



Friends of the St. Pete Beach Library
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TIDINGS

Wendy Wax Returns



Wendy Wax signs her book for Joan McCreary, whose name is used for a character in *Best Beach Ever* as she won the drawing at last year's book signing.



Wendy with an appropriate background and a poster of the cover of her latest novel.



Wendy holds up the ticket whose owner's name will appear in her next book, as Friends board member Judy Cohan, who sold many of the tickets, looks on. Proceeds of the drawing were donated to the Friends to benefit the Library.



Serena Wyckoff, co-owner with Cathy Graham (not pictured) of Copperfish Books in Punta Gorda, came to take care of selling Wendy's books.



Muriel Desloovere, President of the Friends of the SPB Library, introduces the "novelist who needs no introduction to this audience".



Lots of books to be signed ...



Wendy begins speaking.



Members of the Friends of the Library, from left: Steve Traiman, Bonnie Traiman, Lance Peterson, Donna Dowden, and Zelda Troiano. Serena Wyckoff is partially shown at right.



Betcinda's Space *By BETCINDA KETTELES, LIBRARY ADMINISTRATOR*

The Library is offering new and improved services! We now have iPads for use at the Library housed in a sharp-looking kiosk by the front desk. Check them out with your library card and use them in the Library for up to two hours. For those who've always wanted to try an iPad or for those who prefer them over a P.C. this is a great opportunity to use one!

The Library has also expanded (by thousands) the number of downloadable audio books we offer. The link to RB Digital can be found on our web page SPBLibrary.com.

If all this tech-y stuff is a little overwhelming we offer Tech Tuesday classes in four categories. On the first Tuesday of each month we offer a class to help you with e-books and other free downloadable content such as the audios mentioned above. On the second Tuesday the Tech Tuesday class focuses on iPad and tablet help. You can bring your own if you have questions or use one of the Library's new iPads and we'll give you a quick overview. The third Tuesday of the month we'll help you with your laptop. Bring your device and we can answer your questions. The fourth Tuesday's class covers smartphones. We do our best to help you whether you have an android or Apple device (even if you don't know what kind of device you have!). There is no formal training in these classes—they are designed as an open forum so that you can ask the questions

you need answered and hear from other attendees too.

Another new service you'll want to try is our reader's advisory service called Novelist Plus. If you loved the last book you read or your favorite author isn't writing fast enough, Novelist will suggest titles or authors that you might like. There are two ways to access Novelist: On the "Quick Links" section of the home page at SPBLibrary.com. or you can see the suggested titles when you are in the library's catalog. After clicking on the title of a book, scroll down until you see "Suggestions and More." This service is also very helpful if you want to know all the titles in a series or the order in which they were published.

There are more services we will be offering in the near future. Keep an eye out for Hoopla Digital (downloadable movies, TV, books, whole music albums, audiobooks, and more!), Newsbank (current and archived news articles and obituaries from newspapers around the world) and through a new partnership with Eckerd College we will be helping folks register for OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) classes.

The St. Pete Beach Library works to give residents and visitors access to the information and services you will find useful. Libraries today are far more than merely book warehouses! Come on in and see all that there is to offer!

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Tidings News

On The Bookshelf 'The Good Daughter' by Karin Slaughter

If you like murder mysteries, legal thrillers, family sagas, this book is for you.

Karin Slaughter has written a real page turner. You won't want to put the book down.

The Quinn Family, residents of Pikeville, a small southern Georgia town are victims of a horrible crime. Twenty-eight years later, they are once again involved in another murder mystery. After years of alienation, the Quinn family is drawn together to defend a young woman accused of multiple murders, a shocking crime that affects the whole town.

This novel is peopled by a vast array of complex

characters, from the brilliant Quinn parents and their daughters to the "good old boy" network of law enforcement and criminal justice, the poor, uneducated folks from the "holler", and all the other town folks who are drawn into this tale.

Who is the "Good Daughter"? You'll just have to read this book and find out for yourselves

Karin Slaughter has written many novels, been nominated for an "Edgar" award, and this book is being developed for film production. She is the founder of the Save the Libraries project, a nonprofit organization to support libraries and library programming.

Friends Bookstore Feeds Furry Faces

The patrons of our Library are so generous with their donations of gently used books that the Bookstore often finds itself with a surfeit of books that it cannot store or display. So, the Bookstore recently partnered with Déjà Vu Café in downtown St. Petersburg, where you can get "a book for a buck" to go with your café au lait and croissant.

In just a few months this collaboration has resulted in \$300 going to helping the efforts of Pet Pal Animal Shelter (www.petpalanimalshelter.com) and an additional \$300 for Limbo Chihuahuas (www.limbochihuahuas.org) of S. Pasadena. Both groups provide services and adoption options for dogs and cats that would otherwise be euthanized elsewhere.

Rocky, pictured below, was abandoned and injured during Hurricane Irma, when a tree fell on his backside. He's adjusted quite well to his new



"wheels," and recently placed third in the special Olympics races for local canines. He is currently available for adoption, and a very special one of



the 80 or so dogs that are placed every year by Elizabeth Wood and Megan Barrett (pictured left, at center, flanked by Bianca Smith of the Café and another volunteer) at Limbo Chihuahuas.

Café patrons have followed suit, and are bringing their book donations into Déjà Vu, 401 1st Ave N, for the next round of funding for furry faces.

We hope our book donors are as pleased as we are that we are expanding our reach to the community beyond the beach and that the money from books we would not otherwise be able to sell in the Friends' bookstore is supporting some of our animal "Friends" in need.

Bill Thompson, of the Friends bookstore and co-ordinator of the Pet Pal program, joins two volunteers at the Pet Pal Animal Shelter.



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TA-DA!



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AMERICA'S LIBRARIES VINALHAVEN, MAINE (ONE OF THE FOX ISLANDS, EAST OF PENOBSCOT BAY)



In the early 1900's, steel magnate Andrew J. Carnegie was at the height of his library building career. In 1903, he offered the town of Vinalhaven \$5,200 toward the construction of a free library if the town would contribute an additional \$5,000 donated by the townspeople.

His offer was accepted at a town meeting and work began on a stone building to be 54'6" by 28'8"

one story high, the room 12'6" from floor to ceiling. The material to be used was granite, some from Vinalhaven's own Sands Quarry.

From a "reading room" first established in the Old Fire House in 1887 to a new library built in 1906-1907, it stands today, the only granite building in the town, welcoming all.



Wait For It...

It's coming! The highly anticipated semi-annual silent auction baskets will be ready early in November.

It's the perfect way to shop for the holidays, birthdays, or no special occasion.

Almost new books are complemented by small gifts and fun items.

As it is said, bid early and bid often!



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2018 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Membership dues and other donations to the Friends may be tax-deductible.
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Enclosed is my contribution of \$ _____ (Payable to Friends of the S.P.B. Library)

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