

Fall 2022

Friends of the Library

LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System

Newsletter

President's Page

Dear Friends,

Ah, Fall . . . crisp morning air, falling leaves, and football games. As always, the Friends are involved with some engaging projects and activities.

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The Friends, in partnership with the Knight Creative Communities Institute (KCCI), have unveiled three Wander and Wonder Story Trails since late August...at Pedrick Park/Eastside Library, Fort Braden Library, and Woodville Sports Complex. I hope you will visit the Story Trails soon. You will be amazed at how they include elements to enhance literacy, while also merging art and nature.

Pictured: Morgan Evers, Dale DeHart Grigas, Ginny Milne and Lisa Harvey enjoy the new book bench at Pedrick Park

During the past year, 24 local businesses have become “Business Friends” and very generous donors have matched all business membership donations. We will be recognizing our Business Friends, as well as donors Sharon and Randy Young, at a reception at Poco Vino on Thursday, October 27. We are also inviting past FOL presidents to the reception, so they can meet our new Business Friends. If you are a Business Friend or FOL Past President, please contact Morgan Evers, Event Chair, morganmevers@gmail.com or text (561)676-5043 to RSVP.

One of my very favorite FOL events is coming soon . . . the Fall Title Wave Book Sale! We will have thousands of books for sale, books of every kind imaginable! As a FOL member, you are invited to our “members only” event from 10:00-11:00 am on Friday, November 4. Please join us for coffee and donuts, as well as an opportunity to check out our vast selection of books before we open to the public.

As always, thank you for being a Friend. Your commitment to our shared goals is truly appreciated.

Warmly,
Dale

From the Library Director

In October 2014, I worked part-time at the library in Youth Services. I will never forget the overwhelming feeling my first day because the sheer number of books that were placed in front of me made my head spin. It was exhilarating and a little frightening. How in the world could I possibly read them all? How could I recommend to others what to read? How could I get those enticing titles and book covers out of my dreams?

As crazy as this may seem, the Fall season evokes a desire to read for me. I don't know if it has something to do with the longer days, or just a reset to routine. I have loved stories my entire life, but for some reason I can get so busy that I must carve out the time to just relax and read. If you find yourself having the same problem, here are three tips:



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*Pictured:
Pamela Monroe
and Dale
Dehart-Grigas
present a story
walk book.*

1. **Select a few titles.** If you find that a story isn't sticking, then try a new one. It is hard to commit time to a story that isn't keeping your attention. It is okay to put that book down.
2. **Set a reading time for yourself.** I have committed to 30 minutes five nights a week; however, I find myself reading for about an hour every night. If time is a problem, set your goal to a few chapters.
3. **Select a space that feeds your reading passion.** I don't like to read in bed, because it means that I will never go to sleep. I have a favorite chair that I usually fold myself into with a little dog that makes herself at home on my lap.

Amazing things are happening,

Pamela Monroe

Currently Reading: For the Wolf by Hannah Witten

A promotional banner for the New Traveling Book Club. The banner has a light blue background with orange borders at the top and bottom. On the left, it says "NEW Traveling BOOK CLUB SETS AVAILABLE" with a small icon of an open book. In the center, three book covers are displayed: "Lucy by the Sea" by Elizabeth Strout, "EMMA STRAUB THIS TIME TOMORROW", and "THESE PRECIOUS DAYS" by Ann Patchett. At the bottom, it says "RESERVE ONLINE OR CALL (850) 606-2665".

Reflections from a New Board Member

Nothing prepares you for parenting, no matter how hard you try. I'm a reader, so I focused pre-parenting reading on how to keep my new addition and myself alive. I managed the newborn months, returned to work, found a routine, and was proud of keeping us all alive. A few months in I discovered that Bandit, the fictional dog dad on Bluey, has a limitless capacity for imaginative play with his two children and now, apparently, mine. There's more to life than work/daycare/sleep/repeat and more to parenting than lying prone on the floor next to your several month-old watching Bluey.

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Pictured Kirsten and Adrian Mood and baby Piper.

Photo credit: Darla Winn 2022



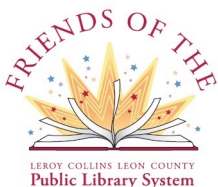
That’s where the library comes in.

With my Membership to the Leon County Public Library, I have access to every children’s eBooks and audiobook available in the Panhandle Library Access Network via the Libby App (formerly Overdrive; RIP, Overdrive). I can check out books, other media, seeds, and a multitude of other interesting things as a member, in person. I can bring my bundle of joy to any of the library’s regular story times and another adult will read to her. Sometimes, she can even stay and play with the other assembled babies; bonus socialization for my pandemic baby. I can even strap her up in her carrier and take her on a hike around one of the new Wander & Wonder Story Trails thanks to the Friends of the Library and the KCCI’s Fully Booked project.

And if I’m suddenly in the market for a personal library of children’s books, the Title Wave Book Sale will be here before you know it, November 4-6.

Given my recent initiation to parenting and the ways the library helps people parent, I was eager to join the Friends Board, too. If you’re hoping to show some appreciation for the things the library does for parents and children in Leon County, consider becoming a Friend of the Library. This club is more inclusive and less expensive than parenting, and we would love to have you. Already a member? [Invite a friend](#) or [a business to join the fun!](#)

Kirsten Mood
FOL Board Member



Want to Enhance Your FOL Membership?

Become a **Lifetime Member!** By donating \$1,000 your name is added to the Tree of Knowledge and your gift becomes a part of the present and future excellence in education opportunities at the Library. Email friendsofthelibrarytally@gmail.com.

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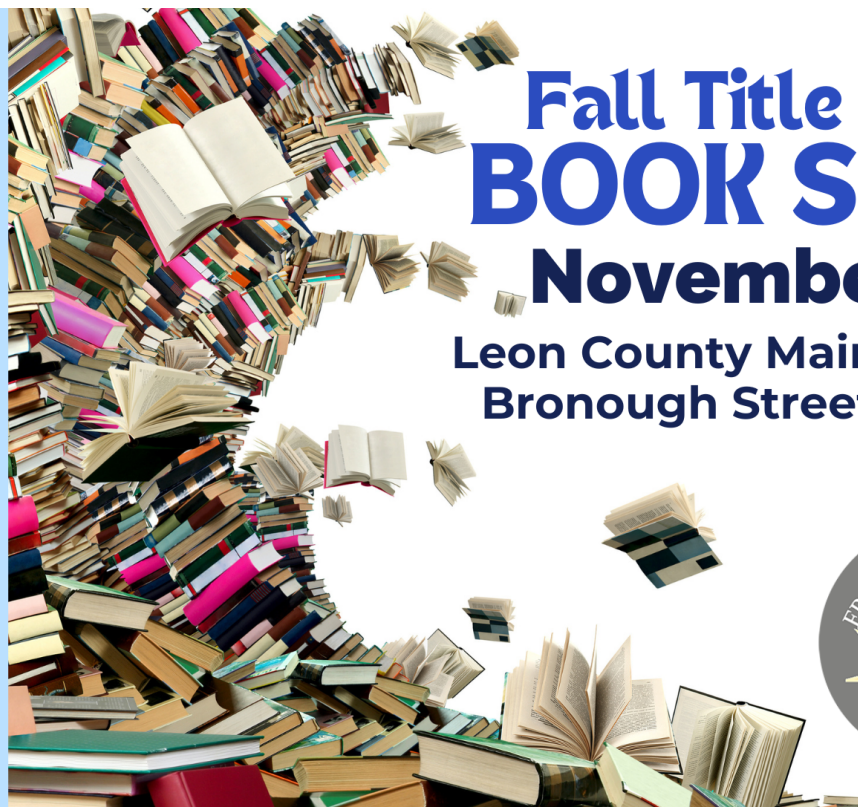
Friday, Nov 4
10 – 11 AM

General Public:

Friday, Nov. 4
11 AM – 3 PM

Saturday, Nov 5
9 AM – 3 PM

Sunday, Nov 6
11 AM – 3 PM



Fall Title Wave **BOOK SALE** **November 4-6**

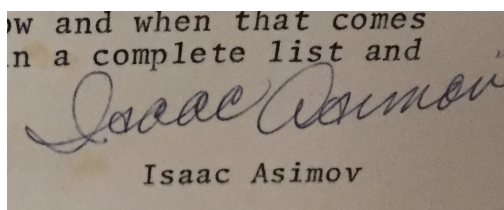
**Leon County Main Library
Bronough Street Garage**



Friendshop Books

My, how time does fly! We have been busy in the Friendshop getting ready for our Fall Title Wave Book Sale. Just between you and me . . . it's going to be huge! We've been collecting donations from near and far to make this a special shopping experience for you, your family, and your friends. The Title Wave is scheduled for November 4-6, and the Friends of the Library hope to raise \$7,000 for additional Library of Things items.

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I just love the unique finds that come through our store and my favorite this month is an autographed postcard from Isaac Asimov . . . Wow! For those science fiction lovers out there, this is amazing. We also have beautiful mint condition Porsche books that would make a lovely gift. Halloween

books and scary movies are on display now too, so get your spooky on!

Deitra Kemmer
Friendshop Books

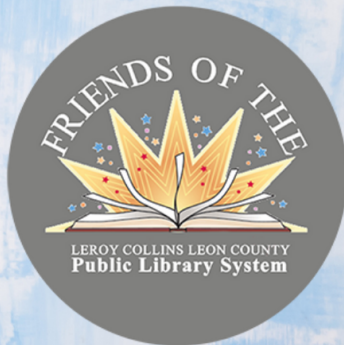


Are You A Business Friend?

SAVE THE
date

YOU'RE INVITED!

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A CELEBRATION OF OUR
2022 BUSINESS PARTNERS



Thursday, October 27th
5:30pm -7:30pm



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20TH
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FOR MATCHING ALL
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