Memoirs."

The Friends provided the funds to install 3 charging stations in the children's and teen's sections and the 2nd floor Reference area to allow patrons to conveniently and quickly charge their electronic devices.



What we did in 2014 (Cont.)



*Marjorie Kinnan
Rawlings home in Cross
Creek*

In order to increase funding, The Friends initiated a program sponsoring quarterly bus trips. The first trip was held on June 19 to Cross Creek, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings home, now a state park, and to Micanopy. On September 18 participants went to Tarpon Springs to tour the Sponge Museum and other local attractions.

On August 28 The Friends held a 5th birthday celebration for the library commemorating its 5th year at its current site. .

In addition to celebrating Cooper's 5th Birthday at its current site, the library celebrated its 100th birthday which will continue throughout the year. The Friends hosted a children's program complete with a guest speaker, historian and

retired history teacher Mr. John Holmes. Also on program was Sydney, the canine reading buddy who is a regular at the library. The Friends made over 100 cupcakes for the event!

The Friends concluded the year by hosting a "Destress for the Holidays" event on December 3 where patrons were treated to Panera's bagels, hot chocolate, and famous homemade chocolate marshmallows.

What's Happening Now

Bus Trip to the John and Mable Ringling Museum, Sarasota

The Friends are sponsoring a bus tour to the John and Mable Ringling Museum in Sarasota on Thursday, January 22, 2015. The trip includes roundtrip transportation from the library parking lot, admission to the Ringling Museum of Art and the

Ringling Circus Museum including a self-guided tour. While there visitors will also have the opportunity to tour Ca'd'Zan and walk through the mansion's first floor then enjoy the "living collections" on the grounds of the mansion's Bayfront Gardens. Lunch is on your own with dining options which include the Banyan Café, Museum Café' or Treviso

Restaurant (Reservations required. Call 941-360-7390).

The bus will leave the Cooper Memorial Library parking lot, 2525 Oakley Seaver Blvd, Clermont, at 7:30 AM for the two-hour trip to Sarasota and depart for home at 3 PM arriving at the library at 5:30 PM.

For reservations, please contact Priscilla Suffredeni at 352-429-2747 or Kathy Weaver at 352-978-6881.

Wanted Used Books, CDs and DVDs

The Friends of CML are collecting used books, CDs and DVDs in preparation for their Annual Winter Book sale.

The sale will be held on both Friday, February 6 and Saturday, February 7, 2015 in Rooms 108 A&B from 9Am to 1 PM at The Cooper Memorial Library, 2525 Oakley Seaver Dr., Clermont. Proceeds from the sale will go to support

library programs and provide resources for Cooper memorial Library.

Donated books, etc., can be brought to Cooper Memorial Library during their operating hours. Please do not bring magazines or encyclopedias.

Got Books? We Do!

The Friends of CML Annual Winter Book sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 6 and 7, in Room 1108A&B from 9 AM to 1 PM at the Cooper Memorial Library, 2525 Oakley Seaver Drive, Clermont..

They have been busy collecting books and all have been sorted and are in good condition. The books include children's, general fiction, romance, mystery, science fiction and biography. On sale also are all kinds of non-fiction including history, economics, religion, child-rearing, psychology, foreign language, cook

books and lots of how-to-do-it books. There is also about 1,000 CDs as well as a large collection of books-on-tape, DVDs, videos and jigsaw puzzles. Included in both fiction and non-fiction works is a wide selection of large print books. For those interested in children's books, please plan to come early to insure that your favorites are available.

The prices range from 25 cents to two dollars with classics and large, coffee table books priced from \$5.00. Leftover books will

be sold at the library during operating hours the following week at reduced prices.

In addition, for the first time, we will be offering a limited number of beautifully framed Currier & Ives prints priced from \$10-\$15. We expect these prints will sell quickly so plan to come early so that you won't be disappointed!

All money earned will be spent at the library. The Friends provide funds for many of the special programs for children, teens and adults including the Veteran's History Project and the Festival of Reading in the Spring.



Customers browse through books at the 2014 Winter Book sale.

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

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

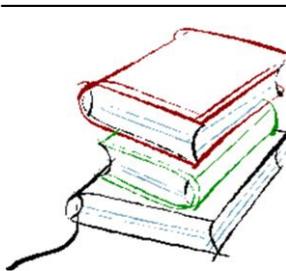
Used Books for Sale

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:

January 20 – *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail*

February 17 – *Killer Angels*

March 17 – *One Thousand White Women*

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 _____

Telephone _____

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Annual Membership Dues:

**Regular Membership
\$20.00**

**Student Membership
\$ 2.00**

**Friends of Cooper
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Clermont, FL 34711**

Now that you know what we've been up to, we'd like to extend to you a special invitation to join The Friends of Cooper Memorial Library. Our meetings are held the fourth Monday of each month. We begin with a social time from 5:00 to 5:30 PM. The meetings begin promptly at 5:30 PM. During the meetings we plan projects, events, and activities to raise extra funds for our library. The 2015 regular membership is \$20, and the student fee is \$2.

