

January 2026

Community Room Activities

2755 Estero Blvd, 239-765-8162



Fort Myers Beach Library

Monday - Friday 9 am to 5 pm
Saturday 9 am to 1 pm

Art in the Library



Enjoy the *Fort Myers Beach Art Association's* rotating exhibit on the 1st floor.

January Artists' of the Month: *Fort Myers Camera Club*, 3rd Floor.

Story Hours this Month

Wednesdays, January 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th at 10:00 am in the Children's Area, 1st Floor.

Children can enjoy a story in the playroom and create an accompanying craft!

7th - Mini Masterpieces 🖼️

14th - Dress your Pet Day with Gus the Therapy Dog 🐕

21st - Blast off with Penguinaut! 🐧

28th - Get wild at Story Hour for National Geographic Day 🦁

Library Closed Thursday, January 1st in Observance of New Year's Day



Estero Island Garden Club presents "How to Successfully Repot Orchids"

Monday, January 5th, doors open at 9:30 am, program starts at 10 am, Room B.

Join Stan Grigiski, Former President of the Southwest Florida Orchid Society, for this informative session on the best techniques for planting and repotting a variety of Orchid types.

Knitting Circle

Tuesdays, January 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th, 1 pm to 3 pm, Room B.

This social stitching group is a space for knitters and crocheters of all skill levels to gather, connect, and create together. Whether you're working on a long-term project or just getting started, you're welcome here.

Please bring your own yarn, needles, hooks, and any current projects you'd like to work on. Drop in, share ideas, ask questions, or simply enjoy the company of fellow makers.

Fort Myers Beach Community Foundation Meeting

Thursday, January 8th, 9:30 am, Room B.



Meeting of the FMB Community Foundation.

Estero Sands Condo Meeting

Thursday, January 8th, 10 am, Room A.

Meeting of the Estero Sands Condo Association.

Lee County Master Gardeners present "How to Spot and Stop Invasive Plants on our Barrier Island"

Saturday, January 10th 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, Third Floor Community Room.

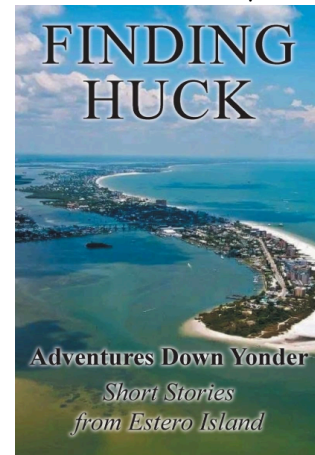
Join the Volunteers from Lee County Master Gardeners for this essential presentation on invasive plant species seen on our island; how to identify and control them, and what to plant in their place.



All are welcome, we encourage you to register online at Eventbrite. Scan the code with your phone's camera to register.

Estero Island Historic Society presents: Author Lee Melsek

Monday, January 12th, 1:00 pm, Third Floor Community Room.



Retired Fort Myers News-Press Investigative Reporter Lee Melsek will recount tales of the golden past (1950's - 60's) growing up on Fort Myers Beach from his 2025 published book: *Finding Huck: Adventures Down Yonder*.

Sisters in Spirit "SIS" Monthly Social Gathering

Tuesday, January 13th, 11:30 am, Third Floor Commons Area.

Join SIS on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 11:30 AM for a warm and welcoming social meet-up. SIS gathers as a way to stay connected, share faith, support one another, and keep their community strong.

Bring a packed lunch, enjoy good conversation, and spend time with a caring group of women. New participants are always welcome—whether you share the same church background or simply want to connect with others in a spirit of friendship and community.

Understanding and Healing from Grief

Tuesday, January 13th, 1:00 pm, Community Room B.

Join Director Cletus Poser for a thoughtful and supportive presentation on navigating the journey of grief. This program explores the core elements of healing after loss, including accepting the reality of what has happened, processing emotional pain, and learning to adjust to life in a new way.

Participants will also learn how to nurture self-compassion, seek support, and understand that grief is not about “moving on,” but about finding a way to carry both the love and the loss—making space for moments of hope and joy alongside sorrow.

All are welcome to attend this gentle, informative session. Whether you are grieving personally or supporting someone who is, this program offers guidance, comfort, and clarity.

Lee County Legal Aid Society

Wednesday, January 14th, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm, Community Room B.



Lee County Legal Aid Society will be on hand to answer questions for Lee County Residents free of charge.

Library Closed Monday, January 19th in Observance of MLK Jr Day



Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, January 20th, 10:00 am in Community Room B.

Everyone is welcome! This month’s book is “*Arrowsmith*” by Sinclair Lewis.

Arrowsmith, the most widely read of Sinclair Lewis’s novels, is the incisive portrait of a man passionately devoted to science. As a bright, curious boy in a small Midwestern town, Martin Arrowsmith spends his free time in old Doc Vickerson’s office avidly devouring medical texts. Destined to become a physician and a researcher, he discovers that societal forces of ignorance, greed, and corruption can be as life-threatening as the plague.

Part satire, part morality tale, Lewis’s Pulitzer Prize-winning novel illuminates the mystery and power of science while giving enduring life to a singular American hero’s struggle for integrity and intellectual freedom in a small-minded world.

Please register by calling 239-765-8162, \$6.00 copies of the month’s book are available for purchase at the 1st Floor Staff Assistance Desk while supplies last.

Beach Theme Bracelet-Making

Tuesday, January 20th, 10am in Room A.

Slow down and get creative with a touch of coastal charm! Join local artisan Terry Larson for a laid-back, hands-on bracelet-making workshop inspired by beachy colors and textures. All supplies are provided for a **\$7 materials fee**, and Terry will guide you step-by-step as you design a bracelet that's uniquely yours. No experience needed—just come ready to relax and create!



Your cash gift to the Beach Library enables us to expend the number of presentations and seminars offered in the community room.

Remember also to thank presenters as they are offering their time and talent in sharing the subject and/or service.

Not Your Parents' Medicine

Friday, January 23rd, 1pm in Room A.

Join Dr. Nicole Bennett for an eye-opening presentation that will change the way you think about modern health care. "Not Your Parents' Medicine" dives into today's most innovative approaches to healing—where ancient wisdom meets cutting-edge science.

Discover how chiropractic care, massage, acupuncture, functional medicine, vitamin IV's/injections, and regenerative therapies like PRP, peptides, stem cells, and laser therapy work together to restore balance, reduce pain, and help your body truly heal from the inside out.



Don't forget to visit our Friends! The Friends of the FMB Library Bookstore and Gift Shop is open on the 3rd floor Monday through Friday 9:15 am to 4:45 pm and Saturday 9:15 am to 12:45 pm.

Friends of the FMB Library Annual Meeting

Saturday, January 24th, 10:00 am in Community Room B.

Annual Meeting of the Friends of Fort Myers Beach Public Library with special guest: Monica Lynn, Fort Myers Beach's very own Fairy Podmother.

Friends of the FMB Library Booksale

Saturday, January 31st and Sunday, February 1st, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, Parking Garage.

FRIENDS BOOKSALE!



Help us clean out our inventory! We have a huge selection of books, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, & puzzles to choose from, fill a paper bag for only \$10!

Membership Application for The Friends of the Library

Name _____

Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

E-mail _____

If your address changes part of the year, indicate here:

Contact me about getting involved in a project []

The best way to reach me is via [] phone [] e-mail

This membership is [] New [] Renewal [] Gift from:

Membership type:

[] Annual Member \$25

[] Lifetime Member \$250

Here is a gift to help the Library:

Please make checks payable to:
Friends of the Fort Myers Beach Public Library.

Drop off at a Staff Assistance Desk or mail to the Library.

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