

Osprey Library Newsletter – October, 2018

BOO! Happy October. It is not exactly brisk fall weather, but that doesn't have to stop us from breaking out the pumpkin recipes and dressing up as ghosts and ghouls and princess-warriors! Here's hoping the month holds more treats than tricks.

“I'm so glad to live in a world where there are Octobers.” -from Anne of Green Gables (L.M. Montgomery)

“Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely.” -Franklin Roosevelt

VOTE ON THIS VOTE ON THAT

Libraries help you do your civic duty in all kinds of ways—one is registering you to vote! If you are not registered, come on in and do it. If you need to change your address or affiliation on your voter registration, come on in and do that. If you're not sure whether you're registered to vote, or want to make double and triple sure, go to vote.org to find out. **The deadline to register in order to vote in November's election is OCTOBER 9th.** Get registered—don't make me shake my finger at you!

Once you're registered, the library can also help you make informed voting decisions. Pick up a nonpartisan voter's guide detailing the amendments and candidates on the ballot; ask for a “Confused by the News” packet to help sort out the barrage of political media; use our computers, newspapers, magazines, and other resources to get multiple perspectives on the issues. Not sure where to start...asking a librarian is always a good place to start!

(A little voting story for those who think their vote doesn't count. I once lived in a small town that was run by a 3 member select board. One year, on the day of the election for select board, I was very sick and against all of my civic instincts and upbringing, I stayed home. The select board election was a tie! My vote would have been the deciding vote. That is the one and only time that I did not vote, and it turned out to be quite a dramatic lesson.)

No registration is required to do your civic duty by filling out the Osprey Library Survey! Help your exuberant librarian plan the programs and services most useful to you. Come in and fill out the survey, or print the attached survey and return it with your books, or e-mail me your feedback. You can even give me a piece of your mind by phone if you prefer—any and all input is appreciated. No suggestion is too much to ask. If you really, really wish the library was open until midnight on Thursdays, or that we would do a live workshop on lion taming, go ahead and suggest it. While neither of those requests are feasible in and of themselves, they may spark an idea that meets your needs in a different but useful way.

“Voting is the expression of our commitment to ourselves, one another, this country and this world.” -Sharon Salzberg

OCTOBER DISPLAY

This month's display is a cornucopia of color that brightens up the library considerably. Cozy quilts made by Osprey patrons Beth Gates and Janet Breidster will make you want to curl up and read a good book.

“Two quilters who have just met will be strangers only until their mutual passion for quilting is revealed. Then they can talk for hours like the best of friends.” -Jennifer Chiaverinni

LET'S BE FRIENDS

At Osprey library, you're among friends the minute you walk in the door...but if you'd like to give your library a little extra token of friendship, consider joining Friends of the Osprey Public Library. The Friends are a non-profit whose purpose is to support the Osprey library with outreach, programs, and special services. Membership begins at \$10. The Friends are 100% volunteer run, so all donations go directly towards supporting the library.

“The connections we make in the course of life—maybe that's what heaven is.” -Fred Rogers

NONFICTION

The nonfiction section continues to evolve.... New nonfiction is now shelved all together, and in-house nonfiction subjects are expanding. Please speak up about what nonfiction topics you would be interested in finding on the shelf! Home Repair? Economics? Poetry? Botany? Metaphysics? Astronomy? Lion Taming?

“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.” -Benjamin Franklin

(Quotes are included as food for thought, and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of your librarian, the library system, or Sarasota County.)

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