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Welcome to *Selections*, the monthly electronic newsletter of the Sarasota County Library System.

Each month you will find stories related to local library news, national library events, book reviews, database news, and a variety of other topics. Produced by library staff from throughout the County, we will be highlighting different libraries and happenings each month.

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This month brought to you by Elsie Quirk Library Staff

Legacies to Libraries

Helen L. Iler/Herbert A. Brobst Endowment

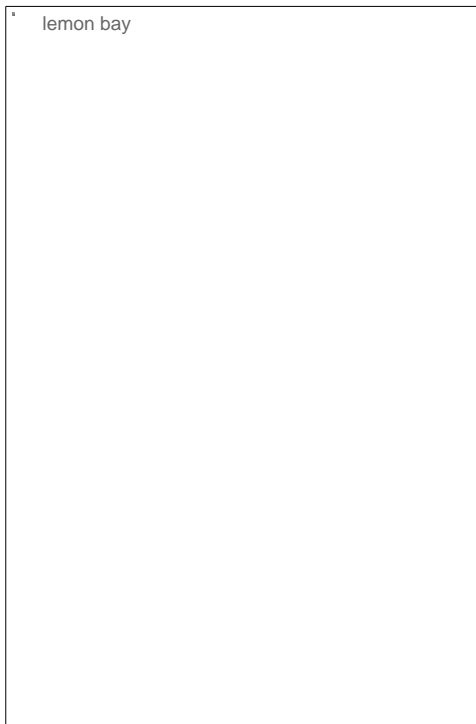
This fall, Elsie Quirk Library patron, Helen L. Iler established the "*Helen L. Iler/ Herbert A. Brobst Endowment*" to benefit the Library. Helen has been a long-time genealogy enthusiast, and through the efforts of EQ Reference staff and genealogy volunteer, Judy Dunten, Helen received her D.A.R certification this year.

There are many ways library patrons can possibly reduce their tax liabilities, assist their favorite library, and leave a legacy for the future:

- remembering the library in an individual's will
- considering gifts of appreciated assets, such as securities or real estate
- purchasing or giving a life insurance policy naming their favorite library as beneficiary
- designating their favorite library as a beneficiary of a pension or IRA
- remembering deceased family members and friends with memorial gifts

For more information on how you can participate in an endowment program, please contact the [Library Manager of your favorite Sarasota County library or Library Administration](#).

Lemon Bay Fest: Englewood History with Zest! February 4-12



[for Complete Calendar click here](#)

The week of February 4 through February 12, 2006, all of Englewood will be celebrating the fourth annual "Lemon Bay Fest: Englewood History with Zest!"

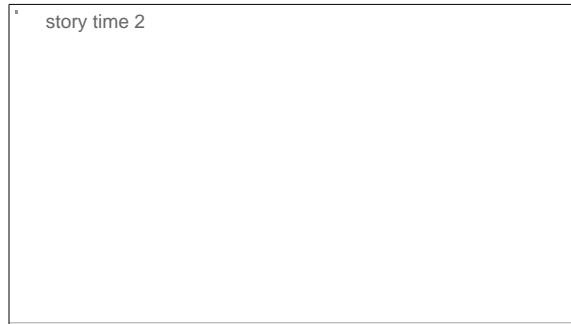
There will be a vintage fashion show at the historic Green Street Church Museum and open house at the Lemon Bay Woman's Club [on the National Register of Historic Places].

Starting Saturday, February 4, there will be free programs all week at the Elsie Quirk Library, including an old-fashioned "Liar's Contest," a look at Englewood's historic buildings from the perspective of artist/historian Patti Middleton, a program on "Groovin' in the Forties: Being a Teen in Englewood," and many others.

On Saturday, February 11, the Dearborn Street Historic District will be buzzing with activities: a lemon dessert baking contest, storytellers, pioneer crafts, antique cars and tools, live bands, and an arts raffle to benefit the Lemon Bay Historical Society.

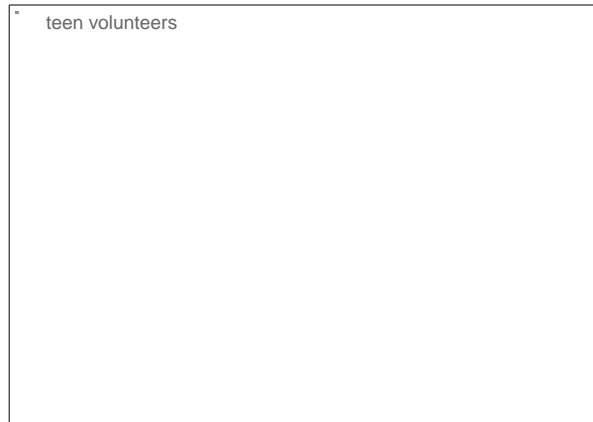
For a full list of the week's events, contact the Reference Desk at the Elsie Quirk Library.

Ready for Reading - Preschool Story Time



Preschool story time introduces the library and books to young children and engages them in pre-literacy activities. Children ages 3-5 are encouraged to attend "on their own". A variety of activities, usually based on a theme, are included in the program to complement the age-appropriate stories. Programs may include flannel board stories, action rhymes or finger plays, poetry, audience participation, songs and music, films, art and craft activities, or community guests. Story time is held at all libraries, check the program calendar for locations, times and dates.

Teen Volunteers



The teen volunteer program at the Elsie Quirk Library proves to be one of the library's most valuable resources. The library teen volunteer program benefits both the library and the teens who participate. The library benefits by having extra helping hands to assist with programs, construct crafts for programs, provide clerical assistance, shelve books, and help with other varied duties. Teens benefit from participation by learning responsibility and dependability while carrying out their assigned tasks and adhering to a schedule. Teens also receive community service hours and make new friends while working at the library.

This summer the library was fortunate to have had twenty teen volunteers to assist in all departments. These teens earned over 460 community service hours while they learned the importance of responsibility and dependability while also acquiring new job skills.

A much deserved Teen Volunteer Appreciation party, funded by the Friends of the Elsie Quirk Library, was held at Englewood Bowl where the teens enjoyed pizza and bowling.

To find out about volunteering at any of the libraries, click on the [Volunteers](#) link on the library system's web site.

Featured Database of the Month



Where did I come from?

Amazingly enough, 60 percent of Americans are at least "somewhat interested" in tracing their family history, compared with 45 percent in 1995 (*American Demographics*, Vol 22, Issue 9, September 2000, p. 24). If you are one of the millions of Americans interested in pursuing your family tree, the Sarasota County Library System makes *Ancestry/library edition* available to patrons at every library site.

The database offers information on the following:

- census
- birth, marriage, death
- communities
- military
- immigration
- newspapers
- family and local histories
- court, land and probate
- directories
- genealogy charts and forms

Click on the [Electronic Resources](#) link on the Library System's home page to access our complete database list, including *Ancestry*.

Featured Internet Site of the Month



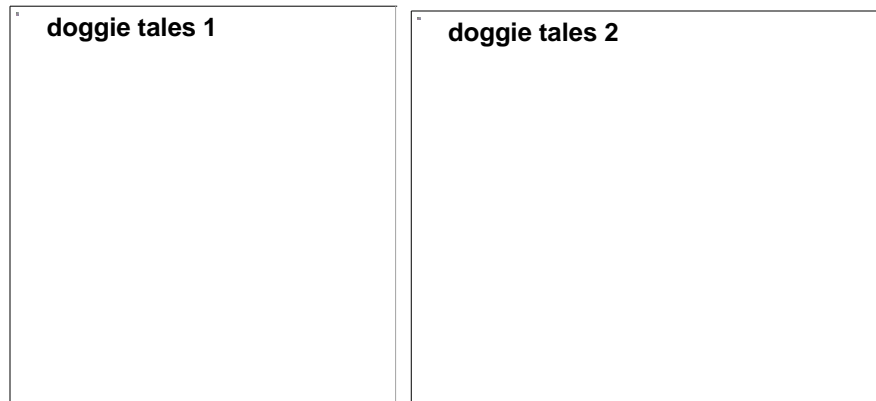
<http://www.irs.gov>

It's almost tax time and the IRS has unveiled its new and improved web site. You can download and print all forms and publications from 2005 and past years. Tax law changes, how to eFile and refund information are easily accessible. Information is grouped by type of customer - individuals, businesses, nonprofits, tax professionals, etc. and then subcategories beneath that such as students, employees, military...

You can access the site directly using the url above or go through the [Recommended Web Sites](#) link on the library

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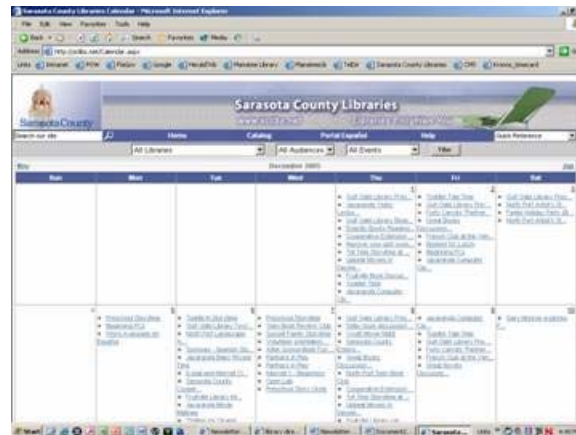
Community Connection



Doggie Tales is a program for families to attend together presented by the [Suncoast Humane Society](#) at south county locations and the [Humane Society of Sarasota](#) at north country locations. Share a special time with man's best friend and improve your literacy skills by reading to certified pet therapy dogs. Check the program calendar for locations, dates and times.

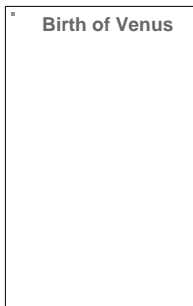
Check the Library Calendar to See What's Happening at All the Libraries

Click on the Library Calendar link from the Library's Home page



You can limit what shows on the calendar by individual library, by audience and by type of event. Just click on the dropdown boxes.

What are you reading?



The Birth of Venus

by Sarah Dunant
Published 2004 by Random House

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 1400060737

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Although Dunant's novel is entitled *The Birth of Venus*, the tantalizing emblem of this mystery lies within the bizarre prologue: a serpent tattoo found on the body of Sister Lucrezia, a nun being prepared for burial. Nothing in this novel, set in Florence in the 15th century, is as it seems, and the plot is as serpentine as the erotic tattoo that winds itself down the length of the nun's body.

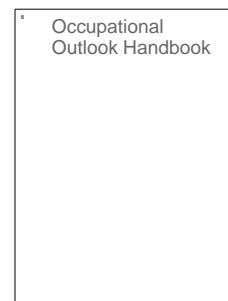
Sister Lucrezia's "Testament" follows the shocking prologue and never disappoints. Told from the point of view of Allesandra Cecchi (Sister Lucrezia's worldly name) from age 14, we are plunged into a labyrinth of Florentine politics, religious intrigue, serial killings, ritualistic mutilations, and a lushly rendered landscape of artistic and mercantile life in Renaissance Florence on the brink of a French invasion.

How Allesandra ends up in a convent is part of this convoluted, well-wrought mystery. This is a story of religious repression, the freedom of art, the beauty of sensuality, and a study of the intricacies of well-constructed lies that unfold layer upon brocaded layer until the final truth is revealed.

by Pat Lewis, Head of Reference Services, Elsie Quirk Public Library

Reference Question of the Month

What statistics are available on occupations that are growing and those that are declining?



Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2004-05

by Labor Statistics Bureau (U S)
Published 2004 by U.S. Government Printing Office

Hardcover, English. ISBN: 016051553X

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The Occupational Outlook Handbook is produced yearly by the U.S. Department of Labor and is full of information on various occupations. It is a great source to find detailed descriptions of particular careers including job outlook, education and training required, expected earnings, the nature of the work, working conditions and sources of additional information.

The latest data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics finds that that among all occupations, those projected to have the highest percent growth from 2002-2012 are in the areas of computer and healthcare reflecting the growth in the computer and data processing and health service industries.

Major declines are projected in farming and ranching, office and administrative support and production occupations such as sewing machine operators. Technical advances, changes in business practices, and automation of plants and factories are cited as factors in these overall declines.

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