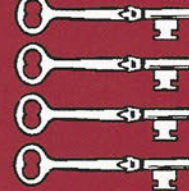


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"A library is not a luxury, but one of the necessities of life."

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Dear Friends of the Johann Fust Library Foundation,

The new Johann Fust Community Library is officially open for business! Our beloved pink library has been transformed into a modern cultural center surrounded by newly renovated tropical gardens. Thanks to our many wonderful supporters, we now have the best of all possible worlds.

Our interior spaces are a showcase of modern library practices – self-checkout systems, computers, large databases and DVDs, while the exterior retains its traditional design enhanced by a new fountain and lovely plantings. Our librarians — Branch Manager Toni Vanover and Associate Librarian Mary Vickers and our Foundation Executive Director Jon Bednerik did a herculean job this summer transferring the books and working out the opening kinks.

In our new iteration Lee County will be responsible for running the library services and paying many of its operating expenses, including the Branch Manager's salary. The Johann Fust Community Library has become a foundation, covering all other salaries, including an associate librarian, and all expenses related to the maintenance of the buildings, grounds and events. The Foundation will initiate an annual fund this fall to help provide the necessary financial support to make this possible. Under this arrangement library cards will be free to all residents of Lee and Charlotte counties.

By combining the Lee County branch library and the Johann Fust Community Library, we feel we are offering Boca Grande the finest library service available. Everyone involved in this project has contributed his/her best efforts, and we would like to thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts.

We hope you will visit the library this fall and attend our Open House on Friday, November 8th from 3 pm until 5 pm. I look forward to seeing you!

Chris Cowperthwait

President

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Reading Recommendations

By Alice Gorman

In anticipation of our author events to be offered by the Johann Fust Library Foundation this season, I have read three of the recently released books. I highly recommend each one — for completely different reasons.

The Viewing Room by Jacquelin Gorman, published by the University of Georgia Press. This book of linked stories has won the prestigious *Flannery O'Connor Short Fiction Award* for 2013. It has also been nominated for a *National Book Award*. I can promise you that you have never read anything like it. The stories, based upon “the viewing room” within a hospital where families of the deceased may gather to pay their last respects, are derived from the author’s personal experience as a hospital chaplain. They are searing and poignant, full of wisdom and compassion, rising to literary heights only achieved by a consummate writer. Be prepared. They are sometimes painful, but always rewarding. Johann Fust Community Library Loggia — January 10th.

Sparta by Roxana Robinson, published by Farrar, Straus, and Giroux. Anyone who has read Roxana Robinson’s previous novels knows that her passion is fired by the vicissitudes of family life and relationships. What happens to one, happens to all. Divorce, aging, illness, drugs, and, now, in *Sparta*, the effects of PTSD. Her brilliant literary account of a Williams College classics scholar’s journey into the horrors of the Iraq war and his return to American society is a well-researched, page-turning, suspenseful story. This book matters. Community Center Auditorium — February 6th.

Being a Rockefeller, Becoming Myself, A Memoir by Eileen Rockefeller, published by Blue Rider Press. In the best contemporary memoirs, the author has a fascinating, meaningful story to tell and tells it through the intelligent eye of sustained reflection. Eileen Rockefeller, the youngest of Peggy and David Rockefeller’s six children, has had her eye and her heart open for meaning from her earliest days. Her story is an uncommon insight into her remarkable family and a tribute to her own courage, perseverance, curiosity, and artistic sensibilities. A delightful read! Community Center Auditorium — February 20th.

Other recommendations:

Life After Life by Kate Atkinson

Elsewhere, a Memoir by Richard Russo

When Women Were Birds by Terry Tempest Williams

And The Mountains Echoed by Khaled Hosseini

The Paris Wife by Paula McLain



Calendar of Coming Events

2013

Friday, November 8

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Johann Fust Library Loggia & Gardens

Johann Fust Library Open House
and Community Celebration

Tuesday, November 12

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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Author's Lecture and Book Signing - Nevine Miller

Saturday, November 16

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Community Center Auditorium

The Metropolitan Opera Presentation: 'Aida'

Tuesday, November 19

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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Author's Lecture and Book Signing - Dr. Daly Walker

Tuesday, December 3

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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Author's Lecture and Book Signing - Bayne Stevenson

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Friday, January 10,

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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Author's Lecture and Book Signing - Jacquelin Gorman

Saturday, January 18

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Community Center Auditorium

The Metropolitan Opera Presentation: 'La Sonnambula'

Thursday, January 23

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Community Center Auditorium & Woman's Club Room

Author's Lecture and Book Signing - Barbara Robinson

Thursday, February 6

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Community Center Auditorium & Woman's Club Room

Author's Lecture and Book Signing - Roxana Robinson

Saturday, February 15

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Community Center Auditorium

The Metropolitan Opera Presentation: 'Il Traviatore'

Thursday, February 20

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Community Center Auditorium

Author's Lecture and Book Signing - Eileen Rockefeller

5:30 pm - 7 pm

Reception Follows at Home of Shelia Labreque

Saturday, March 1

Community Center Auditorium

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

The Metropolitan Opera Presentation: 'Salome'

Thursday, March 6

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Community Center Auditorium & Woman's Club Room

Author's Lecture and Book Signing - Jane Fortune

Monday, March 10

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Community Center Auditorium & Woman's Club Room

Author's Lecture and Book Signing - Stuart Taylor

Friday, April 4

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Community Center Auditorium & Woman's Club Room

Author's Lecture and Book Signing - Sena Jeter Naslund

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Report from the Librarian . . .

Everyone is thrilled with our newly renovated library! From June 25th to September 30th 2,580 visitors have enjoyed our fabulous library spaces, garden and shell collection. Since the merger 78 people have signed up for their free library card. We have a total of 1482 library card holders. There have been 4,413 items checked out. We've hosted three popular I Pad user group sessions. Island School students, parents and teachers visited in August and September. They really enjoyed the library tour, scavenger hunt and book check out time. We have 15 library volunteers!

Our library system has more than one million items available. We deliver materials twice a week from Fort Myers. Here at Fust, we have more than 6,000 adult books, 3,000 children's books and 4,000 DVDs, audio books and music CDs for all ages. Every month we receive new materials. We have an in-house *Island Picks* display of local recommendations and a local authors shelf.

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