FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



Friends of the Library of Osceola County, St. Cloud Friends of the Library, Poinciana Friends of the Library, Buenaventura Lakes Friends of the Library

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St. Cloud Friends Donate Funds for Educational Computers

The St. Cloud
Friends recently
assisted in the
purchase of two
computers for the
children's section
of the Veteran's
Memorial Library.
These computers
come preloaded
with educational
software that is



geared toward younger learners, as well as a mouse and keyboard designed for little hands.

Each computer is targeted for a specific age group. The AWE Early Literacy Station is for ages 2-8 and the Afterschool Edge is for children ages 6-12. The computers do not have access to the Internet, kid size headphones and a buried and well password protected operating system to avoid accidental program damage.

These computers are set up next to a regular terminal that parents can utilize while their children are busy learning on a kid-friendly safe computer.

ASL Classes Begin at Hart

American Sign Language classes will be held at Hart Memorial Library beginning on January 8th. Deaf instructors from ASL Services teach this four-week series. The course was offered for the first time in October 2017 and was so popular that the library aims to offer it four times a year.

The Osceola County Friends Group has donated funds to assist the library in offering this opportunity to the community. Attendees will learn basics of conversation such as introducing themselves, facial expressions, talking about family, and the manual alphabet.

To learn more about future classes being offered visit the library's website or ask your local librarian. Pre-registration is required for these classes.

Upcoming Book Sales

Hart: **Jan. 18-20** 9 am – 3 pm



Poinciana:

MonthlyFirst Wednesday of the month

10 am - 12 pm

St. Cloud:

Feb. 22-24

Thurs: 12 pm – 8 pm

Fri: 9 am - 3 pm

Sat: 9 am - 3 pm

BVL:

Mar. 23-24

Fri. 12 pm - 5 pm

Sat. 9 am - 3 pm

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Fan Faire 2017

Fan Faire V: Time Wars this year was a collaboration between the City of Kissimmee and the Osceola Library System. With over 2,000 attendees, the event spanned between the Hart Memorial Library and the Kissimmee Civic

Center. The event ended with the ever-popular costume contests and raffle drawings the prizes for which consisted of donated items from sponsors as well as books related to different "fandom" genres.





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