The Good News

A Newsletter for the Friends of East Lake Community Library

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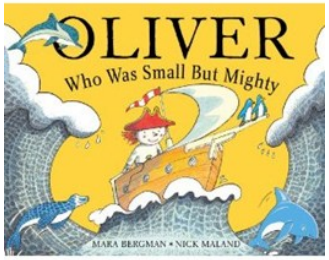
MORE THAN JUST BOOKS & TAPES

Hello. It's 2013 and it's going to be a very good year.

The East Lake Community Library is supported by a highly creative staff, an amazing Friends group, a committed Advisory Board, dedicated volunteers and a caring community. The East Lake Community Library may be small in size, but it is mighty in all of its offerings and service.

Beyond the books, movies and digital resources there is a wealth of library programming which includes LEGO Club, a Writer's group that produced its own publication, a teen group which produced its own murder mystery, an Author Showcase which will host Senator Bob Graham this coming May, a Sit and Sew and Quilting group which has created a quilt to raise funds for the library, movies, financial seminars, reading to our four-legged therapy dog Shorty, children's story times, plus the new very successful Sunday Afternoon at the Library Concert Series.

New programs planned for this spring include the second LEGO Robotics series, Kindle, Nook and I-Pad help, cooking classes and continued art programs. All of this is accomplished by the East Lake team who works better together than apart. In the words of Aristotle, East Lake exemplifies the axiom that "The *whole* is *greater than* the *sum of its parts."* It is my pleasure to work with such a wonderful group of people. Thank you one and all.



"Small but Mighty"

2nd Annual Travel Workshop at East lake Community Library

Whether you travel by Water, Trains, Planes or Automobiles, (WTPA Trips) you'll want to attend ELCL's 2nd annual travel workshop on **Friday, March 15th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. At the top of each hour,** Miki Durand Schnakel and her associates from Florida Cruise Planners/American Express Travel will whet your travel appetites with the hottest river cruises, train tours, resorts you can fly to or drive vacations in the USA. **The rest of the Workshop stay for questions and answers.**

Raffles include a 2 night stay at the Clearwater Beach Hilton Resort (worth over $500). Raffles and refreshments will benefit the Friends of ELCL fund raising efforts for this year's Sunshine Reader Books for our summer reading program.

ANTIQUE APPRAISAL FAIR

Antique and collectible appraisers will be at East Lake Community Library on **Saturday, March 2 from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM**.

Appraisals will be given for a $5.00 donation for each item, or $10.00 for three items.

Refreshments, book sales and raffles will also be available at the event.

Donations received will be used to fund this summer's Sunshine Reader Books.

Bring in your treasures for appraisal to help support this valuable reading program for our students!

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Friends' President
Pat Hartlaub

As I assume my new role as President of the Friends, I have to commend Carole Jackson, the outgoing President. The Friends' have benefited and flourished greatly under Carole's seven years of leadership.

The Friends' had an eventful and productive 2012. The LEGO Robotics Program, an extension of the LEGO's Program, was funded and successfully implemented. The Robotics Program gives students ages 9-14 the opportunity to explore their interests in the STEM fields of science, technology, engineering and math.

In addition, a Sunday Concert Series was organized and has been extremely successful in bringing highly talented groups to perform at the library.

Those of us who live in the East Lake community are so fortunate to have the East Lake Community Library in our area. The library is more than a library, it is our community center. The Library's meeting room is available to non-profit groups to meet and encourage self-education to enrich lives . The library staff has created and organized such programs as a book club and a sewing group that meet monthly. In addition there are tutoring programs, children and teens programs and a writer's critique group. Just to name a few.

Because the East Lake area is unincorporated the library is not funded like other taxing districts and city libraries. This makes the mission of the Friends to raise funds "to enhance the margin of excellence for library materials and services" a serious endeavor. Without the efforts of the Friends' of the Library many of the programs and services would not be possible.

Thanks to all of you who have given so generously through your volunteer efforts and your generous donations. The Friends' meet at the library on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. We would love to meet you. Please join us!

LEGO Robotics Challenge

LEGO TUTOR MENTORS NEEDED FOR UPCOMING LEGO ROBOTIC CHALLENGE

LEGO® Robotics Launches 2nd Session 1/31/2013

The second session of LEGO robotics was launched 1/31/2013 and culminates with a second LEGO robotics challenge on 3/25/2013. LEGO robotic mentor/tutor training took place on Tuesday, 1/29/2013. Much has been learned from the initial fall session and the robust competitive challenge held on 11/21/2012.

Jim Kendall, retired Honeywell engineer and tutor/mentor extraordinaire during the first session, has taken the lead in summarizing those results. Jim, along with Patricia Perez, Library Director, and Cheryl Dorweiler have prepared an extensive week by week plan for the second session.

Mentor/tutors are always needed. Please contact Patricia Perez or Cheryl Dorweiler to learn how you can volunteer. Motivate the science, technology, engineering and mathematics wonders of the next decade with their hands on experiences at ELCL's LEGO robotics program made possible by the fund raising efforts of the Friends of ELCL.

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Teen Volunteers by Maureen Lacey

When we think of volunteers, the image of selfless people who are committed to helping others comes to mind. At East Lake Community Library we have many volunteers who fill this role. All of our volunteers make the library a warm and welcoming place to read the latest books, discover new interests by joining a club or exploring new technologies such as E-Books, Freegal and Playaways.

This special library family of volunteers expands every year. In 2013 the ELCL is truly a family affair. Teen volunteers, **Kevin and Shawn Newsome** (pictured) have been volunteering for over four years. Their sister **Rachel** volunteered as a computer tutor for three years before she left for college. The Newsome brothers tutor computers and offer instructions on E-reader devices, such as Nook and Kindle.

At ELCL teen volunteers contribute by tutoring in their areas of expertise such as math, reading, art or computers, in addition to helping with other library needs. We value this exceptional group of teens who devote over 25 hours each week to ELCL and the community. Many of the teens earn Bright Futures or National Honor Society hour for their volunteer time. The interaction with their students is a perfect blend of give and take. The tutors give their time and in return they gain confidence, self-esteem and valuable life skills.

When I walk past a teen tutor in a computer session, I notice smiles as a student finally understands how the computer they feared is really a new way to learn and communicate. When I see students sign up for another learning session, I know how thrilled they are with their new skills. When I see the student hug the teen tutor, I know in my heart that teen tutoring works.

It works at ELCL because WE ARE FAMILY, a place where everyone can succeed.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

As you enter the library and go past the Book Nook, you will see a brochure rack located on the wall to your right. That is the Community Resource Center.

East Lake Community Library is striving to become the primary source for information about all of the things East Lake and Pinellas County have to offer. The Community Resource Center offers information about arts and cultural organizations, education, government and public services, transportation, community development organizations, and local business to name a few.

By making a tax deductible $100 donation a business is given the opportunity to display their marketing material in the Community Resource Center. In addition, the participating company's logo will appear as a library supporter on the library website and all new library card patrons will receive the company's brochure in their Library Welcome package. If you would like to take advantage of this marketing opportunity or know of a business that would be interested, please pick up an application at the library's front desk or call Barb Schultz, Community Resource Coordinator at 727-656-5068 for more information.

Many of the participating businesses are offering a discounted service when library patrons show your library card at the time of purchase. So be sure to check out the Community Resource Center… it's a win/win!

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Donations to the Library, Always a Welcome Gift

Our East Lake Community Library was founded by volunteers who gave of their time and talents. They asked our community if they needed a library — the answer was a resounding "yes". Through the community's generosity, our library opened November, 1999.

The community continues to give in many ways to help fund our library's programs and services. The following are ways to donate. Friends of ELCL is a 501(C)(3) tax exempt organization; therefore donations are tax deductible up to what the law allows.

- **Cash Donations** Designate a specific item or event, such as the Sunday Music Series
- **Become a Member of Friends** (see next page for membership opportunities)
- **Wall of Giving Plaque** Mural located by Book Nook in library foyer

  Plaque levels of Giving:

  Turquoise—$100

  Copper—$250

  Silver—$500

  Gold—$1,000
- **Bricks or Tiles** (outside front entrance) $100 for 3 lines with a maximum of 14 characters per line
- **Pet Celebration Wall Charms** $25 (3 lines max. 16 characters per line)
- **Network for Good** Electronic Payments (Any amount through library website.)
- **Employer/Employee Matching Gift Program** Employee donates to library and the employer matches donation.
- **Community Resource Center (CRC)** Businesses donate $100 and their brochure is placed in the Community Resource Center pamphlet rack and in new patron bags.
- **Book Donations**

There are many opportunities to give and support the library, and to invest in your community!

Sunday at the Library Concert Series

The Sunday at the Library Musical Series has been a huge success. The January performance featured the **Gulf Coast Jazz Quartet** with **Dan O'Hara** on piano, **Phil Traynor** on bass, **Douglas Lichterman** on guitar, and **Frank Abrami** on drums. Future programs are as follows:

March 10—Angelica (harp and flute)

April 14– Dunedin High School Pipe Band.

All performances start at 2:00 PM at the library.

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BOOK NOOK

The Book Nook, located at the entrance to the library is operated by the Friends of the Library and managed by Volunteer, Heather Ludlam. The Book Nook is one of the primary sources of income for the Friends and all donations go to support the library.
During the month of February, all romance novels and cook books are 50% off.
In April gardening, crafts and do-it-yourself books will be 50% off.

Look for Book Nook on Facebook

Become a Member of the Friends

As a member of the Friends of East Lake Community Library you will receive:

An opportunity to vote for officers at the Annual Meeting

An opportunity to chair and/or participate in fundraising events

Newsletters

Notification of upcoming programs and events

The good feeling you get from knowing you are helping to spread the joy of reading and the love of the library

Your contribution for membership is tax deductible and all contributions support the library programs and services. There are two types of memberships available the Annual and the Lifetime. Annual memberships renew each January and Lifetime memberships are a one-time payment. You may use the form below to enroll.

Membership Levels (Please Circle One)		
Individual (annual) $10	Business (annual) $ 50	Lifetime Business $500
Family (annual) $25	Lifetime Individual $100	

□ YES! I want to be a member of the Friends of East Lake Community Library!

Name:_____

Address:_____

Email:_____

Phone:_____

Date:_____

Please make checks payable to: Friends of East Lake Community Library and mail to: Friends of East Lake Community Library, 4125 East Lake Road, Palm Harbor, FL 34685

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The Friends Board meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM in the library's community meeting room.

Please join us to learn how you can become involved.

Library Phone: 727-773-2665
www.eastlakelibrary.org

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