

Friends-to-Friends

Supporting and Promoting South County Regional Library, Inc.

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Winner of Friends and Trustees 2nd Place newsletter award of the Florida Library Association

Popular writer to appear at Friends of SCRL author luncheon



Debbie Macomber appears January 11 at the first of three author luncheons this season at The Club at Grandezza. For ticket information, see the box on this page.

Also this season, Friends author luncheons will feature Ad Hudler February 8 and Elizabeth Becka March 22. Details at www.friendsofscrl.org

Debbie Macomber earned her faithful readership by writing heartwarming, wholesome stories of love and commitment.

In 1998, Debbie emerged as a major force in women's fiction. On Valentine's Day, women across the country watched her 1997 title *This Matter of Marriage* as a made-for-TV movie. Her first hardcover, *Can This Be Christmas?* came out in 1998.

In September 1999, Debbie first achieved a career writing goal when her *Promise, Texas* scored the triple crown of publishing, making the *New York Times*, *Publishers Weekly* and *Top 50 USA Today* bestselling books lists. Since then, eight other Debbie Macomber novels have scored the triple crown.

Perennially on deadline, Debbie still finds time to volunteer her considerable talents to mentor young people and prisoners, to help raise funds for battered women's shelters, for literacy and medical research.

Filled with love and laughter, Debbie's stories generate bags of mail — from harried young mothers to women who read her novels to their ailing loved ones. As one reader put it, "There's nothing better than a bubble bath, a cup of hot tea and one of your stories!"

The author's mother, Connie Adler, says of her daughter, "When she was three, Debbie received a book

as a gift, and heaven help anyone who tried to separate her from that book! Most kids get attached to a blanket or a special toy. Not Debbie. She wanted her book. She slept with it every night. And she grew up reading voraciously. She used to love "story time" at the library. Then later, when she babysat, she'd dream up stories of her own to tell the children. She was one very popular babysitter, I can assure you!

"What you might not know is that Debbie is dyslexic, which makes her writing accomplishments even more amazing. Such a daughter...."

All three FOSCRRL author luncheons are at 11:30 at The Club at Grandezza, Ben Hill Griffin Parkway, Estero. Each ticket is \$28. That includes a \$5 donation to Friends of South County Regional Library. Debbie Macomber tickets sales cut off will be January 4.

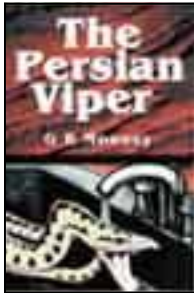
To have lunch with Debbie Macomber, mail a check (payable to Friends of South County Regional Library) to 21100 Three Oaks Parkway, Estero, FL 33928 or use your major credit card at www.friendsofscrl.org where you will find map and directions to Grandezza. Tickets will be mailed to you.

Seating is first come, first served. Groups should book tickets together to assure seats together — seating will be at tables of eight.



Author speaks of his life and chilling novels at January 17 meeting

How secure is your water supply?



By G.B. Mooney

The Persian Viper

This book transports you into the desperate action of an American team attempting to stop terrorists from contaminating U.S. water supply systems.

An Iraqi microbiologist is devastated by events in Baghdad during the Persian Gulf War. Driven from his Muslim faith, he embarks on a mission of revenge. He gets a job in the U.S. Centers For Disease Control, growing deadly viruses. His Iraqi team assembles its own lab in the U.S. to grow a small amount of deadly virus — enough to poison the water supplies of major American cities.

Just how hot was that Cold War?



By G.B. Mooney

The Last American Hero

This novel is based on facts that the U.S. government suppressed for forty years. It tells the story of one of more than 200 American Airmen declared Missing in Action after being shot down while on illegal reconnaissance missions over Russia during the Cold War. Abandoned by their government, the airmen lived a desperate life.

The central character of G.B. Mooney's adventure novel is Lt. Oliver Miller whose plane is shot down by Soviet pilot, Tamara Krasnov. She recruits Miller into the Soviet Air Force, and they become lovers. The KGB and the CIA get involved in this powerful story.

Author G.B. Mooney of Estero will speak at Friends of SCRL's Annual Meeting January 17 at 2 p.m. at South County Regional Library. Here's some of what he says about his life.

Realizing that future employment did not depend on performance, effort or loyalty, my bride and I developed fallback sources of financial security. Over ten years we borrowed money and purchased or started a direct sales organization, an employment agency, a beauty salon, an apartment complex and three fast food restaurants.

While working as a consultant, my wife, dog and I roamed the United States in a motor home.

And now the most damning disclosure; I was once a member of the National Rifle Association and competed in the National Pistol Championships. Yes, I even hunted. Fortunately I was just out for exercise, fresh air and companionship with my son and daughter. Nothing got shot or even frightened. But visits to socially acceptable golf courses and tennis courts, and my continuing devotion to literature and music balance this disreputable behavior. Finally, my wife and I sold all our business interests and retired to southwest Florida where I pursue my avocation of writing.

In high school I hated diagramming sentences and to this day am baffled by pronouns, adjectives and dangling participles. After we slugged through all the boring stuff in English and started writing, I became interested.

Volunteers Needed: Peter Block, a Friends member, is the instructor for many of South County Regional Library's computer courses. Help is needed to facilitate these courses by greeting attendees, signing-in participants, distributing course materials, etc. If you have some time and would like to assist, please stop at the library's Reference Desk and indicate when you are available.



The Sun Coast Brass ensemble returns with holiday concert



Alan Klispie holding the Brass plaque outside SCRL at last season's concert.

The musicians who opened the Friends of SCRL's Tenth Anniversary season last December will give another bright, brassy performance this December 9 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Again the free concert is scheduled to be outside in front of South

County Regional Library.

Members of the Sun Coast Brass:

Cindy Scaruffi-Klispie, trumpet, is Director of Music at San Antonio Catholic Church and on the music faculty at Edison College.

Alan R. Klispie, trumpet, member of the Florida Bandmasters Association and the International Trumpet Guild.

Al Mitchell, French horn, plays with the Venice Symphony and is a member of the International Horn Society.

Jamie Marshall, trombone, principal trombonist with the Venice Symphony and the Sarasota Pops Orchestra.

Thomas Kraemer, tuba, has performed with the Southwest Florida Symphony, the Naples Philharmonic and the Florida Orchestra.

The other free shows in the Tenth Anniversary Concert Series in 2006 were by Aria Celli on February 18, Windsong Duo on March 11 and Kraichy and Erickson, harp and violin, October 21.

Looking ahead...
Friends of SCRL will bring a free Cypress Lake High School Concert to the library 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on March 3, 2007.

"The library became our second home."
— Joan Faltisko

Good vibrations noted at South County Regional Library

At last August's Tenth anniversary party for SCRL, Joan and John Faltisko remembered eight years ago when they discovered SCRL's friendly and helpful staff. Her then 39-year-old son, Ken Andol, had been diagnosed with a cancerous tumor. "The first day we cried," remembers Mrs. Faltisko, "and the next we went to the library." They were looking for more information on his condition and where they could go for specialized help. "Sure, I can help you" was the response at the library.

Over the next three and a half years, library staffers helped the Faltiskos find answers to their questions. "They were always there to help," notes Mrs. Faltisko,

"the library became our second home." She remembers finding addresses of Senator Ted Kennedy who eventually found Ken an opening at a special hospital in Massachusetts. That's where Ken's leg was amputated. But another cancer was found in his lung, and he died five years ago.

Among Joan Faltisko's memories is the help she received — and what she calls "the good vibrations" — at SCRL. So two years ago when the Faltiskos became lifetime members of the Friends of SCRL, it seemed like the right thing for them to donate to the Friends what they would have spent on a head stone for their son.



From the President's Pen



All ages enjoy cup cakes at SCRL's Tenth birthday party.

What a wonderful summer the Friends of SCRL have had! The celebration of South County Regional Library's Tenth Anniversary on August 23, spearheaded by the

Friends, was a resounding success! It included a recognition proclamation from the Lee County Commission, a gathering of well wishers, including former Regional Manager Linda Holland, new Lee County Library Director, Sheldon Kaye, and various government/civic dignitaries as well as interested local residents. Then, a cake, cupcakes and lemonade for all — a joyful day indeed. Kudos to Cas Obie and Beth Nagengast for their team's planning for the event. Media coverage was excellent for which we are very appreciative.

Friends of SCRL salutes lifetime members

Alice Boomer
S. Jervis Brinton
John and Joan Faltisko
Dave Hauenstein
Sid and Claire Hauenstein
Lucille Poling

In late spring, our *Friends to Friends* newsletter received the Friends and Trustees Award for second place from the Florida Library Association. Congratulations to editor Dave Hauenstein for his untiring effort to publish three times a season.

Volunteer Dorothea Meldner spent the off-season stocking the "First Dibs" sale case and skillfully processing donated books, many of which will be sold at the Dec. 1st and 2nd Book Sale. This requires considerable effort, and we appreciate the work of Dorothea and her team.

Thanks to Fred Calatayud from our Board who each week faithfully collects, counts and

deposits the "First Dibs" money that keeps the coffers growing.

Our Book Sales start again on December 1 and 2. Proceeds from the sales are used to fund programs, equipment and services to supplement the library budget. Please continue to bring your Readers Digest Condensed Books!

Our "Meet the Author" luncheon series is off to a roaring start with the first event scheduled for January 11 at The Club at Grandezza. Debbie Macomber will be our speaker. As we go to press, 50% of the tickets have already been sold so send your check soon to assure a seat. Ticket purchase details are on the front page.

Coming in early 2007 will be our Friends Cookbook which is progressing nicely. Many thanks to Betty Shandor for loading the recipes into a computer program and to Celeste Borah from the Estero Art League who has created several wonderful pen and ink drawings of area sites to be used in the book.

Last spring, the Friends Board of Directors voted to establish a Friends Gallery at the library featuring local artists. Preliminary plans are underway. Details on this exciting project will follow in future issues.

Membership renewal is upon us and we are most appreciative of your support for 2007. This year, new members or renewals at the \$50 level will receive either a Friends Book Bag or a Friends Children's T-shirt. All new members for 2007 will receive a coupon for a free book at Book Sales.

We look forward to seeing you at our luncheons, concerts and other Friends events this season.

— Claire Hauenstein, President



Come and Get 'em While They Last



Books are like money — they do the most good when spread around

Thanks to John Sherlock of Bonita Springs who offered seven boxes of books and to volunteers Sid Hauenstein and Cas Obie who then brought them to the library for the December 1st and 2nd Book Sale.

That's one of so many examples of the giving nature being exercised by all the folks who donate books and the volunteers who arrange and sell them at our Book Sales.

The members-only preview is Friday, December 1st from 3-5 p.m. If you can't make that, be sure to come to the open-to-the-public sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. December 2nd. Book Sale Organizer Carolyn Piscitello says bargains will abound in books, audio and video tapes, CD's and jigsaw puzzles.

Plan ahead — and bring books — for Book Sales February 2nd and 3rd and March 30th and 31st.

December 1 & 2

See how good the books look spread around on tables at South County Regional Library at the corner of Three Oaks Parkway and Corkscrew Road in Estero.

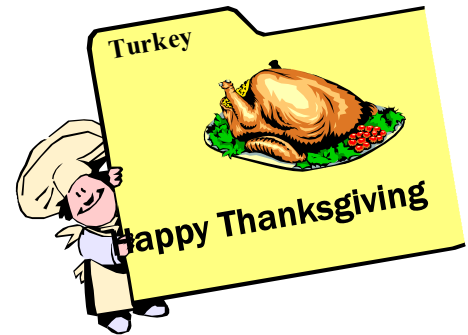
Then buy some!

These are a few of your favorite things

As if all the books and stuff weren't enough at the December 1st and 2nd Book Sale, how about tickets to our three Author Luncheons, our *so green* Book Bags, Books Are Fun Kids' T-shirts, and new Book Lovers Calendars. Look, touch, buy. The money goes to SCRL, your favorite library.



Thanksgiving is a good time to think of recipes for the Friends of SCRL Cookbook



It's also time to give thanks for all recipes that have been submitted for use in the Friends cookbook.

The cookbook should be printed and available for sale at the February 3rd Friends Book Sale. Email your recipes to FOSCRL@aol.com.



You can be a double gift giver

When thinking about making your holiday purchases online, check our website at www.friendsofscrl.org for the iGive.com icon.

You can log in and register as a supporter of Friends of South County Regional Library, Inc. We will receive a percentage of your purchase amount as a donation as well as a one-time donation of \$5.00 for each new participant who registers and then buys online.

Approximately 600 well-known stores participate in this program. It's a very easy way to support Friends fundraising efforts.



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**Members of the Public Are
Welcome to Meetings and Events**

All are held at South County Regional Library
unless stated otherwise.

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December 1st and 2nd
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Sun Coast Brass Holiday Concert

Saturday, December 9th
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First of the Season Author Luncheon

Debbie Macomber *
Thursday, January 11, 2007
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Annual Meeting with Local Author

G.B. Mooney
Wednesday, January 17, 2007
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Book Sale

February 2nd and 3rd, 2007

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Thursday, February 8, 2007

Author Luncheon: Elizabeth Becka *

Thursday, March 22, 2007

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