

Volunteer Appreciation Event

To show our appreciation to you for the time that you've volunteered at the Library, we are holding a volunteer appreciation event on Saturday, October 21, 2006. The event is in the planning stages so more information will be shared as it becomes available but the intent is to show you how much you mean to the Library. Mark your calendar and plan to bring a significant other. This will also be a chance for you to meet other volunteers in the system.

Name the News Letter Contest

The news letter has been named. Four entries were received for the "Name the News Letter" contest. A committee of three volunteer coordinators voted on the entries. Congratulations to the winners!

First prize went to Michael Bailey, South Mandarin, for the entry of "The Volunteer Times-Union." Michael received a "Much Ado About Books" book bag filled with two books, and a candy bar from The Foundation.

Second prize went to Wendy Geiger, Highlands, for her entry of "The Volunteer Times." Wendy received a pen and case from the Mayor's office.

Thank you to all of those who entered.

Welcome!

JPL would like to welcome all of the volunteers who have started volunteering with the library. We hope you will find volunteering at the library to be exciting and rewarding.

JPL would also like to welcome our latest partners:

Phi Theta Kappa
Girl Scouts of America
Church of Latter Day Saints
Jacksonville University

Volunteer Opportunities

The Programming office, in the Main Library, is looking for two volunteers to help out with the upcoming event "Mystery in the Stacks." "Mystery in the Stacks" is a scavenger hunt that will take place July 29th. If you would like more details or are interested in volunteering, please call Carol Brown at 630-1420.

News You Can Use

In collaboration with the U.S. Census Bureau and the nonprofit coalition Independent Sector, the Corporation for National and Community Service in early 2005 conducted the Youth Volunteering and Civic Engagement Survey, the first major national study of volunteering by teenagers in more than a decade. The analysis shows that the state of youth volunteering is robust – with 55% of youth participating in volunteer activities each year – and that the level of their volunteer commitment is directly related to the nature of the social institutions with which they interact. The survey also showed 38 percent of students nationwide – some 10.6 million students in total -- participated in school-based service as part of school activity or requirement.

The following are heart felt thank yous from Library employees!

Joe Clarke has shown us in Talking Books just how great a volunteer can be. He has always kept his time commitments even in bad weather and with bus transfers. This was especially noticeable when we were in our old location on the North Side; he lived on the West Side. He works hard with focus and intelligence. Joe also doesn't leave a job unfinished even if his time is up. Talking Books couldn't have a greater asset as a volunteer than this gentleman.

Jerry Reynolds, Talking Books

Highlands Branch would like to give a huge thank you to Betty Snyder. She takes care of our fiction and genre fiction collections with an eagle eye, and is always willing to help out with other projects or shelving assistance when needed. Betty comes in four days a week with a good attitude and a kind word for everyone. We appreciate you Betty!"

Katherine K. Moody, Highlands

Congratulations to Michael Bailey from the South Mandarin Branch. He recently won first place for choosing the name for the volunteer newsletter. The new name is: The Volunteer Times-Union. Great job Michael!

Congratulations go to Michael Bailey, Joan Mattmueller and Mel Yost for attaining 100 hours of volunteer service. The staff of the South Mandarin Branch thank you for your efforts during the past year. Your hard work has made South Mandarin a terrific place to be.

I appreciate the efforts of Guy Adkins, Lynne Baldwin, Karen Bridgham, Marsha Collins, David Foster, Susan Holzworth, Jasmine Johnson, Ann Robert, Maureen Stellino, and Nicole Veal, for helping train the summer only volunteers at the South Mandarin Branch. All of your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Karen Dwyer, South Mandarin

People may not know that I ...

- ❖ Would like to learn Polish. Sandra Laguerta, Regency Square
- ❖ Speak Japanese, Spanish, and English. Khiara Nakanishi, Webb Wesconnett
- ❖ Am a pilot. Elder Kasey Murdock, South Mandarin
- ❖ Row Competitively. Vadim Grigoryants, South Mandarin
- ❖ Like to go offshore fishing and compete in the Junior Angler and the King Fish Tournaments. Maryann Dupras, Beaches Branch
- ❖ Would like to be a professional tennis player. Neely Shah, South Mandarin

Accolades

Congratulations to the following volunteers for their continued service:

5 Years of Service

Mitzi Sprague, Main/Center for Adult Learning
Ann Weisz, Main/Center for Adult Learning

1 Year of Service

Charleyn Oliver, Regency Square
Sheila Tison, Regency Square
Kay Matson, Pablo Creek
Robert Holmquist, Pablo Creek

500 Hours of Service

Wendy Geiger, Highlands

100 Hours of Service

Ericca Harper, Argyle
Darlene Altman, Main/Center for Adult Learning
Michele Curran, Main/Center for Adult Learning
James Fry, Main/Center for Adult Learning
Betty Snyder, Highlands
Virginia Campbell, Main/ILL
Paula Sheffield, Maxville
Michael Bailey, South Mandarin
Joan Mattmuller, South Mandarin
Melvin Yost, South Mandarin
John Hinderliter, Main/Popular Library