

# Friends-to-Friends

## Supporting and Promoting South County Regional Library, Inc.

**January 2006**

### At January 18 Annual Meeting say hello to “Bad Hair Day Mysteries” author



Author Nancy Cohen brings sass and style to Estero.

In the *Bad Hair Day* series, South Florida beauty salon owner and hairstylist Marla Shore untangles murder clues with sass and style under the sultry Florida sun.

Marla’s family reunion at a haunted Florida resort turns up dead bodies instead of fond memories. She and her fiancé, Detective Dalton Vail, launch another murder investigation in the midst of Thanksgiving dinner.

Author Nancy Cohen is an active member of *Mystery Writers of America*. Nancy’s books have made the Independent Mystery Booksellers Association bestseller lists. “Perish by Pedicure” and “Dead Roots” are next in this

series that Publisher's Weekly calls “fast-paced and jaunty.”

“Dead Roots has all the right ingredients for a great hair day, absolutely fun, winsome characters, a fast-paced, wonderful mystery read,” says Heather Graham of the *NY Times*.

When she’s not busy writing, Nancy likes dining at local restaurants, regional travel, outlet shopping and schmoozing with fellow writers.

***There’s no charge to schmooze with Nancy at South County Regional Library at Three Oaks Parkway and Corkscrew Road at 2 p.m. January 18.*** 📖



Betty Jean Steinshouer appears as Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings for Friends of SCRL’s March 2nd luncheon at the Country Club at the Vines, Rt. 41 in Estero.

### What’s a nice Yankee lady doing in Estero March 2nd?

Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings is that lady, and she’s being portrayed by Floridian Betty Jean Steinshouer who says, “I’m not a total wuss - Florida’s climate is not what brings me home. It’s her plants and animals, her variety of people and culture.” She has toured 40+ states since 1988 with her literary Chautauquas.

Best known for her 1939 Pulitzer Prize-winning *The Yearling*, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings is a fascinating lesson in Florida history. In 1928, she retired on a

72-acre orange farm near Gainesville whose name became the 1942 nonfiction classic “Cross Creek.” She was friends with such luminaries as Marcia Davenport, Robert Frost, Ernest Hemingway, Margaret Mitchell and Eleanor Roosevelt. Her life spanned both world wars, Prohibition, the Jim Crow era and country and city life.

After 14 years of research and nearly six years of writing, Steinshouer’s first book is in its final edit: an extensive study of Florida’s impact on nine authors.

**Tickets for the March 2nd Friends of SCRL luncheon are \$25 per person, *advance sale only*. You can order by *Pay Pal* at our website [www.friendsofscrl.org](http://www.friendsofscrl.org) or send a check to Friends of SCRL at the mailing address on page 4, and tickets will be mailed to you.**

Benjamin Franklin in Estero January 21. See page 2 for details.



## See our webmaster's handiwork at [www.friendsofscrl.org](http://www.friendsofscrl.org)



Kim Dailey created and maintains FOSCRL website.

**Kim brings a "can do" approach and uncanny ability to understand with minimum explanation. She's a joy to work with.**

— Claire Hauenstein,  
President, FOSCRL

After eleven years of working for the Lee County Library System, Kim Dailey knows the value of Friends. In her roles in public service in the branches, in public relations and answering calls for the system, Kim has seen first hand the benefits, efforts and hard work contributed by volunteers and supporters.

So when Friends of SCRL called upon her in her new role as web designer and graphic artist, Kim Dailey was excited to help them. "Non-profit groups often do the same work as businesses, but without the benefit of offices, storefronts and full time staff," said the webmaster.

Dailey worked with the Friends to decide which of their goals could be enhanced by an online presence. The board indicated that recruitment, information distribution, and fund-raising

were primary goals for their second year. So Dailey's web design company made current information and ease of purchase top priorities on the site. Her library experience helped her view the project from the user's point of view.

Last June the Friends launched [www.friendsofscrl.org](http://www.friendsofscrl.org) where you can obtain information on Friends' activities and needs, become a member, buy luncheon tickets, see the next book sale date, read previous newsletters and news releases, and contact the Friends for more information; any time of day, from anywhere.

Kim Dailey is a web and graphic designer based in Cape Coral. Her company, Papyrus Document & Design, creates logos, web sites, publications and animations for businesses and non-profits. Kim still works occasionally on-call for the Lee County Library System.



**Davis becomes Franklin at South County Regional Library in Estero. The program funded by Friends of SCRL is free but seating is limited so call SCRL at 390-3200.**

### "Meet Ben Franklin" performed by Dr. Rich Davis

Come to SCRL Saturday, January 21 at 2 p.m. and learn the secrets of one of the world's best and most famous readers, Ben Franklin, as Davis brings to life Franklin's life and achievements.

Ben Franklin founded the first subscription library in these United States.

Went to school only two years and became one of America's most educated and productive citizens.

Made a fortune as printer, publisher and first U.S. Postmaster.

Started a hospital for the sick and insane and founded the University of Pennsylvania.

Invented bifocal eyeglasses, thank you.

Not to forget, proved that lightning was electricity.

Or as he once said, "Lose no time. Be always employed in something useful."

References on Franklin's resume:  
George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams.

Author of several books and over 300 articles and columns, Rich Davis is an enthusiastic speaker who has delivered The Magic of Reading to hundreds of schools, libraries and reading/literacy groups. His Ph.D. is in education.



**Celebrate the power of reading at this free event**

**Saturday, March 18, 2006 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Harborside Event Center and Centennial Park in downtown Fort Myers**

Meet authors Carol Higgins Clark, George Pelecanos, Debbie Macomber, and 22 others!

*Find out about a special author reception March 17; contact festival coordinator Karen Stone at [ksloan@leegov.com](mailto:ksloan@leegov.com)*

Book-to-film presentation with actor Mary Badham, writing workshop, author books for sale

For teens: Author Meg Cabot of "Princess Diaries" and more

For Kids: Storytelling, crafts, illustrators and more

*Friends of SCRL table: Bags, T-shirts, memberships and more*

Click on reading festival logo at [www.lee-county.com/library](http://www.lee-county.com/library)



Julie Cornwall, above, and Eugene Eicher, as *The Aria Celli*, will perform a free concert at SCRL in Estero.

### Concert series continues

**Saturday, February 18** at 3 p.m. *Aria Celli* will give a cello concert at South County Regional Library.

Cornwall plays with the Southwest Florida Symphony. Eicher has played with several orchestras, including 11 years with the Naples Philharmonic.

**March 11** at 1 p.m. *Windsong Duo* performs the next Friends of SCRL 10th Anniversary concert. 📖

### Banner Book Sale Dec. 3rd

**BIG thanks to Carolyn Piscitello and her many helpers!**

448 people spent \$3,035 at the Friends of SCRL Book Sale, We also sold 5 entertainment books, 5 book bags and signed up 5 new members and 4 member renewals. 📖

Next Book Sale is February 4  
From 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Members only February 3  
from 3-5 p.m.

### From the desk of SCRL's new regional manager

I am very glad to be working for the Lee County Library System, and to be a part of the South County Regional Library team. Libraries play a very important role in our communities. Yet in today's business climate, it's a tremendous challenge to provide quality services with limited budgets.

Our first-rate library system could not fully accomplish its goals without the collaboration and support of the Friends of the South County Regional Library. This strong and committed Friends organization should be commended for striving to put our services at the very highest level possible.

I attended my first luncheon sponsored by the Friends of SCRL December 15 at The Club at Grandezza where naval historian Robert Macomber shared his experiences traveling throughout the world and his great love of libraries. I look forward to other programs this winter including character portrayals of Erma Bombeck, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and Ben Franklin. The tenth anniversary concert series that continues on February 18, March 11 and October 21, 2006 sounds very exciting. Still more programs wait in the wings.

If you haven't already, consider joining this vibrant organization. A Happy, Healthy New Year All! 📖

— Beth Nagengast

Let's have a Big Turnout for the Friends of SCRL Annual Meeting  
January 18 at 2 p.m.  
Short but important business meeting followed by Nancy Cohen.  
See front page.

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*Your Recipes  
will make the  
2006 FOSCRL  
cookbook a success*

Send your recipes to [FOSCRL@aol.com](mailto:FOSCRL@aol.com)  
or bring to the library staff.

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## Members of the Public Welcome to Meetings and Events

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

### January 18 Annual Membership Meeting

Nancy Cohen: *Bad Hair Day Mysteries*  
See front page for dandy details.

### January 21 Ben Franklin Portrayal

See delightful details on page 2.

### February 4 BOOK SALE 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Bring donated books to the library  
anytime leading up to the sale.

### Tenth Anniversary Concert Series: Aria Celli

Saturday, February 18, free  
See page 3 for details.

### Betty Jean Steinshouer as author Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

March 2 luncheon at the Vines  
See front page for details.

### Tenth Anniversary Concert Series: Windsong Duo

Saturday, March 11, free

### March 18 Lee County Reading Festival

See page 3 for details and web link.