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John Allmand
Bill Brinton
Pushcart
Jill Dame

Caldecott Level

John Crescimbeni
Michael Dewberry
Sherrill Dewberry
Barbara Gubbin
Robert Hyde
Marilyn Hyde
Ann McCarthy
Edward McCarthy

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Moon River Pizza
Murray Hill Theater

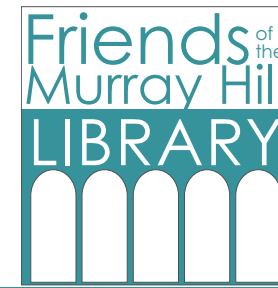
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Mission Statement

To promote education and a higher quality of life through a strong library system, advocate for neighborhood libraries, strengthen support of the Murray Hill branch, and ensure that the Murray Hill branch library is open to all 7 days a week.

Attend our next City Council Meeting

Our public libraries are once again threatened. The City Council's Finance Committee has proposed a \$2.1M cut from the library budget. This is in addition to the \$900K Mayor Brown had proposed in his original budget. Most recently, JPL was instructed to cut an additional \$470K.

The cuts are drastic and amount to nearly \$3.5M. All libraries will have their doors closed on Mondays, the few libraries that were open on Sundays will now be closed, jobs will be lost, and services significantly reduced.

Please attend the City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 13 starting at 5 P.M. and oppose the \$3.5M cuts to our city's libraries.

In the meantime, it is urgent that we make our voices heard to the Council Members and even the community leaders that care about our city's literacy and education.

It only takes one click to let the City Council and the Mayor know your feelings about our public library using SOPL's easy email system. Go to the Take Action page of www.savejaxlibraries.com/take-action because we know that your messages have an impact. Once again, let's make a difference for the good of our City.

Save Our Public Libraries

The advocacy group, Save Our Public Libraries, Inc., was founded to ensure that funding for libraries rises as a priority in the City's budget. Our website, www.savejaxlibraries.com, provides information about the impact of drastic cuts to libraries, links to literacy studies, city-wide library information, advocacy tips, and a platform for citizens to take immediate action. To this end, an automated message has been set up on our Take Action page (<http://www.fhft.org/email.php>) to get the word to 20 elected city officials. Help keep our efforts moving forward. Everything is set up for your convenience. Thank you for your support of Jacksonville's libraries.

Audrey Gibson, President SOPL

FMHL & Murray Hill Library Events

Every Wed, Children's Story Hour at 10:30 AM birth - 5yr

WorkSource, First and Third Wednesday 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Computer Services, Individual computer needs, library appt

Sept 8: Murray Hill Methodist Church 10:30 AM, Young At Heart

Sept 10: MHL 2 PM Teen Anima Club

Sept 12: WJCT's *First Coast Connect* 10 AM, FMHL will discuss JPL

Sept 13: City Council Meeting 5 PM, Come and speak up for libraries

Sept 17: Riverside Arts Market Literacy Day 10 AM-4 PM, look for our booth. Barnes & Noble will donate 10% of sales today to JPL (for web purchases you may use code 10548460 at checkout)

Sept 22: FMHL Book Sale at Murray Hill Baptist from 4:30-7:30 PM

Oct 4: Power of Half at MHL 6:30 Focus of The Community Read.

Call/email us for more info on these

Our Booksale 9/22

Thursday, September 22, 4:30 - 7:30 PM
Murray Hill Baptist Church at 4300 Post Street. In conjunction with the Murray Hill Preservation Assn. Spaghetti Dinner.

Kevin Hyde Breakfast

In honor of Councilman Kevin Hyde's outstanding support for all Jacksonville libraries, Friends of the Murray Hill Library hosted a breakfast on May 9th at Edgewood Bakery. During his tenure on the City Council (since 2003), Councilman Hyde has been a tenacious champion of libraries and understands that funding Jacksonville Public Library is an important function of city government. Nearly 50 guests from neighborhoods throughout our town attended the breakfast to show their gratitude and to honor Councilman Hyde's public service to our community. On June 30th Mayor Alvin Brown named Kevin Hyde as his new Chief Administrative Officer for City Hall. Congratulations Mr. Hyde!

Councilman Hyde along with his wife and daughter at FMHL breakfast held in his honor.



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President's Message

A quick look through this newsletter is all it will take to see what a busy spring our Friends group has had - a breakfast to honor library advocate Kevin Hyde, our first donation of children's floor cushions to the Murray Hill Library, a membership drive partnering with the Murray Hill Preservation Association, recognition of library staff during National Library Week, a library program on "Three Writing Women", our first newsletter, our new website (murrayhilllibrary.org) coming online, and a lot of meetings! Our dues paying membership has now topped 100!

All these things can only be done if our library stays open and is adequately funded. However, the library system is on the chopping block again in the latest proposed city budget. It will be forced to reduce hours and staff at all libraries throughout the city and possibly close on Mondays starting in October unless there is a big enough public outcry against it. A new website, savejaxlibraries.com, provides a perfect opportunity to send e-mails to our Mayor and City Council members. It is also important to attend the next City Council meeting at 5:00 P.M. on September 13 to express your opposition to the closing of all libraries on Mondays!

Looking ahead, you won't want to miss our annual book sale which will be held at the Murray Hill Preservation Association Spaghetti Dinner on September 22! This will be an opportunity to get great book bargains without even having to leave our Murray Hill neighborhood!

Judy Klein

Volunteer Opportunities

- Membership – Help our committee obtain additional members to aid in our work
 - Newsletter – help write articles
 - Programs and publicity – help us get the word out
 - Special Events
 - Fund-raising
- Please call Helene at 571.2716 for more info.



Judy Klein, president, presents librarians Samantha and Alissa with toddler floor cushions for Story Time.

From our Librarian

Summer was a great time to visit the Murray Hill Branch Library! In May we partnered with ACPS to host a successful "Happy Tail" adoption event at the Library.

Starting in June, the system kicked off the Summer Reading program for all ages and concluded with an ice cream social in mid-August to celebrate our participants' successes. Friday afternoon family movies attracted great audiences. Harry Potter's Medicinal Herb Gardening magically appeared July 2nd. Then, on July 9th Twyla Prindle and the students who created The Writing Express visited the branch to read their stories and sign copies of the book.

Two special visitors, Geronimo Stilton and Junie B. Jones, each made a separate appearance. Both are characters from popular children's series.

WorkSource continues to provide job seeker services every first and third Wednesday of the month at 10:30AM, and Family Preschool story times and computer assistance will continue. In addition, this fall we will begin family movies on Saturdays and a teen program, Teen Anima Club. Please check out our program schedule for updates online at www.jaxpubliclibrary.org.

Samantha Helfrich

Friends Donate Floor Cushions

Our Friends group was pleased to deliver our first gift of colorful red, yellow, and blue floor cushions to the Murray Hill Library on June 1st. The timing was perfect. Samantha and Alissa, the library staff in charge, started handing them out immediately to the 2, 3, and 4 year olds arriving for the 10:30 A.M. Story Time.

We are so happy to be able to support our Murray Hill Library with gifts such as this one. I hope you make it to Wednesday morning Story Time with your favorite pre-schooler soon, and if you're under 5, be sure to try out one of the new floor cushions!

Judy Klein

Artist(s) Wanted

Our librarian invites artists to add on to the current artwork in the children's area of the library. A mural on canvas, or something non-permanent would enhance what is already there. The current octopus was created by an art student at a Jacksonville college.

If you are interested in donating your time, please speak with librarian Samantha Helfrich for details.

Find us on Facebook.



From the Membership Chair

Membership offers the opportunity to share in creating, promoting, and nurturing a great Murray Hill Library. Consider joining the Friends of the Murray Hill Library. Full membership dues are \$5.00 per person and Alternate memberships are only \$2.00 per person. Sign up the entire family and help strengthen our neighborhood library.

Membership applications and newsletters may be found at our library and at these neighborhood merchants:

- Moon River Pizza
- Edgewood Bakery
- Crazy Egg

You may return your applications to: 1) The lock box located at the main desk of the Library, 2) Through the USPS by sending your application to P.O. Box 60071, Jacksonville, FL 32236-007, 3) log onto our website at www.MurrayHillLibrary.org and pay through PayPal, or 4) Call Helene at 571.2716.

Helene Kamps-Stewart

Be A Donor

FMHL has recognized four major literary awards to represent our donor levels- Caldecott, Pushcart, PEN/Faulkner, and Nobel.

The Caldecott Medals (\$25 donation) are all for children's writing. Mr. Caldecott was an English illustrator, artist and sculptor. He is buried in the Evergreen Cemetery in St. Augustine, FL.

The Pushcart Prize (\$50 donation) is awarded for the best poetry, short fiction and essays published by small presses.

The PEN/Faulkner Award (\$100 donation) is for fiction by living American citizens and was established by William Faulkner donating his Nobel Prize winnings to encourage fictional writings.

The Nobel Prize (>\$100 donation) originated in Sweden and is given to an author's body of work rather than one individual work.

Your donations are used to support our library. Thanks to those who have already contributed, we were able to help our library enhance the children's area.

Our New Website Went Live June 20

MurrayHillLibrary.org

Check it out and sign up for membership or make a donation today!



Wednesday Story Time attracts a fun crowd.

Internet Safety Tutorial

The Jacksonville Public Library is pleased to announce that our new internet safety videos are now available online at <http://jaxpubliclibrary.org/Training/Internet-Safety/internet-safety.html> These short tutorials provide important tips and information on how you can better protect yourself and your children online. Free ear buds are available for individual participants at all library locations while supplies last. Participation, at home or online at your branch, helps the library to meet the criteria for state aid monies and grants.

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Murray Hill Library Hours

Mon – Tues..... Noon - 9 PM
Wed – Sat..... 10 AM - 6 PM