

# **FRIENDS OF UPPER TAMPA BAY REGIONAL LIBRARY**

## **NOVEMBER – 2007 NEWESLETTER**

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<http://www.uppertampabaylibrary.org>

*Thank you to all who have donated recently such great books in fantastic condition to the Gazebo Book Store. Stop by and check out the bargains before they are gone! If anyone still has some books left over from the Garage Sale and you're wondering what to do with them, you can drop them off at the Reference Desk at the Library. Through your generosity we have also been able to contribute some of our paperback books to the Books For Troops Project throughout the year.*

*Author Jasmine Cresswell will be visiting at the Upper Tampa Bay Regional Library on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. The Friends of UTB Regional Library are co-sponsoring her visit.*

*Please mark your calendars for our next Friends of UTB Regional Library meeting on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m at the UTB Regional Public Library. Our meetings are open to the public, and it's a great way to learn more about the Friends Group, and how they support The Upper Tampa Bay Regional Library.*

*On Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, the Board of County Commissioners at their Fall Awards and Recognition Ceremony gave the following PROCLAMATION to the Friends of the Library of Tampa-Hillsborough County, Inc. We are proud to be one of the Chapters of this fine organization.*

### **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Friends of the Library of Tampa-Hillsborough County, Inc. raises money that enables our library to move from good to great - providing the resources for additional programming, support for children's summer reading, and special events throughout the year; and,

**WHEREAS**, the work of the Friends highlights on an on-going basis the fact that our library is the cornerstone of the community providing opportunities for all to engage in the joy of life-long learning and connect with the thoughts and ideas of others from ages past to the present; and

**WHEREAS**, the Friends understand the critical importance of well funded libraries and advocate to ensure that our library gets the resources it needs to provide a wide variety of services to all ages including access to print and electronic materials, along with expert assistance in research, readers' advisory, and children's services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Friends' gift of their time and commitment to the library sets an example for all in how volunteerism leads to positive civic engagement and the betterment of our community.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County, Florida, does hereby declare October 21-27, 2007 as Friends of the Library Week in Tampa, Florida and urges everyone to join the Friends of the Library and thank them for all they do to make our library and community so much better.

*Executed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007.*

*On October 25<sup>th</sup> a the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Friends of Libraries Week was held at Aston Gardens. It was well attended and all enjoyed a great evening with fantastic food, music, raffles and a silent auction. Ms. LuAnn Bradshaw (one of our members) played the piano beautifully, and added a special touch to the evening for everyone. Thanks to the generous Merchant donations, many Friends went home with some wonderful items from the raffles and Silent Auction. A good time was had by all!*

*A special thank you to Aston Gardens and Ms. Beth Leto for helping to make this a special evening of celebration for the Friends of UTB. The food was delicious and the decorations sparkling. Also, a special thank you to the following who helped me to collect donations from the Local Area Merchants, and help make this a special evening for so many: Heather Papolos, June Valva, Cindy Gormley. A list of the merchants donating will be on our web site.*

*One of the events in December you'll want to mark on your calendar is Katie Adams' Make Believe "Holiday Stories from Around the World" to be held on Sat., Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 P.M. This is just one of the programs sponsored by the Friends of UTB Regional Library. There are many more free programs at the UTB Library, and don't forget they listed in Page by Page at the Reference Desk at the Library.*

*Our Friends of UTB Library raise funds during the year that help provide money for additional programs, support for children's summer reading program, and special events throughout the year that are not in the budget for all age groups. Some of our members help by joining, and others also give of their time to volunteer when they can in order for us to achieve our goals throughout the year. January starts our Membership Drive for 2008, and we hope to add many new Friends. Membership forms are on our web site, and in the Gazebo Book Store at the UTB Library. Membership fees start at \$10.00! We hope that part of your New Year Resolutions will be to join the Friends Group at UTB!*

***The Friends of Upper Tampa Bay Regional Library would like to extend a Special Thank You to the Following Merchants for their generous donations for our Event on October 25<sup>th</sup> .***

***A Play Patch  
Aston Gardens  
Aubrey Organics  
Bellissimo Ristorante  
Carvel  
Catch 23 Restaurant  
Corri Loope Consultant for Cookie Lee  
Couture Jewelry West Park Village  
Great Art & Frame  
Heather Papolos Photography  
Hershey's Ice Cream  
Laseresque  
Learning Express  
Lisa Skidd – Canine Behavior Specialist  
Mellow Mushroom  
Quiznos Sub  
Racetrack Liquor & Fine Wines, Inc.  
Robert Morris Interiors  
Scrapbook Locker  
Snapp Fitness Place  
Southplantation & Sweet Tomatoes  
Starbucks West Park Village  
Sun Fitness Personal Training Studio  
Sweetbay Supermarket  
The Frame House of Carrollwood  
Touch Salon & Spa  
Tropical Smoothie Café  
World of Beer  
Yoga Planet***