



Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library, Inc. Spring, 2013

Newsletter

Circle of Friends Board of Directors: Chair: **Phyllis Plotnick**; Secretary: **Phyllis Rosenblum**; Treasurer: **Marilyn Field**. Board Members: **Linda Burke, Angela Herritt, Diane Schank, Johanna Schneidt, Mary Stull**. Gulfport Public Library, 5501 28th Avenue South, Gulfport, FL. (727) 893-1074. The Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit group created in 2011.

Letter From the Chair



We were so pleased that not a free seat was to be had in the lovely atrium of the library on February 19, 2013. Nearly 100 people packed the space for the 2nd Annual Meeting of the Circle of Friends. The election of COF board members, the financial report, a message by board chair Phyllis Plotnick, and a greeting by library administrator Dave Mather completed the business meeting. Peter Kageyama, our extraordinary guest

speaker and author of, “For the Love of Cities,” inspired attendees with his belief that grassroots engagement, emotional involvement and a focus on fun make cities not only desirable but exceptional. Peter affirmed Gulfport as a loved “city of color” and showed great photo examples of some of the fun spots in Gulfport.

Delicious refreshments, donated in large part by Gulfport restaurants and chefs, a tour of Phase I of the Reading Garden by our landscape architect Christopher “Toffer” Ross, final bidding on the the silent auction baskets, and much camaraderie added to the special evening. If you were unable to be there, you can tune into an 18 minute TED talk by Peter Kageyama on the internet by searching under his name in youtube.com. For more on the Reading Garden and how you can play a part in making it happen, see the article on page 3.

Phyllis Plotnick

Great Things are Happening at the Gulfport Public Library!



David Mather
Library Administrator
Gulfport Public Library

Let me be the first to congratulate the Circle of Friends of the Library for breaking ground on the Reading Garden and for a very successful annual meeting. I cannot thank you enough for the contribution you make to the library. I am really excited about all the great things we are working on at the library. In the past few months we launched a new website, had our first iPad class and we are just getting started. On February 19 the Pinellas County Library Board approved \$180,000 capital grant to renovate the library. We hope to use this grant to create inviting, dedicated children and teen spaces, update the computer area, make more space where people can study or just read a great book and create a devoted, silent study room for those who need a quiet space. We are really striving to craft a community center where people of all ages can use the library for traditional needs and beyond. Thank you for all your support and we hope to see you soon.

Fun Quotes About Reading

“No two persons ever read the same book.”	Edmund Wilson
“If you read the book that everyone else is reading, you can only think what everyone else is thinking.”	Haruki Murakami
“In a good book, the best is between the lines.”	Swedish proverb
“Make it a rule never to give a child a book you would not read yourself.”	George Bernard Shaw
“I can’t imagine a man really enjoying a book and reading it only once.”	CS. Lewis
“A book is like a garden carried in a pocket.”	Chinese proverb
“The wise man reads both books and life itself.”	Lin Yutang
“Books are a uniquely portable magic.”	Stephen King

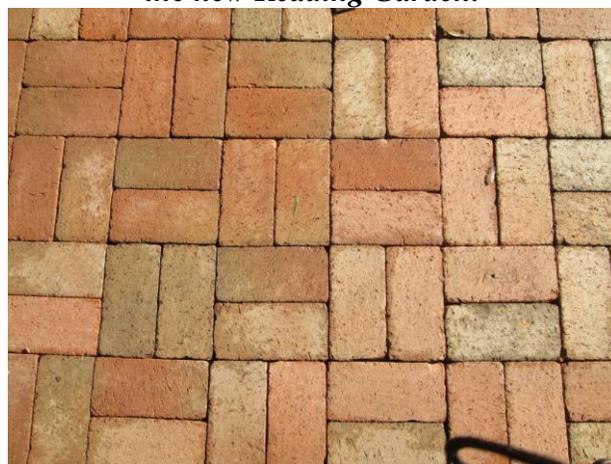
The New Reading Garden

The Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library has an exciting project underway—a Reading Garden that is being added to the exterior of the Gulfport Library. Once completed, this new space will be a place for meditation, reading, storytelling, concerts and many other activities that all Gulfport residents can enjoy. Artist Tom Pitzen’s beautiful mosaic of the Friends logo is in place. The pavers and most of the fence are already in and the plantings will be added shortly. Portable chairs and tables have arrived and will be available when the space is ready. Very soon, we hope the whole Gulfport community will be able to use the new space. But we need your help to finish the project.

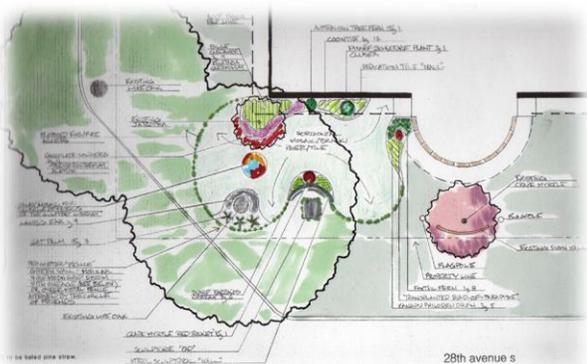
The primary way for library patrons, Circle of Friends members, Gulfport residents and others to support the garden is to buy an engraved brick. The cost for each engraved brick is \$100; \$150 for two bricks purchased together. The brick can be engraved according to your wishes. Space on each brick is limited to 36 characters. If you purchase two bricks, your words can be 72 characters in length. See the form on page 5.



The new fence and bricks show the outline of the new Reading Garden.



Closeup of the pavers.



Reading Garden project plan. (See larger version in the library).

Cailey Klasson

Gulfport Library's New Youth Services Librarian



A Profile

Cailey Klasson comes to Gulfport, Florida by way of Massachusetts. She grew up in the small town of Holliston where there wasn't much to do. Her love of reading stems from being put in "time-out" constantly as a young child. She looked forward to being sent to her room so she could read. Her favorite authors as a child were Maurice Sendak, Arnold Lobel, Dr. Seuss, Jon Scieszka, Shel Silverstein, and the Bernstein Bears series her mother bought her because they taught manners.

Cailey's love of books and reading sustained her through college where she was an English major at Bridgewater State University. She decided she wanted a job that paid her to read books and went on to pursue her Master's of Library & Information Science at Simmons College in Boston. Her love of the beach, fishing, and wanting a new adventure led her to Florida.

Landing her dream job as a Youth Services Librarian in Gulfport is one of her proudest accomplishments. Her vision for the future of Gulfport Library's Youth Department include increasing fun and educational programming for the entire community, a completely renovated children's and teen's area with updated technology to meet their needs, and a comfortable place for them to relax and discover their next favorite book.

When Cailey isn't working the reference desk or running a program at the library she enjoys spending time at Fort DeSoto, fishing in the bay, gardening, cooking, reading and going on bike rides. Her ultimate goals in life are to finally get her scuba certificate and travel to Bali.

Cailey Klasson
Youth Services Librarian, Gulfport Public Library, 727-893-1134

Upcoming Events:
April 23 at 7:15pm
Light the Night
&
World Book Night

April 27 at 10am
"Downsizing,
Donuts &
Donations."
A mini yard & book
sale to benefit the
new Reading
Garden.

The Reading Garden Order Form

Yes, I want to support the building of the new Reading Garden.

I want to purchase a brick for \$100 and here is my text:

I want to purchase 2 bricks for \$150. I have attached a 2nd copy of my text or please contact me for the text. _____.

In addition to engraved bricks, here are other important opportunities for support:

Dedicate a beautiful French bistro chair for \$175, custom engraved.

Dedicate a beautiful French bistro table for \$325, custom engraved.

We welcome your general donation of \$_____. Every penny counts.

All purchases are tax deductible. Please make checks payable to Circle of Friends of the
Gulfport Public Library
5501 28th Ave. S., Gulfport, FL 33707

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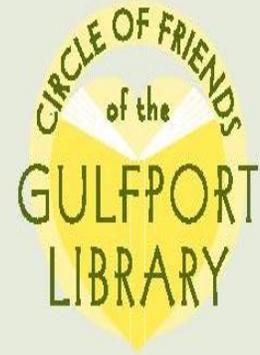
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For more information please contact Phyllis Rosenblum at (727) 368-1598 or
phyllrose@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL APPLICATION

Circle of Friends of the Gulfport Library, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit group.
Donations are tax deductible. A receipt is available upon request



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

ANNUAL DUES: Individual (\$10) Student (\$5) Family (\$20)

Business (\$75) Individual Lifetime (\$100) Interested in Legacy Program

Please make checks payable to: CIRCLE OF FRIENDS OF THE GULFPORT LIBRARY, INC.
and mail to: 5501 28th AVENUE SOUTH, GULFPORT, FLORIDA 33707

Interested in volunteer opportunities with the Circle of Friends? Please see the reverse side.