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Dear Friends,

A current *New York Times* bestseller is The Library Book by Susan Orlean. This book is initially described as the mystery of the 1986 fire at the Los Angeles Public Library. The fire burned for seven hours, reached 2000 degrees and consumed 400,000 books and damaged 700,000 more. After 30 years, the mystery still remains about who set the fire. Was it an accident or was it arson and if it was arson, why?

But this book is more than just the mystery of the fire; it is also a detailed history of libraries, the crucial role libraries have played and continue to play in our lives and the evolution of libraries in our country and around the world. The book is heavy on facts and information, but it is also a tribute to libraries and those important individuals who work in our libraries.

This BOOKMARK is mailed to *Friends* members and is available in the Punta Gorda Library, so most of the people who read this publication are already library users and supporters. But from time to time, the *Friends* Board members and I, as well as some of you, get the same question in some form as to why we need a library and what is the value. When I get this question, I get out my imaginary soap box, step up and start explaining what libraries have to offer and why they continue to be important.

Jonathan Karp, President and Publisher of Simon and Shuster, has stated in regards to the publication of The Library Book "the library is much more than a civic institution - it is a physical manifestation of knowledge, community, and self-improvement..."

Like the *Friends* Board and members of the community, I get excited when I drive past the new Punta Gorda Charlotte Library on Shreve Street and see the construction progress. The exterior of building has been painted and it is lovely.

For those of you who have been a part of our library family for a long time, you know the *Friends* have been working toward a new library for many years. Our hopes and dreams had many starts and stops but we are only months away from completion. The building needed to be functional as well as esthetically pleasing and that has been achieved. Charlotte County recently stated in the newspaper that the completion date will be August 2019.



The *Friends* have one more big dream for 2019 and that is to host a Celebration Gala at the new library. We want to be able to celebrate our new library with the community who have supported us through this very long journey. While there are no firm plans at this time, we hope a few local businesses will sponsor this event with us. Now we just have to work the details out with Charlotte County. We will keep you informed.

The *Friends* 2019 Literary Luncheon was a success. Paula McLain is not only a *New York Times* bestselling author, but she is a wonderful speaker. The entire Board worked toward the success of this annual fund raiser with their time and financial resources. Susan Cravens and Ginny Caldwell co-chaired the event with me. The Isles Yacht Club presented a tasty meal and provided top shelf service. We want to thank Judi Roth for once again being our Platinum Sponsor. Although we were not able to accommodate everyone who wanted to attend the Literary Luncheon, we were able to work with Copperfish Books so Paula could have an event at their store. The Copperfish ladies and I were talking with Paula before she left and Paula commented that she would certainly let her management team know what a warm welcome she received as well as being able to reach 300 plus people in two events within 24 hours. This is the kind of reputation that we want in Punta Gorda so other authors will want to come here.

I want to remind all of you who have not yet renewed your 2019 membership that you can fill out the application found here in the BOOKMARK and drop it off at the *Friends* BOOKSTORE or mail it to the address on the Membership Application.

We appreciate your support.

See you around the library,

Katie

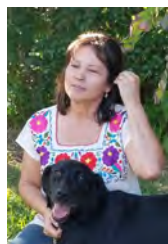


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Thursday-10am-7pm
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Community News

The New Punta Gorda Charlotte Library

The Punta Gorda Charlotte Library is scheduled to open August 2019.



2019 Board members

Back row from left:
Ginny Caldwell, Sara Benson,
Cecelia Eames, Nancy Lewis,
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Front row from left:
Jerri Marsee, Art Bruning,
Susan Cravens, Teresa Coady

Not shown:

Hank Bauman, Luke Andreae,
Teresa Jenkins, Penny Shattuck

Monthly Programs

Youth and Families

Saturday Family Game Day

Saturdays from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Come on out to the library for game day. We provide the games, you provide the fun. All ages welcome, a free event.

Sponsored by Friends of Punta Gorda Library.

PG Family Storytime

Saturdays from 2:00 to 2:30 P.M.

Bring your kids to the library for a Saturday Storytime. Children up to the age of 5 welcome to come for songs, books and playtime.

Sponsored by Friends of Punta Gorda Library.

Register online or call 941-833-5460

PG Yoga Tots

Fridays from 10:15 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. Come with your toddler and towels or yoga mats to stretch your mind and muscles with a story and fun yoga poses. Children ages 12 months to 36 months welcome.

Sponsored by The Friends of The Punta Gorda Library.

Register online or call 941-833-5460

Adults

What Are You Reading?

What Are You Reading? meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1:30 PM at the Punta Gorda Library. Formerly known as The Reader's Advisory Board, What Are You Reading is a monthly gathering for patrons to discuss a book they have recently read. Unlike a traditional book club, where everyone reads the same book, What Are You Reading? allows you to talk about a book *you* 've chosen to read, and to listen in as others share their latest books. Some of the books read by members are:

The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up by Marie Kondo

The Alice Network by Kate Quinn

What Remains: A Memoir of Fate, Friendship and Love by Carole Radziwill

Blue by Danielle Steel

The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern

Before the Fall by Noah Hawley

I Feel Bad About My Neck: And Other Thoughts About Being a Woman by Nora Ephron

Which is Better? Book to Movie Night

The third Wednesday of the month from 3:30pm - 6:00pm (02/20/2019, 03/20/2019, 04/17/2019)

Ready to decide for yourself which is better: the book or the movie?! This movie night is all about popular books that have been made into films. Free pizza will be provided with each movie night and in the end, we'll take a vote to determine which version is truly better!

February 20th: Love, Simon (PG13) March 20th: Crazy Rich Asians (PG13) April 17th: The Hate U Give (PG13)

Pizza donated by the Friends of the Library

Glad Scientists Book Club

Meets the first Wednesday of every month from 4-5:30 p.m. January through March.

The Glad Scientists Book Club is for people who like to read non-fiction "hard science" and mathematic books.

March's selection is to be determined.

The Punta Gorda *Friends* of the Library can receive a small percentage of your purchases from Amazon through Amazon Smile. Participation in this program does not add anything to your bill; Amazon will just donate 0.5% of your purchases to the *Friends*. To participate, simply go to <http://smile.amazon.com/> and make your purchases as usual. You will even be able to see how much of your purchases have been donated. We appreciate your support!



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Cooking with Chef Warren

**February 13:
Cooking with Wine
May 8:
Spanish Cuisine**



Join Chef Warren Caterson at the Punta Gorda Library for a cooking demonstration. Chef Caterson is the author of various cookbooks including Cooking Outside the Lines: Musings of an Extremoporeneous Chef and Table for Two:

Book Discussion Group

The group meets the fourth Thursday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The following are the titles for 2019:

February 28th	Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate
March 28th	Every Breath You Take by Mary Higgins Clark
April 26th	All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
May 23rd	Before the Fall by Noah Hawley
June 27th	Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee
July 25th	The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah
August 22nd	The Immortalists by Chloe Benjamin
September 26th	Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly
October 24th	Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng
November	No Meeting– Happy Thanksgiving

Creativity Workshops

Let's get our creative juices flowing, from poetry to photography and everything in between.

**Photography as a Fine Art – A talk on photographic art
Saturday, February 9 – 3:30pm – 4:30pm**

**Meditative Coloring – Relax and color
Saturday, March 9 – 3:30pm – 4:30pm**



Reservations required. Seating is limited.

For more information, contact the library at 941.833.5460.

Library News

Tribute to Alvin R. Gould

by Katie Mazzi

November 6, 1947 – January 23, 2019

The *Friends* of the Punta Gorda Library have lost a Friend and supporter with the passing of Alvin Gould.

In 2012, the late Mary Knowlton attended a Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce Luncheon and by happenstance sat with Alvin. In representing the *Friends* at the Chamber Luncheon, Mary would always talk about the *Friends* and our mission to support the Punta Gorda Library and the community.

Mary's sincerity and authenticity about the *Friends* caught Alvin's attention and he decided to join. Alvin had established the Gould Family Trust to honor his parents and he enjoyed seeing the name listed in the *Friends* newsletter.

In January, 2014, I had become the *Friends* President. Alvin had called the library and had asked to talk with someone from the *Friends* to find out what he could do to help us in addition to just being a "Friend." I called Alvin and I would like to say a friendship started. There were a lot of phone calls and some lunches. Alvin was one of the first people to call me after Mary Knowlton's death. In fact, following her death in 2016, every phone call would end with Alvin telling me he missed our friend Mary.

The Gould Family Trust was the Gold Sponsor of the *Friends* Annual Literary Luncheon from 2014 through 2019. Alvin attended two of the Literary Luncheons before his health prevented him from attending others. However, Alvin always looked forward to receiving his autographed copy of the guest author's latest book. It was a sad moment for me when I didn't ask Paula McLain to inscribe a book for Alvin.

Alvin left his mark in our community and we are all better for it.



Author Greg Hurwitz, Katie Mazzi and Alvin Gould

The Charlotte Scarborough Taylor Workbooks



A drawing of a bird-eating spider from the workbooks

On December 7th, 2018, Charlotte County Community Services presented the history of the Charlotte Scarborough Taylor Workbooks. Dr. Annette Snapp, from the Charlotte County

Historical Department explained the background of both the author and the works. Charlotte Scarborough Taylor was one of the earliest female entomologists in the Americas and her work was also published in periodicals of the time. The workbooks will be preserved and protected for future generations to enjoy.



Dr. Annette Snapp and LeAnn Beckwith



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Friends Presented 2019 Literary Luncheon Featuring New York Times and International Bestselling Author Paula McLain



Judi Roth (Literary Luncheon
Platinum Sponsor) with Paula



Paula with Katie Mazzi (Friends
President)



Friends of The Punta Gorda Library

424 W. Henry Street
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The mission of the *Friends of the Punta Gorda Library* is to promote awareness of, appreciation for, and use of the Punta Gorda Charlotte Library. The greatest little secret in our area, hiding in plain sight, is THE LIBRARY. To view all its resources go to www.charlottecountyfl.com/Library.

The new, larger library is currently under construction on Shreve Street with a projected completion date of August 2019.

Friends provide the library with vital funding, which may not otherwise be available, for increasing media collections, funding children, teen and adult programs, and procuring furniture and equipment.

Friends raise money through membership dues, special events and the *Friends* Bookstore. The Bookstore sells the recycled donations given by friends and patrons. Money is also received from donations given by individuals, businesses, non-profits and corporations.

Friends fund free music and drama programs during evening hours at community locations. *Friends* monies also support and expand children's programs in STEM, Reading and the Arts.

On January 30, 2019 at the Isles Yacht Club, *Friends* hosted the annual Literary Luncheon. The author was Paula McLain, *New York Times* and international best-selling author. *Friends* members were able to reserve seating earlier than non-members.

Please become a *Friend*! Annual memberships are January 1st through December 31st, (memberships dated after October 2018 will be for the entire 2019 calendar year).

Thank You for your continued loyalty and support. The *Friends* website is: www.friendspg.org

Katie Mazzi

President

Lois Modrow, Nancy Lewis, Georgia Buda

Membership



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