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The FRIENDS of the MIMS / SCOTTSMOOR LIBRARY

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Perceptions of Paradise: The Visual Mythology of Florida as Eden

Professor Mallory O'Connor will present a Florida Humanities Council program and slide show entitled "Perceptions of Paradise: The Visual Mythology of Florida as Eden" at the Mims/Scottsmoor Public Library on Thursday, **January 11, 2007 at 7:00 pm.**

Since the first Europeans arrived in the sixteenth century, Florida has been viewed as a mythic place, a land of dreams and an earthly Garden of Eden. Where does this mythical view come from? Through her presentation, Professor O'Connor will examine the roots of Florida's image as a land so beautiful and blessed that it seems too good to be true. She will show the ways artists have shaped our perception of "reality" through fantasy and imagination.

O'Connor, who holds advanced degrees in art and history, is a Professor Emeritus of Art History at Santa Fe Community College in Gainesville and has taught there and at the University of Florida for over twenty years. She has written numerous magazine articles and is the author of *Lost Cities of the Ancient Southeast* (UPF, 1995).

As director of the Thomas Center Gallery and Santa Fe Community College art gallery, O'Connor was curator of numerous exhibitions and shows on Florida art and history. Also, she has created exhibits for the Florida Park Service and the Florida Museum of Natural History.

O'Connor lives in Micanopy, Florida and currently is writing a book about the visual history of the St. Johns River.

This Road Scholars program, which is **free and open to the public**, is provided through a grant from the Florida Humanities Council and is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Mims/Scottsmoor Public Library.

For those arriving early, the Friends will serve refreshments beginning at 6:30 pm.

For more information, please call the library at 264-5080.



The Florida Humanities Council, which is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, funds and coordinates public humanities programs throughout the state of Florida.



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Crime Novelist to Speak

The Mims/Scottsmoor Public Library will host local crime/suspense novelist Marshall Frank on Thursday, **January 18, 2007 at 6:30 pm.**

Frank is a retired captain from the Metro-Dade Police Department where he served in many capacities during a thirty-year career including five years as commander of CSI.



After retirement, he began using his wealth of knowledge and experience as a framework for fictional works and presently is the author of several novels as well as some non-fiction.

Movie rights to *Dire Straits* have been sold to an independent production company, and the screenplay has been completed. The anticipated shooting of this movie will take place in Miami in 2007.

Frank's most recent work, *From Violins to Violence: Memoirs of a Virtuoso Homicide Detective*, due to release in the spring of 2007, tells the story of how a musical prodigy and stepson of a Mafia-style mobster ultimately became a police officer and one of Miami-Dade's premier homicide investigators. The book contains many revelations about the inside workings of a major police agency, plus highlights of numerous murder cases.

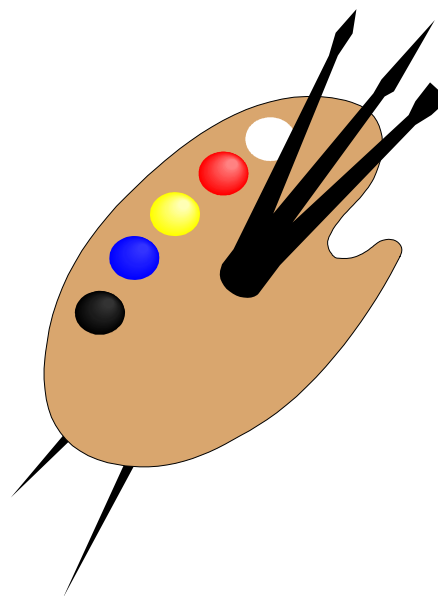
As Pulitzer Prize winning author Edna Buchanan has said, "Marshall Frank writes what he knows, and what he knows takes your breath away."

For more information on this program, which is **free and open to the public**, please call the library at 264-5080.

Watercolors Class

Local watercolorist Mary Ann Theis will teach a class at the Mims/Scottsmoor Public Library on Saturday, **January 6, 2007 from 9:30-11:30 am.** Additionally, this class will be taught on Saturday, **January 27 from 9:30-11:30 am** and on Saturday, **March 17 from 9:30-11:30 am.** A \$9.00 fee will be charged for materials and instruction and pre-registration is required.

For more information or to register for the class, please call the library at 264-5080.





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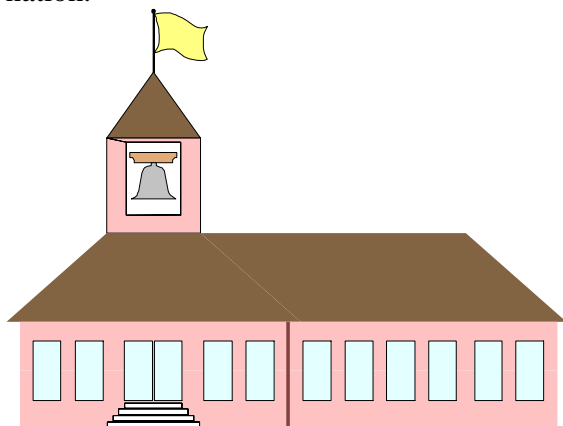
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Black History Program

Mr. Ron Meharry will present the story of Meharry Medical College at the Mims/Scottsmoor Public Library on Thursday, **February 1, 2007 at 6:30 pm.**

When Mr. Meharry began researching his family history, he uncovered much more than a listing of ancestors. He discovered a mission and a meaning.

He had heard of Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. Given his uncommon surname, he knew there might be a connection. Through his research, he learned that the college bearing his name has uniquely combined science with compassion for more than 130 years to build a healthier nation.



In 1876 Meharry Medical College was founded to educate free slaves and to administer quality health care to poor and underserved populations.

Meharry Medical College has remained true to its mission and is today the largest independent, historically black health professions school in the United States producing physicians, dentists, biomedical scientists, and health care administrators.

For more information on this presentation, which is **free and open to the public**, please call the library at 264-5080.

Libraries Are Beneficial

Libraries are among the most effective of all public services, serving more than 2/3 of the population with less than 2 percent of all tax dollars. A study of the economic contribution and return on taxpayer investment in Florida Public Libraries shows that returns far exceed taxpayer's investment – \$6.54 return for every tax dollar invested.

Other studies have found that children who are read to in the home and use library services perform better in school and are more likely to use libraries as a source for lifetime learning.

The Mims/Scottsmoor Library is open on: Monday – 9-5, Tuesday 9-8, Wednesday 9-6, Thursday, 9-8, Friday 9-5 and Saturday, 9-1.

For more information, please call us at 264-5080. We are located at 3615 Lionel Road just 2.8 miles north of State Road 46 and one block east of US #1 in Mims.

Book Sales

The Friends Romance Book and Sweet Goodies Sale is scheduled for **February 13-14**. Y'all come!

The Friends Spring Book and Bake Sale is scheduled for **March 9-10**. Members of the Friends enjoy a special opportunity to purchase books immediately after the Friends monthly meeting on March 8. So, Join Friends now.



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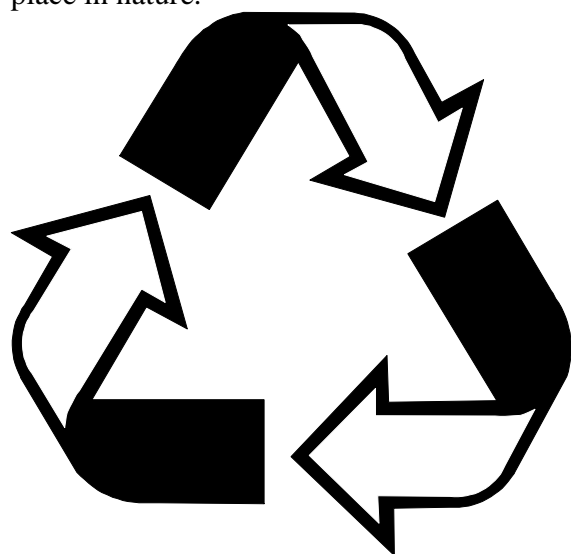
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Environmental Crisis

Professor Ron Cooper will present a Florida Humanities Council program entitled "**Our Place in Nature: Are We In or Out?**" at the Mims/Scottsmoor Public Library on Thursday, **March 22, 2007 at 7 pm.**

Many Americans place environmental concerns at the top of their list of issues that need immediate attention. In fact, most Americans speak of our "environmental crisis". How did we get to this point?

Are we simply wasteful and need to change our behavior, or is something more fundamental at work? Cooper traces the history of environmental ideas and considers new movements that call us to rethink our place in nature.



He is a past president of The Florida Philosophical Association and has had articles published in numerous journals. Also he writes fiction and has a new novel -- *Hume's Fork* -- from Bancroft press (Jan. '07).

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Class For Home Schoolers

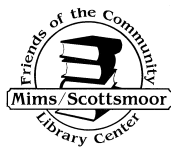
The Mims/Scottsmoor Public Library is now offering a "Basic Library Skills" class for children who are home schooled. The classes will include: (1) using the computer catalog to search for subjects and titles (2) finding items by call numbers, and, (3) using basic reference sources to find information.

Parents are encouraged to attend with their children and instruction will be tailored to children's ages and learning levels.

To schedule a session or for more information, please call the library at 264-5080.

Homework Help!

At the Mims/Scottsmoor Public Library, we offer homework help, reading clubs, story hours, movies on video, DVD, and CD's among other things. We have something for every age and interest. Bring your children and check us out! We are here to help. Come visit us soon.



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2:30 Story Time

Come join us at the Library for "After School Story Time" each **third Tuesday** of the month. Our children's librarian, "Ms. Sandy" will have an "After School Story Time" especially for young people in the third through the sixth grade. This event will take place from **2:30 to 3:30 pm**. Come join us for a great story and snack!



Computer Classes

Our reference librarian teaches a series of four computer classes most months of the year. (One class per week.)

They are as follows:

- Internet Basics
- Searching the Internet
- Using E-mail
- Searching Databases

Please call the library at 264-5080 for information regarding exact times and dates and/or to sign up.

Line Dancing Classes

Cathy "the Dance Lady" Johnson will offer basic beginning level classes in "Line Dancing" at the Mims/Scottsmoor Public Library. These classes are scheduled in January for most **Monday and Thursday** mornings from **10 am –12 noon**. Also, These classes are scheduled in March for most Monday and Thursday mornings from 10 am –12 noon.

The fee, per person/per session, will be \$2.00 for seniors (age 55 and above) and \$4.00 for all others. The class is designed for beginners, who are always welcome. Please call the library at 264-5080 for more information.

New Library Meeting-Update

A community meeting lead by County Commissioner Scarborough on December 5 discussed various considerations when choosing a site for the new library, such as water, sewer, and traffic. General consensus was that the new library should be located north of Mims, south of Scottsmoor, on or close to US#1. The county would like to co-locate a new community center and the new library. There was no clear consensus about the location for the new community center; some wanted it centrally located and others wanted it in Scottsmoor.

At the next meeting county staff will present potential sites for a co-located library and community center, along with pros and cons of each site. This meeting is planned for late January or early February.

Announcement of the next meeting will be posted at the library. Please attend.



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Fundraising Fun

The Friends continue regular fundraising activities, such as the Christmas Craft Sale held December 11-16. Also, we participated in the Home Furniture Thanksgiving table contest.

This year library patrons benefited from the November Tupperware fundraiser. Suesan Ellison, a Friends member, donated her time to sell Tupperware at the library. All profits went to the Friends.

Friends Meetings

The next meeting of the Friends is scheduled for **January 11 at 6:30pm**. Everyone is invited!

Meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of each month from September through May at 6:30pm.



Calling All Cooks

Favorite recipes from the Friends have been collected into a cookbook. This cookbook was first sold at the Christmas Craft Sale in December. This popular cookbook will be available at the Romance Book Sale in February and at the Spring Book Sale in March. The cost is only \$5.00.

This cookbook has sixty pages of interesting and delicious recipes from salads to desserts.

Friends Bylaws Change

A change to the Friends By-laws is being considered: creating a supporting and non-voting membership.

This year we have had two general meetings out of four at which the quorum requirement was not met. Hence, no business could be conducted.

Our organization has good financial support from members, but poor attendance for meetings. Converting a large number of current members to a non-voting membership could ease this problem.

Please attend our meeting in January to discuss this issue.

Gingerbread Houses

Friends members created delightful gingerbread houses in a November class at the library. Each tiny decorated house, made from a kit, looked beautiful and tasty. These colorful houses added a fragrant touch to the holidays.

