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# THE BOOKWORM

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SOUTH MONTGOMERY COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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**OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2017**

## **LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

The FOL shops and our libraries had a very successful long summer and are now fully in motion for an eventful fall and end of the year programs. Thanks to all of our volunteers who were very dedicated in sorting the donations, keeping the shops fully stocked and welcoming and assisting our many customers.

In September the Mitchell Library and The FOL hosted the author, Amita Trasi as part of our General Meeting. She spoke about her new book - The Color of Our Sky. Her debut novel is a heartbreaking and beautiful portrait of an unlikely friendship - a story of love, betrayal, and, ultimately, redemption. She signed a number of copies, which are on sale in the shop. Might be a good buy for the holidays. At the General Meeting, the slate for officers was announced: Deborah Butler, President, Megan VerBerkmoes, VP Mitchell, Judy Mitchell, VP South, Lynn Santarsiere, Secretary and Debbie Adams, Treasurer. We will vote on the board officer nominees at the next General Meeting, December 5 at 5:15 p.m. at South.

As noted above our next General Meeting will be at South on December 5 at 5:15 p.m. This meeting will be in conjunction with South and a presentation on Gardening with Bob Dailey: All About Bugs. Bob Dailey, a Montgomery County Master Gardener, will give us the low down on bugs — the good, the bad and the ugly! We have a number of gardening prizes to add to the presentation. We will also vote on the slate of officers for the FOL Board.

As special note, the Friends of the Library is now linked up with Amazon Smiles and 1/2% of all purchases by registered Amazon accounts come back to the Friends and then onto the Libraries. We have similar arrangements with Kroger and Randall's. These are an easy ways to support both the FOL and our libraries.

**This newsletter is the last issue that we will be mailing out. In the future, we will be emailing the newsletters to members and posting on our website.**

Thank you to all our great volunteers and to you our members and customers. We could not do all this for our libraries without you.

Deborah Butler  
President, South Montgomery County Friends of the Library

**GENERAL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017 AT 5:15 P.M. AT SOUTH LIBRARY**

Please join us for an important General Meeting of the Friends of the Library beginning at 5:15 p.m. to vote on the slate of new board members for 2018. There will also be door prizes!

Our election is just prior to South Regional Library's program "***Gardening with Bob Dailey : All About Bugs***"

Bob Dailey, a Montgomery County Master Gardener, will give you the low down on bugs - the good, the bad, and the ugly! Program is from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Thanks!  
Jholeen Cunningham  
Programs

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**  
**SMCFOL ANNUAL BOOK SALE 2018**

South Montgomery County Friends of the Library (SMCFOL) are already getting plans underway for the 2018 annual book sale. The sale will be held at the South County Community Centre, 2235 Lake Robbins Drive, The Woodlands and will run from Thursday evening March 22, 2018 through Saturday March 24, 2018.

We had a terrific sale in 2017 and we're all working hard towards an even better result in 2018. Support for the sale has been high over the years as reflected in the numbers of volunteers contributing their time and effort and we're hoping this continues. The sale brings to our community a quality and varied inventory of books all sold at great bargains. On top of this, the funds collected go to support programs at the two Woodlands libraries.

So, please Save the Date in your calendar and join us to support your local libraries!

If you'd like to help out at the sale, please contact Samantha to be added to the volunteer list - [samantha.winner72@gmail.com](mailto:samantha.winner72@gmail.com)

Jan Brodhead and Samantha Winner  
Book Sale Co-Chairs

## SOUTH LIBRARY

South Regional Library has a great lineup of events coming up for the holidays and the New Year. Please note that we will be closing at 5 p.m. on November 22 and will be closed November 23 - 25, 2017 for the Thanksgiving holiday. We will also be closed December 23 - 26, 2017 for Christmas. We hope to see you all soon!

### Events for Adults

#### Family Game Night

Monday, December 4 at 5:30 p.m. This event is open to all ages! Have fun playing board games, eat some delicious holiday treats, and meet new people! This event is held in the Large Meeting Room.

#### Gardening with Bob Dailey : All About Bugs

Tuesday, December 5 from 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Bob will give you the low down on bugs: the good, the bad, and the ugly! Before Bob speaks, you can attend a brief general meeting of our South Montgomery County Friends of the Library, where you can learn how to support programs at your library! This event is held in the Children's Room.

#### Adult Needlecraft Circle

Monday, December 11 at 1:30 p.m. Bring your project (knitting, embroidery, crochet, etc.) and socialize with us! Learn a new technique or pass on your favorite tip. Everything is more fun when done in a group! This event is held in the Children's Room.

#### Adult Crafternoon: Bookish Holiday Ornaments

Tuesday, December 19 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Come celebrate the holidays and up-cycle old books to make beautiful literary snowflakes! Seating and supplies are limited. Call 936-442-7727 to reserve a spot.

#### Gumshoe Mystery Book Club

Tuesday, January 2 at 11 a.m. Join us for a lively mystery book discussion and refreshments. Seating is limited and registration is required. If you have any questions or you would like to register, please call 936-442-7727, ext. 6371. The book for January is *Blood on the Tracks* by Barbara Nickless. Five free copies of the upcoming book club selection will be raffled off during the book club meeting. This event is held in the Small Meeting Room.

### Events for Teens

#### Family Game Night

Monday, December 4 at 5:30 p.m. This event is open to all ages! Have fun playing board games, eat some delicious holiday treats, and meet new people! This event is held in the Large Meeting Room.

#### Teen Book Club

Thursday, December 14 at 4:30 p.m. Teens will meet and discuss *Kingdom of Ashes and Briars* by Hannah West. The first ten teens to register each month will receive a

free copy of the book to be discussed the following month. Registration begins November 17. Register by calling Natasha at 936-442-7727 ext. 6370. Open to teens ages 13-17.

#### Teen Manga Club

Thursday, December 14 at 5 p.m. Teens will read and discuss a volume of *Fruits Basket and Attack on Titan* each month. December will be Volume 4. The first ten teens to register each month will receive a free copy of each manga. Registration begins November 17. Register by calling Natasha at 936-442-7727 ext. 6370. Open to teens ages 13-17.

### Events for Kids

#### Toddler Story Time

Monday, December 4 and December 11 at 9:15 a.m. and 10 a.m. Toddler Storytime introduces children to books with simple language and predictable plots. Each Toddler Time is about 20 minutes long and concludes with a coloring activity. This event is held in the Large Meeting Room.

#### Preschool Story Time

Tuesday, December 5 and December 12 at 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Children in Preschooler Storytime are expected to sit or stand still, listen to the storyteller, and practice self-control for longer periods of time than required during Toddler Storytime. Stories are longer and activities are more complex. Children may practice their independence by attending Preschooler Storytime without their caregiver (caregiver must remain on the first floor of the library at all times). Preschool Storytime lasts about 30 minutes.

#### Baby & Me Storytime

Wednesday, December 6 and December 13 at 9:15 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. Baby & Me Storytime focuses on nursery rhymes and movement and is geared toward infants up to age 18 months. Parents and caregivers should be prepared to be actively involved in this storytime. Each Baby & Me Storytime is about 20 minutes long and concludes with time for babies to explore books and toys.

#### Preteen Book Club

Wednesday, December 13 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. At each meeting of the Preteen Book Club, preteens aged 9 through 12 discuss the month's book with each other and the Children's Librarian. The first 15 tweens to sign up receive a free copy of that month's book (one book per family). Preteens should have all or most of the month's book read before attending book club. Sign up at the Children's Desk or by calling 936-442-7727 ext 6363.

#### Santa Claus is Coming to Town Puppet Show

Wednesday, December 20 at 10 a.m. Follow Santa Claus and see what it is like to be the Jolly Old Gentleman! See him fly through the sky with Rudolph and his reindeer to deliver the toys to the good little children. This original 30 minute hand puppet play will delight the children when Christmas traditions are visited until the satisfying ending of

Santa delivering the toys. Presented by Carranza Puppets. Tickets are required for this program. Tickets are free and will be handed out in the lobby beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Jenn Wigle  
Assistant South Regional Manager

## **MITCHELL LIBRARY**

As the end of the year approaches, it seems like an appropriate time to reflect on the many wonderful occasions, events, and accomplishments that we have experienced at Mitchell during 2017. The Family Place Libraries project kicked off at the beginning of the year and brought in a new group of young families who are becoming faithful library visitors. In March we were delighted to learn that Mitchell had been selected as a finalist for the National Medal for Museum and Library Service! Although we did not receive the medal this year, the honor of being named a finalist brought favorable attention to both our library branch and to the library system. Summer Reading exceeded our expectations again this year, with a new record set for the number of children completing their reading goals. We worked with the Friends and with the staff of South Regional to plan and host programs associated with the SMCVOL General Meetings over the course of the year. In fact, adult program attendance has soared this year - up by 86% so far, with November and December programming yet to come! Although members of our community, including patrons and staff members, were adversely affected by Hurricane Harvey, we pulled together to support one another. In the weeks since the storm, we have been glad to provide a Montgomery County welcome to the Harris County Library cardholders temporarily displaced while their home branches are being restored to service. Once again, the support of the South Montgomery County Friends of the Library has been instrumental in allowing us to provide high quality library resources and services to our community. Thanks again for all the ways that you contributed to our success during the course of the year! We hope that you will join us at our holiday open house on Monday, December 11, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Mark Shepherd of Song Solutions, will be in the meeting room leading a holiday sing-along, while Santa will be available for photos by the decorated tree in the lobby. Bring your family members and cameras, and stay to enjoy the cookies and holiday fun! Or join us at any of our upcoming programs through the fall and winter!

### **Events for Adults**

#### **Mitchell Adult Evening Book Club**

Not sure what to read next? Let us pick the book for you! The evening book club reads a mix of fiction and non-fiction selections and meets the 3rd Wednesday every month for a lively discussion of the current book. We meet from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room. Questions? Call us at 936-442-7728 or email [jennifer.giele@countylibrary.org](mailto:jennifer.giele@countylibrary.org)

#### **Evening Book Club Schedule:**

December – No Meeting, Happy Holidays!

January 17 – *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly

#### Mitchell Adult Nonfiction Book Club

The Mitchell Adult Nonfiction Book Club will hold its last meeting of the year on Thursday, Nov. 16, at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *The Lost City of the Monkey God: A True Story* by Douglas Preston. In his book, Preston writes of joining the quest to find a lost Honduran city of immense wealth, as rumored by the natives and a previous explorer who claimed to have found it. Using the latest technology to guide them, Preston and a team of scientists endured great hardship while venturing into the wilderness, only to contract a dangerous ailment that may be incurable. Come and enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded readers! Any adult is invited to attend and refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Jackie Greene, Reference Librarian, at 936-442-7728, ext. 6314 or at [jgreene@countylibrary.org](mailto:jgreene@countylibrary.org)

Mitchell Library's Nonfiction Book Club will be reading the following selection in January:  
January 18 at 1 p.m. – *Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind* by Yuval Noah Harari

#### Mitchell Adult Fiction Book Club

The Fiction Book Club and the Non-Fiction Book Club will be celebrating the Holidays together on Thursday, December 7 at 1:00 p.m. at our annual Holiday Tea. We will join the Non-Fiction Book Club for a light lunch and social hour. We set aside this time to celebrate our year of reading. We've worked hard all year discussing books and now it is time to relax!

Since we don't have a book choice for December, we have two months to read our January selection, *A Gentleman in Moscow*. This is an opportunity for us to read a longer book. This title has been a popular selection for book clubs, so you may want to reserve a copy now.

#### Mitchell Adult Writers Group

Mitchell Writers Group meets on the third Tuesday of every month from 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. For anyone who wants to get started writing but perhaps isn't sure where to start, we will have some materials and ideas for inspiration. Our group will give members a time and place to start a journal, plan a short story, or capture a precious memory. Experienced writers are welcome to join and inspire us. Would you like to leave some special thoughts behind for your children and grandchildren? Craft a poem? Write an essay? Drop in and see what we're up to! We've also started Mitchell Writers Group: Writing Lab. It's a dedicated time and place to get some writing done in an inspirational atmosphere. The Writing Lab is the second Tuesday of the month from 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. in Conference Room 222.

## Mitchell Crafternoons

Join us for Crafternoons for a fun, free craft to take home! Supplies and instructions are provided on a first-come, first-served basis. All ages welcome, but be aware that crafts are intended for adults and older children. No registration needed. Just stop by the Mitchell Community Room on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Happy crafting!

### Crafternoons Schedule:

December 12 – Book Page Christmas Tree

January 9 – Jar Snow Globes

January 23 – Button Art

\*Please Note\* There will be only one Crafternoon program in December due to the holidays.

## Mitchell Movie Matinees

Join us for a relaxing afternoon movie, some popcorn, a drink, and the company of other movie fans! We are presenting the science fiction movie *Arrival*, a 2017 Academy Awards Best Picture Nominee. When twelve mysterious spacecraft appear around the world, linguistics professor Louise Banks is tasked with interpreting the language of the apparent alien visitors. Starring: Amy Adams and Jeremy Renner. Questions? Contact Jackie Greene, Reference Librarian, at 936-442-7728, ext. 6314.

Thursday, Nov. 30, 1:00 p.m. – *Arrival*. Rated: PG-13.

## Mitchell Needlecrafts: Knit & Stitch

Crocheters, knitters, embroiderers, quilters, and all textile artists welcome. Bring your own work-in-progress and supplies! First and third Friday each month, upstairs in Conference Room 222. Drop by for inspiration and to meet fellow crafters.

## Events for Teens (Ages 13-17)

In addition to our regular programming for young adults, Mitchell Library is delighted to offer a new teen program in tandem with Girls Who Code. Girls Who Code is an initiative across America to teach programming and computing skills to teen girls to increase the presence of women in the computer science industry. Due to limited seating, attendees must register for the event. To find out more about the Girls Who Code non-profit organization, visit their website at [girlswhocode.com](http://girlswhocode.com).

### Teen Girls Who Code

Thursday, November 16 from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 30 from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 7 from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 14 from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Teen Gaming Unplugged

Tuesday, December 12 from 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Teen Movie Night

Tuesday, November 28 from 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. – *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2*  
(PG-13)

Teen Mystery Club

Tuesday, December 5 from 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Amber Fritschel-Manolovitz

Assistant Branch Manager

## **NEWS FROM THE GIFT SHOPS**

### **SOUTH**

This time of year we tend to reflect on those things we are grateful for. We recall special memories with family and friends and the good things in life we enjoy. As the South Shop manager, I am grateful for the wonderful people who give their time to make the shop a success and our faithful customers who support us with their purchases and donations.

Speaking of donations, South Friends Book Shop is overflowing with donations! This holiday season be sure to stop in with your gift list. We are sure you'll find something special for the book lovers on your list.

Judy Mitchell

South Book Shop Manager

### **MITCHELL**

At our Mitchell Friends Book Shop desk, you will be seeing three new volunteers. Sherry Krepps, Lorraine Dickie, and Jeannette Burson are great additions to our shop staff. They are friendly and enthusiastic and we welcome them!

SMCFOL members and shop volunteers, we are always in need of gently used children's books since this is one of our shop's most popular items with the customers. Please spread the word to friends and neighbors that we here at the Mitchell Shop would greatly appreciate donations of these items.

This month at our Mitchell Friends Book Shop, we will be featuring a terrific selection of holiday-themed books for both adults and children which will be displayed on our rolling carts outside the shop door. Cooking, entertaining, arts and crafts, CD's, and holiday-themed novels are just some of the choices for the adults. Our children's Christmas book selection will delight various age groups. We will offer holiday-themed board

books, picture books, and chapter books. Begin your Christmas shopping early with us here at the Mitchell Shop.

Lastly, I sadly report that our shop co-manager, Samantha Winner, will be resigning her position effective January 2018. She has served in this capacity for nearly two years and also as co-chair of our annual book sale. Samantha's engaging personality and great sense of humor has made her a delight to serve with. We wish her much success in future endeavors and we all will miss her. The good news is that Samantha will continue at the Mitchell Friends Book Shop as a substitute at the desk and as a sorter when time permits.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank our many volunteers who spend much time and energy in making this organization so successful. It is a pleasure working with them.

Megan VerBerkmoes  
Mitchell Shop Manager

### **Remember to use Amazon Smiles!**

Now when you shop online with Amazon, you can link your Amazon purchases to the South Montgomery County Friends of the Library. One half of one percent of all associated purchases will come back to our libraries through the Friends charity designation.

It is very easy to set this up! If you are an Amazon Prime member, you just have to go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> (all of your Amazon history goes with you) and go to "Your Account" at the top right hand side of the screen. In the drop down box that displays, you will find "Change your Charity". Click on that and in the line headed "Or pick your own charitable organization" type in "South Montgomery County Friends of the Library" and you will be able to pick our great group as the charity that receives a percentage of your purchases. After choosing and designating South Montgomery County Friends of the Library, just purchase on Amazon as you normally do. There is no further sign up necessary and no renewal date.

If you are not an Amazon Prime member, you can select the "pick a charity" screen which will appear, and you can type in "South Montgomery County Friends of the Library" and your purchases will also be included in the total purchases credited to our account. There is no further sign up necessary and no renewal date.

Please consider designating the South Montgomery County Friends of the Library as the charity you support on Amazon as this will benefit our libraries. Thank you for all you do for the libraries and the wonderful programs they are able to bring to our community because of you.

## **SMCFOL registration with Kroger and Randalls**

We have ongoing arrangements for the Friends members who participate in the “Kroger Plus Card” and “Randalls Remarkable Card” programs to increase income to the Friends of the Library. This takes a little work from each of us to begin, however, after the initial work the friends will reap benefit from the two stores whenever you use your linked cards for purchases at either store.

NOTE: The Kroger program requires that each member renew their link after August 1, 2016 to continue to give credit to the SMCFOL. See Kroger section below to relink your card.

The Kroger Community Rewards and the Randalls Good Neighbor programs allow you to link your Plus and Remarkable accounts to the stores charity accounts and each quarter SMCFOL receives donations based on the level of purchasing achieved by the participating members. In order for the benefit to work each of us needs to take a few steps to designate the South Montgomery County Friends of the Library as indicated below:

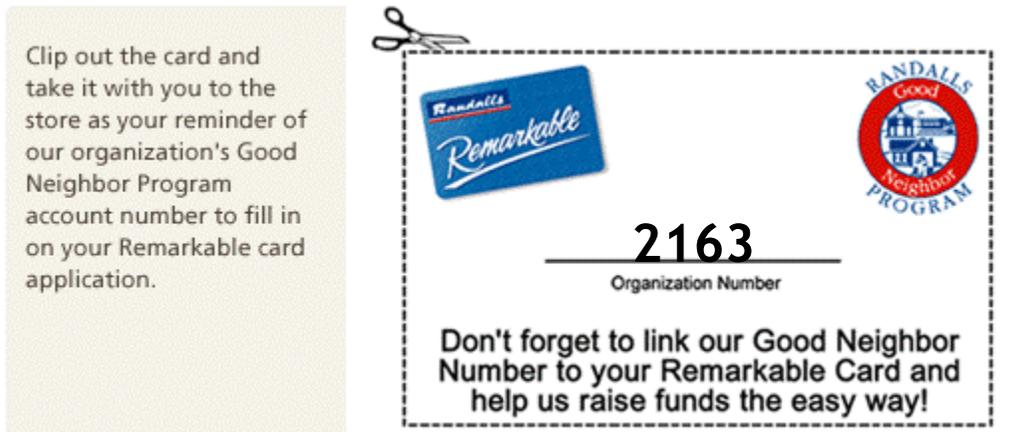
### **Kroger Community Rewards**

Renewal: If you are already registered; after August 1, 2016 log in to your Kroger account, as noted in step 1 below, and follow the remainder of the enrollment steps to relink you card to SMCFOL.

1. If you have a Kroger digital account set up you need to log in. (If you do not already have an account set up online please proceed to a, b, and c below.)
  - a. If you do not have an account you need to go to [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com)
  - b. Select the Register option at the top of the web page.
  - c. Create an account by filling in the data blanks and pressing “Create an Account” at the bottom of the page.
2. Once on your account page go to the section for “Community Rewards” on your account home page.
3. Select enroll now.
4. Enter the SMCFOL Kroger Non-Profit Organization number which is: **98640**
5. Select the organization name “South Montgomery County Friends of the Library” from the pull down menu and click save.
6. Now every time you use your card a credit will be accumulated for SMCFOL and each quarter the Kroger Foundation will issue a check.

## Randalls Good Neighbor Program

1. The Randalls program does not have an online signup option. To link your account go to the Randalls Courtesy desk at any store. As a reminder, take the card below with the SMCFOL Randalls Charity # 2163
2. The Courtesy desk will give you a Good Neighbor Program Charity form which will allow you to link the SMCFOL charity to you Remarkable Card account.
  - a. You can also download the necessary form at [www.randalls.com](http://www.randalls.com)
    - i. Click on the Community Caring topic under Company Info at the bottom of the page.
    - ii. Click on the Good Neighbor box at the right top of the Community caring page.
    - iii. There are 2 downloadable forms toward the bottom of the Good Neighbor page. You need the Customer's Good Neighbor Charity Addition/Deletion form, which can be printed out and filled in before going to Randalls to submit at the Courtesy desk.





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