


The NOTIFLYER

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The FRIENDS of the MIMS / SCOTTSMOOR LIBRARY

February 1, 2016

“COOK THE BOOK” BOOK CLUB

Everyone’s invited to join the “Cook the Book” Book Club on **Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 6:00pm**. The "Cook the Book" club will cook and share recipes from Rachael Ray’s *Big Orange Book*. Registration required. Club is open to public. Check with Reference Librarian Beth – **264-5080** – for details on which recipes to prepare.

FRIENDS MEETING

The General Meeting of FRIENDS of the Mims/Scottsmoor Library will be **Thursday, Feb. 11, 2016 at noon**. Free. We invite you to join FRIENDS for \$5 a year. Active members are urgently needed and new officers will be needed soon! *Without new, active members, there won’t be any more book sales to benefit the library!*

ROMANCE BOOK SALE

On **Friday, February 12, 9:00am – 5:00pm**, the FRIENDS will hold a sale of Romance Books to raise money for the library. In addition to books, baked goodies will be available for purchase. The public is invited. Bring your friends! Low sale prices will make selecting books even more fun. Books are sorted by author’s last name.

LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

On **Thursday, February 4 at 1:30pm** the Mims/Scottsmoor Library Book Club will discuss *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin. Refreshments will be provided. Copies of the books are available for checkout at the Reference Desk.

ATTENTION READERS 8-13

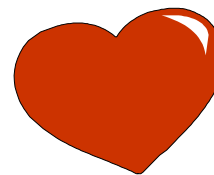
Beginning **Monday, February 1, 3:30 - 4:30pm** Children ages 8-13 are invited to join Ms. Ruth to Read and Listen to Harry Potter. Snacks will be provided. This event is planned to continue weekly. Contact: Ruth Shaw

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB

On **Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 3:30pm** the Creative Writing Club meets. Bring a notebook and create stories. Children ages 7 and up are invited to join Ms. Brittany and Ms. Ruth for writing activities, crafts and refreshments. **264-5080**

FUN VALENTINE CRAFT

Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 2:00pm children are invited to create a Valentine Craft with Ms. Sandy and Ms. Ruth. Free. Refreshments provided.



PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Each Friday at 10:30am - Join Ms. Sandy for stories and a craft

WATERCOLOR PAINTING CLASS

Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 6:00 pm Watercolor Painting with Rosemary Daly. \$10 fee includes materials and instruction. Call **264-5080** to register.


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GARDENING FOR BEGINNERS

Join us to learn a valuable gardening skill on **Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 1:30pm**. The first class will discuss Propagation techniques. The cost for the class will be \$15.00; materials are provided. Call for info: **264-5080**.

NOT INTERESTED IN POLITICS

“Running From Office—Why Young Americans are Turned Off to Politics” (320.4083

Law)

In this well-researched book, authors Jennifer L. Lawless and Richard L. Fox remind us that the US political system was founded on the philosophy that citizens should step forward and run for office. President John F. Kennedy, in his inaugural address, famously urged people to “ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.” His call inspired thousands of Americans to seek local, state, and federal office.

Unfortunately, the past two decades in Washington, D.C., “have showcased a politics dominated by intense partisanship, prolonged stalemates, and a seemingly endless stream of scandals.”

Today’s teenagers and young adults seem to feel that this mean-spirited political system has “eroded any sense that politicians or government have the ability to do good or effect positive change.”

Who, then, will run for the more than 500,000 elected positions in the United States, when the overwhelming majority of young Americans view most politicians as dishonest, selfish, and disinterested in helping their constituents? If a young person asked you about running for political office, would you know what steps to take, or how to find out what elected positions are available?

A 2011 PEW poll revealed that only 27 percent of the 18-20 year olds think that the United States is the greatest nation in the world. This compares to 50 percent of those 65 and older.

A 2013 survey asked respondents about US Congress. “Citizens rated root canals, traffic jams, cockroaches, and used-car salesmen higher than they did members of Congress.”

Fortunately, the book lists recommendations and it explores solutions to the problem. Still, the authors warn that US democracy may be at risk unless young people are encouraged to run for political office and use their skills to make our country and our world a better place.

A FANTASTIC PROGRAM

Local author, David Miller, captures everyone’s attention as he describes his experiences on the Appalachian Trail and explains the writing of his books: *AWOL on the Appalachian Trail* and *The A. T. Guide: a Handbook for Hiking the Appalachian Trail*.



Approximately 60 people came to hear this exciting and fascinating program, sponsored by FRIENDS.