

Osprey Library Newsletter – April, 2019

April 7-13 is National Library Week—so, naturally this month's theme is Libraries. Celebrate all that the Osprey Library offers, all month long! Books, movies, audios, new apps, programs, community, giveaways, and even a cup of tea.

Check out the One Book Sarasota display in the Osprey Library this month, as well as a selection of library themed books, like *Murder in the Oval Library* by C.M. Gleason, *Barbarians at the Gates of the Public Library* by Edward D'Angelo, *America's Greatest Library* by John Young Cole (which is for some reason not about the Osprey Library but rather about the Library of Congress, but still worth a look) or *The Library of Light and Shadow* by M.J. Rose.

“How precious a book is in light of the offering, in the light of the one who has the privilege of this offering. The library tells you of this offering.” -Louis Kahn

Speaking of Libraries...

April's Book & Tea selection is *The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu*, an engrossing read that spans time in a fascinating way, and reveals a great deal about history, culture, music, and Islam within the dramatic, thrilling story of a courageous—if at first reluctant—librarian. Copies of the book are currently available at the library. Join the discussion, and enjoy a cup of tea, hot or iced, Wednesday, April 10, from 2-3:30.

“The library is the temple of learning, and learning has liberated more people than all the wars in history.” -Carl T. Rowan

The Living Library – With Osprey's Own Ari Nissanka

While books, magazines, and technology are wonderful resources that libraries offer, so are people! The Living Library is a system-wide program that promotes the idea of community as collection, providing the opportunity for patrons to delve into unique conversation in lieu of a book.

Curious about red tide research? Love to talk international cooking? Need advice on watercolor technique? Interested in international travel? Ari Nissanka is your resource!

Saturday, April 13, 2-4, Dr. Ari Nissanka will be at the Osprey Library

Available For 20-Minute One-On-One Conversations Sign Up Now!

Dr. Nissanka is a staff scientist at the Mote Marine, overseeing multi-disciplinary studies on water quality. While her work is fascinating, particularly in relation to recent concerns about red tide, she is also a wonderfully multifaceted person. Ari is an avid cook, has published a cookbook in Japan, and used her culinary skills to raise money for Tsunami relief in both Sri Lanka and Japan. She is a watercolor and sumi-e artist, teaches ikibana, the ancient Japanese art of flower arranging, and she and her husband are popular Osprey Library patrons. Sign up at the library, by phone, or by e-mail for a 20 minute one-on-one conversation.

“Libraries are the kinds of places where ordinary people with different backgrounds, passions, and interests can take part in a living democratic culture. They are the kinds of places where the public, private, and philanthropic sectors can work together to reach for something higher than the bottom line.” -Eric Klinenberg

Conversation 3: *The Language of Difference* – Saturday, April 6, 2-3:30

One person's “politically correct” is another person's “common courtesy.” How can common ground be cultivated between people who feel language policed and people who feel devalued? Explore questions of who should decide what language is appropriate and when, whether language is becoming more expressive or deteriorating, and more.

“I'd go to the library so I could sit in a big, quiet room and listen to pages being turned. There was a boring librarian...but I loved her because when she would read us stories in her soft voice, she'd turn my head into a snow globe.” -Andrea Seigel

What's all the Hoopla About?

You can now access Hoopla using your Sarasota County library card. Hoopla allows you to instantly borrow movies, music, eBooks, audiobooks, comic books, and more! Check it out on the library's Research and Learn page by clicking [here](#).

Chrome is the suggested browser to access Hoopla. Need help? Stop in in Saturday between 10 and Noon during our Ask A Teenager program and get thorough, courteous assistance from one of our excellent volunteers!

“My parents, and librarians along the way, taught me about the space between words; about the margins, where so many juicy moments of life and spirit and friendship could be found. In a library, you could find miracles and truth and you might find something that would make you laugh so hard that you get shushed, in the friendliest way.” -Anne Lamott

The Triumphant Return of Interlibrary Loan

Some of you may remember when the Sarasota County Library System offered interlibrary loan service, and for some of you it will be a new thrill. If you're looking for a book that is not within our collection, you may now request it from another Florida library and have it delivered to the Sarasota branch of your choice. For more information on how to use ILL, click [here](#) or stroll in and ask your friendly librarian.

“Librarians' values are as sound as Girl Scouts': truth, free speech, and universal literacy. And, like Scouts, they possess a quality that I think makes librarians invaluable and indispensable: they want to *help*. They want to help *us*. They want to be of service. And they're not trying to sell us anything.” - Marilyn Johnson

Book Bag Giveaway

The Friends of the Osprey Library have provided book bags to celebrate Library Week! Help spread the word about your favorite library (I am assuming!) and get a book bag for your efforts. Details below...

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Children's Book Week

April 29 - May 4 is Children's Book Week. Children age 0-12 are invited to visit the library and receive a free book, courtesy of the Friends of the Osprey Library.

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Volunteer Appreciation

Behind every great library is an exuberant cadre of volunteers. Osprey is fortunate to have a talented and dedicated volunteer corps, ranging in age from 14 to...older than 14. The Friends of the Osprey Library is hosting an appreciation breakfast for these fabulous people who generously donate their time. You can thank them, too! Leave a note of thanks at the desk to be read at the breakfast on April 27th.

Be a Friend of the Friends

You may have noticed that the Friends of the Osprey Library are very active this month—and they are doing even more behind the scenes. To join the Friends, and help support our programs and services, pick up a membership card at the library.

“I grew up in rural Tennessee. There were no bookstores in the town, but the school had a little library, and the town had a little library, each with a patient and enthusiastic librarian, and I raced into both as if they were doorways to another world.” -Michael Sims

Historic Spanish Point Summer Camp

Following the fun we had participating in Historic Spanish Point's Fairy House Festival, the Osprey Library has arranged to offer library services and activities to the Spanish Point summer camp participants. We are excited to be able to introduce more children to our small-but-robust branch, and help to instill an enthusiasm for libraries in the next generation.

“All Librarians are Secret Masters of Severe Magic. Goes with the territory.” -Catherynne M. Valente

(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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