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Newsletter # 75 The FRIENDS of the MIMS / SCOTTSMOOR LIBRARY September 1, 2015

Kids Love Our Library



Children see an ambulance and firetruck up close



A visit from the Brevard County Sheriff's Department impresses everyone



"Puppet" the miniature horse visits our library



A visit from the Brevard County Fire Department shows that firefighters in protective gear are not frightening



Veronica and Clark from the SPCA teach kindness



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Dr. Dan The Magic Man amazes the kids



POW!



Superhero Craft Day is great fun



Anna Lusk, Singer/Songwriter of children's music, entertains an attentive audience



Our courteous and friendly Library Staff dresses for Superhero Costume Day

“For the things we have to learn before we can do them, we learn by doing them.”
Aristotle



Yum! An attractive, tasty cake for all to enjoy at the July "Cook the Book" Book Club Meeting



"Banned Books" display at library on May 27, 2015

**LIBRARY NOW OPEN on
TUESDAYS from 9 - 5 !!!**

FRIENDS MEETING

Friends of the Mims/Scottsmoor Library General Meeting will be **Thursday, Sept 10**, at noon. Free. We invite you to join Friends for \$5 a year. Annual dues are due in September.

SOAP ART CLASS

On **Thursday, October 1 at 5:00pm** Pamela Ferraro will present a program on making soap. Cost is \$10 per student and class is limited to 10 students. Call the library at 264-5080 to register.

FRIENDS BOOK AND BAKE SALE

Fall Book and Bake Sale – **September 10** (12:30pm – 7:45pm) and **September 11** (9:00am – 5:00pm). Please help set up books on September 4 and September 8.



Food from the "Cook the Book" Book Club – everyone prepared a recipe to share



The first "Cook the Book" Book Club Meeting entertained and delighted members

The "Cook the Book" Book Club will meet September 17, 2015 at 6:00pm. Each person will bring a dish from Jan Karon's *Mitford Cookbook and Kitchen Reader*. Club is open to public. Check with Reference Librarian Beth for details – 264-5080 on which recipes to prepare.

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NEW MIMS/SCOTTSMOOR LIBRARY URGENTLY NEEDED NOW

A FRIENDS EDITORIAL

It's long past time to replace the crumbling "temporary" building housing the Mims/Scottsmoor Library with a permanent building at or near the current location.

The current building, which consists of used trailers that were cobbled together in 1998 to create a building, always was intended to be a temporary facility until a permanent structure could be planned, financed, and built. It was expected that the temporary facility would have to last 5 years, just until a permanent structure would be completed.

An agreement between Board of County Commissioners and the Brevard County School Board was created in 1998 to facilitate the original construction of the library. The current 15,000 sq. ft. building sits on School Board property. The School Board uses approximately one-third of the building and the other two-thirds are used for the library. Library Services maintains the entire building.

In 2006 the BOCC developed a plan to provide four library construction projects, one of which was a permanent building for the Mims/Scottsmoor Library. Unfortunately, the economy collapsed and the BOCC scraped this plan.

The current temporary building has undergone major repairs twice. In 2005/2006 the flooring was replaced and the roof was repaired. In 2014 the flooring was repaired again. Currently, the flooring has developed new problems requiring additional repairs.

This year, Library Services, in reviewing possible ways to finance a permanent building, concluded that it would be necessary to partner with the Parks and Recreation Department to build a permanent facility at Cuyler Park in East Mims. By using maintenance funds within the Library Services budget, Community Block Grant funds, and a grant from the State of Florida, Library Services could build a small (approximately 5000 sq. ft.) building to house the Mims/Scottsmoor Library's media collections. Some of the existing facilities at Cuyler Park would be used for functions now provided by the library, such as meeting rooms, public computer usage, and technical processing of library media.

This plan by Library Services has been presented to the public at meetings of the Mims/Scottsmoor Library Board and of the Mims Community Group. Representatives from the East Mims Civic Association and the Scottsmoor Community Association attended these meetings. There seems to be nearly unanimous agreement among the public that the plan to move the library to Cuyler Park is a horrible idea.

Clearly, it is time for the BOCC to immediately replace the much-repaired, temporary structure with a permanent building. Ideally, this new facility should be located on US1, very close to the current, popular location.

Gentle Readers, please contact the District 1 County Commissioner Robin Fisher (264-6750) to let him know that you strongly support the building of a permanent and sound facility for the Mims/Scottsmoor Library.

LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

On **Thursday, Sept. 3 at 1:30pm** the Mims-Scottsmoor Library Book Club will discuss *Tapestry of Fortunes* by Elizabeth Berg. Copies of the book are available for check out at the Reference Desk.