

# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

**FALL 2011**



## President's Message

Dear Friends,

Fall is upon us. Your Board of the Friends of the Bonita Springs Library will resume monthly meetings, plan author luncheons and discussions, and provide support for necessary library programs.

We have been in the news! The fate of our library is in a state of flux. Expansion proposals are being investigated and discussed at town council meetings, in the newspapers, and in the Offices of the County Commissioners. Meanwhile we Friends want to make the best of what we have. This year we targeted funds to improve our meeting room facility. The installation of a hi-def projection system and high quality sound system is complete. The \$10,000 dollar system includes a 92" diagonal digital projection system capable of playing back Blu-Ray disks, computer presentations, Nintendo Wii video games and cable tv. The system also includes two microphones, one hand held and one lavalier. We are working our way into the 21st century technology! All of the new purchases can be readily moved to a new facility or reused.

The Friends have been able to support many programs this year. Because the budget belt has been severely tightened, we have dedicated funds to several wonderful programs. These included: Tampa Taiko Japanese Outreach Program which was shared by several libraries in Lee County, Katie Adams' Make Believe Theater, Vincent Van Gogh's Postman, Robert MacComber, an author presentation, Janina Birtolo's portrayal of M. Stoneman Douglas, Shy Wolf Sanctuary visitation. In addition, we sponsor the Library Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, host Death and Dessert author panels, and put on 3 author luncheons held at Pelican's Nest Country Club in January, February and March.

Inside the library, the Friends have been able to purchase needed shelves for the ever expanding DVD section. These are specialized shelves that tilt the DVDs forward for easy

cataloging. We have also purchased several posters advertising classic movies, new movies, and continued favorites. We also continue to supply patrons with a monthly Book Page newsletter that describes the latest novels and authors. In addition our funds supply the lanyards that are given to students to hold their library cards. The children love them and they are emblazoned with the words Bonita Springs Library! We will be purchasing library card sleeves in the near future for adult card holders. We also love to support the needs of the staff. When the staff refrigerator died the Friends came to the rescue with a new purchase!

We have already received requests to fund programs for the 2012 year. As you can see we are needed more than ever. Please consider helping our efforts and become a Friend of the Library. Your membership is a symbol of your support and is tax deductible. If you would like to get actively involved please let us know on your membership form. We are always looking for volunteers!

In our determined efforts to embrace the 21st century we would appreciate visits to our new web site. You can visit us at [bonitaspringsfriends.org](http://bonitaspringsfriends.org). All our information is updated there, including author luncheon information, membership, and dates of book sales. We hold 2 large book sales annually, and have a continuous book sale area in our foyer. Look for our next Book Sale on November 4-5.

We are looking forward to making new "Friends". Hope you are one of them!

In Friendship,

*Helena Nesbit*



# Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale



Our annual book sale will be held in the meeting room at the library the first weekend in November. Stock up on the best sellers you missed out on this year and some old favorites! We have plenty of genres to choose from, including mysteries, biographies, and arts and crafts. We also sell puzzles, children's books, and our very own book bags.



The sale will begin on Friday Nov. 5, 2011 from 9:00-4:00 and end on Saturday Nov. 6, 2011 from 9:00-4:00.

We could use some help with setting up for the sale. If you can help please leave a message at the library and we will get back to you with details. It takes a village to keep the community spirit alive for these events. And a little muscle! We have lots of stock that we haul from a nearby storage facility and we could use an hour or two of your time.

Much obliged for any and all support for this important fundraiser. This is how we are able to fund the children's programs, buy needed materials that taxpayer monies are not available for, and help to support regular library programming. Spread the joy and the good word!

## BOOK REVIEW: *Angelology*, by Danielle Trussoni

**Summary:** A thrilling epic about an ancient clash reignited in our time-between a hidden society and heaven's darkest creatures.

There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. Genesis 6:5

Sister Evangeline was just a girl when her father entrusted her to the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in upstate New York. Now, at twenty-three, her discovery of a 1943 letter from the famous philanthropist Abigail Rockefeller to the late mother superior of Saint Rose Convent plunges Evangeline into a secret history that stretches back a thousand years: an ancient conflict between the Society of Angelologists and the monstrously beautiful descendants of angels and humans, the Nephilim.

For the secrets these letters guard are desperately coveted by the once-powerful Nephilim, who aim to perpetuate war, subvert the good in humanity, and dominate mankind. Generations of angelologists have devoted their lives to stopping them, and their shared mission, which Evangeline has long been destined to join, reaches from her bucolic abbey on the Hudson to the apex of insular wealth in New York, to the Montparnasse cemetery in Paris and the mountains of Bulgaria.

Rich in history, full of mesmerizing characters, and wondrously conceived, *Angelology* blends biblical lore, the myth of Orpheus and the Miltonic visions of *Paradise Lost* into a riveting tale of ordinary people engaged in a battle that will determine the fate of the world.

**The Dame's Review:**

This is a book you have to find and spend your weekend reading. I promise you it will be one of the best books you'll read this season.

Danielle Trussoni absolutely has a golden hand. She's an author who captures the imagination from the beginning and keeps it throughout. I was so enamored of this book that I could hardly wait to get back to it when distractions interrupted. It's so beautifully written: gothic, gorgeous in description, fantastic in imagination.

I personally loved most her descriptions of characters and places. It was a subject to fixate my mind, causing me to see with my mind's eye the beautiful angels and primary characters who interacted with them. I could also envision the convent, gleaming high rises, homes, caverns and Nazi headquarters that Trussoni describes. She is a master author in this area.

The mystery of why Evangeline is left at a convent by her father, why she's been so protected by the sisters there, and what her purpose may be in life is only the tip of the iceberg in this lush novel. It's the things we learn afterwards about the angels she comes to know, their secrets, and how she'll manage her journey and responses to them that make up the most glorious and absorbing parts of the book.

I absolutely adore this book for so many reasons. It's especially well written, its gothic details are wonderful, it bristles with magical mysteries, the angels are gorgeous and demonic, Evangeline is a perfect heroine to identify with, and the whole experience is brilliant.

Sumptuous and exciting, this book has religious and historical interest to accompany the rest as mentioned above. Having spent half of my college education in Munich, Germany, it was a treat to read her writings about Evangeline in Nazi Germany! What a perfect time for the fallen angels to make a stronghold for their evil plotting. Great fun to be taken back to Germany in this imaginative way.

The Nephilim will steal your hearts even though they are devious, they are magnificent! And, who could believe she'd throw Abigail Rockefeller into the mix like that? Awesome in so many details.

This is definitely another book for your stacks! 5 fabulous stars!

Deborah/TheBookishDame

# Check It Out!

by Maureen L Pollock

Typically, my fall contribution to this newsletter praises the Friends of the Library and I list all the wonderful things the Friends have done for us over the summer months. Helena, our president, alerted me that she would be going over their generous expenditures, therefore, I am taking a slightly different track with my column. Many years ago, I published this biography and decided it was time to run it again.

As a child, becoming a librarian was the farthest thing from my mind. I was a constant abuser of our public library in Martins Ferry, Ohio, the small river city where I was raised. Phone calls from the librarian, postcards with elephants asking if I had forgotten to return books and even letters with the misdemeanor numbers I was infracting were all a part of my childhood. Upon entering high school in 1969, I was thrilled to learn that the library housed in the school was not connected to the city's library (for I had long since ruined my borrowing privileges there). After losing a few of the high school's books, the librarian, Miss Annie C. Tanks, was all too aware of the dangers of loaning me a book. A student's diploma could be withheld for failure to return a library book. I believe only my mother was more surprised than I, when, on graduation day, there was, indeed, a diploma bearing my name.

After a brief stint as a waitress in a family restaurant, I decided to become a college girl in January 1974 – 6 months of waitressing convinced me I needed a college education. I attended Ohio University's branch campus close to my home and floundered about in search of a major that would secure my future. I decided on education since I had always loved school and reasoned English would be a great major considering I had always loved reading. While employed as a work-study student in the Martins Ferry Schools, I proudly told the superintendent of my English Education major. He recommended I become a librarian, stating that in his 20+ years as an administrator, he had only two applicants certified as librarians and had promptly hired them both. As it turned out, three years later when I graduated with an English/Library degree, he hired me to replace the retiring Annie Tanks. Needless to say, both Annie and my mother were shocked at my career choice.

I worked as a district librarian for Martins Ferry City Schools for eight years. During that time, I returned to college at Kent State University and earned my Masters in Library Science. During my tenure as a school librarian, I traveled to a variety of places in our beautiful country and I began to realize that Martins Ferry was not quite where I wanted to live. On a post-Christmas visit to Key West in 1985, I came to a rather impulsive decision that I just had to live there, so, I did.

Moving to Key West was one of the best decisions I ever made. I taught English to tenth graders for four years and realized that returning to the world of libraries was a number one priority. I met my husband Beau one month after I moved to Key West. After three years of marriage, we decided to move to Southwest Florida. Since 1991, working for the Lee County Library System and living in Bonita Springs has allowed me the opportunity to live in a small city and work in the career I love best. I have also rehabilitated myself and I no longer abuse library materials. See you at the library.

## 2012 FRIENDS AUTHOR LUNCHEONS



### Tom Corcoran • Thursday, January 26, 2012

Tom Corcoran first moved to Florida in 1970. He has been a disc jockey, bartender, naval officer, screenwriter, freelance photographer and journalist. In addition to his Alex Rutledge mysteries, he has written non-fiction auto books, published Jimmy Buffett – The Key West Years, and has published volumes of his Key West photographs. Alex Rutledge, his protagonist, is a forensic photographer who operates in a Key West that tourists seldom see.



### Phyllis Smallman • Thursday, February 23, 2012

Phyllis Smallman's love of books led to various library jobs in southern Ontario towns like Brantford, Grimsby, and Ancaster, where she hid out in the stacks reading mysteries. She then turned her hand to writing them, winning the first Arthur Ellis award for best unpublished manuscript, which led to a publishing contract. Smallman lives in Englewood, Florida six months of the year and writes mysteries about the Mangrove coast of Florida.



### Nancy J. Cohen • Thursday, March 22, 2012

Nancy J. Cohen has an undergraduate degree from University of Rochester and a Master's degree from the University of California. She is the author of the Bad Hair Day mystery series. In this mystery series, the protagonist, Marla Shore, is a local beauty salon owner and part-time sleuth. Nancy has also written romance novels under the pseudonym Nancy Cane. Cohen lives in South Florida with her husband.

## Reservations

for the 2012 Author Luncheons Series are now available for \$32 each and may be purchased by mail. Each luncheon will be held at **Pelican's Nest**. Please send separate checks for dues. To order, complete this form, including the name of each guest if you are making multiple reservations for an event. Make your check payable to "**Friends of the Bonita Springs Library**" and mail with complete form to:

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**  
P.O. Box 366334 • Bonita Springs, FL 34136-6334  
(Payment must be received one week prior to event)

Reservation(s) for the **Tom Corcoran** luncheon @ \$32 each = \$

Reservation(s) for the **Phyllis Smallman** luncheon @ \$32 each = \$

Reservation(s) for the **Nancy J. Cohen** luncheon @ \$32 each = \$

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**Questions?** Contact Fran Gallo at 949-9565 or [franinflorida@gmail.com](mailto:franinflorida@gmail.com)



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### *In Memoriam* *Luella Taylor*

The Friends of the Library lost a pioneer in its organization in February 2011. Along with her husband, Luella Taylor was instrumental in the development of our library here in Bonita Springs. One of the founding members of the present Library Board, Luella and her husband Thad attended Commissioner meetings, raised money and lobbied to have the tiny Bonita Springs Library enlarged. This dream became a reality when the present 12,000 square foot library was completed in January 1991. Luella stayed active on the Friends of the Library Board until a few years ago. Luella's dedication to the library was admirable and she will always be remembered as one of the original and best "Friends" for Bonita Library.

### PLEASE HELP

The Friends of the Library Board is trying to be as green as possible. In order to accomplish this we need to use e-mail as much as possible. If you have not already done so please send us your e-mail address. This will only be used for Friends business and will not be given to any other group. Just send your address to Fran Gallo at [franinflorida@gmail.com](mailto:franinflorida@gmail.com).