



# PALM READER

SANIBEL PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER



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## ANNOUNCING THE 2019-2020 SANIBEL PUBLIC LIBRARY AUTHOR SERIES

### JANE GREEN

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

Jane Green is the author of twenty novels, including seventeen *New York Times* bestsellers. She has more than ten million books in print, is published in over 25 languages, and has several books in development for film and television.

In a review of her 2019 novel, *The Friends We Keep*, a reviewer in *Publishers Weekly* says, "Green writes with a clear, unfettered voice, filling this page-turner with plot twists and hinting at the power of forgiveness."

A former journalist in the UK and a

graduate of the International Culinary Center in New York, stories from her childhood in England accompany recipes in her 2016 cookbook, *Good Taste*. Recipes from some of her novels are also included in *Good Taste*.

Jane has had her own show on BBC Radio London, and is a current storyteller for "The Moth Radio Hour." She is a regular contributor on TV shows, including "Good Morning America," "The Martha Stewart Show," and "The Today Show." Jane has been featured in *People*, *Newsweek*, *USA Today*, *Glamour*, *The Sunday Times*, and *Cosmopolitan*.

She lives in Westport, Connecticut, with her husband, their blended family, and a small menagerie of animals.

### TASHA ALEXANDER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Tasha Alexander is the author of the *New York Times* bestselling Lady Emily mystery series (*Tears of Pearl*, *Dangerous to Know*, and *A Crimson Warning*). In her 2019 *Uneasy Lies the Crown*, Lady Emily and her husband Colin must stop a serial killer whose sights may be set on King Edward VII. Of *Uneasy*, a *Kirkus* reviewer said, "Alexander, who's adept at mixing historical facts with mysteries, includes chapters featuring a

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tale from 1415 that's easily as interesting as the...mystery that finally brings past and present together."

A reviewer in *Publisher's Weekly* said Tasha's historical fiction is "Engrossing... English history lovers will be enthralled." *Booklist* calls her work, "Consistently witty, smart, and entertaining."

Tasha's *In the Shadow of Vesuvius* is due out in January 2020. In this 14th installment in the Victorian series, Lady Emily uncovers a mystery in the ancient city of Pompeii.

The daughter of two philosophy professors, Tasha said her early life was spent in a household "surrounded by books, high intellectual standards, and rigorous thinking." She has written a series of Victorian suspense novels that critics have praised as a "window into a world of long ago."

Tasha studied English Literature and Medieval History at the University of Notre Dame. She and her husband, novelist Andrew Grant, live on a ranch in southeastern Wyoming.



## DAVID BALDACCI

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

David Baldacci has been writing since childhood, when his mother gave him a lined notebook in which to write down his stories. Much later, when David thanked her for being the spark that ignited his writing career, she revealed that she'd given him the notebook to keep him quiet, because "every mom needs a break now and then."

He published his first novel, *Absolute Power*, in 1996. The feature film adaptation

followed, with Clint Eastwood as its director and star. In total, David has published 38 novels for adults; all have been national and international bestsellers, and several have been adapted for film and television. His novels are published in over 45 languages and in more than 80 countries, with over 130 million worldwide sales. David has also published seven novels for younger readers.

A lifelong Virginian, David received his Bachelor's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University and his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law, after which he practiced law in Washington, D.C.

In addition to being a prolific writer, David is a devoted philanthropist, and his greatest efforts are dedicated to his family's Wish You Well Foundation. The Foundation supports family and adult literacy in the U.S. by fostering and promoting the development and expansion of literacy and educational programs. David and his family live in Virginia.

## Sanibel Public Library Author Series Ticket Request Lottery Process

The Sanibel Public Library's ticketing procedure ensures as many as possible have the opportunity to meet the authors and attend an Author Series event.

Requests for Author Series tickets may be made beginning on the dates listed. Names of those requesting tickets will be placed in a lottery and selected at random, and then be notified by email.

Tickets are available at no charge to Sanibel Public Library cardholders; one card per person; two tickets per card. Library patrons may receive a maximum of two tickets per card. Tickets must be requested online at [www.sanlib.org](http://www.sanlib.org).

If you are unable to access the online form or if you would like assistance using the online form, the Library will have personnel and a computer set aside for your use.

Author	Ticket Requests Accepted for 24 Hours Starting	Author Series Evening
JANE GREEN	9 a.m. Saturday, December 14	Tuesday, January 14
TASHA ALEXANDER	9 a.m. Saturday, January 18	Tuesday, February 18
DAVID BALDACCI	9 a.m. Monday, February 10	Tuesday, March 10

Doors open at 6:15 PM, talks begin at 7 PM, with book signing & reception to follow. Major funding for the Author Series is provided by the Sanibel Library Foundation and its generous donors.

Online requests begin at 9 a.m. on the dates listed, and continue for 24 hours. Requests made before or after that time will not be honored. Make sure you have a current library card before you request tickets.

Library cards are available to Sanibel and Lee County residents at no charge. Visitor cards may be obtained for a \$10 fee, and a visitor card is valid for one year. Call the Sanibel Public Library at (239) 472-2483 for more information.

# FALL 2019 WEEKLY YOUTH SCHEDULE

This weekly schedule runs through December, with a few exceptions. Check calendar at [www.sanlib.org](http://www.sanlib.org) for exact dates.



**FUN FLOOR FRIDAYS!**

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**From 10 a.m. 'til 4 p.m. on Fridays**

The MagiBox projects interactive images from the ceiling to the floor. Stay as long as you choose at this self-directed program.

## FAMILY STORYTIME



**Wednesdays at 11 a.m.**  
—repeated on **Thursdays at 11 a.m.**

Family Storytime helps develop pre-reading skills through songs, fingerplays, and stories.

## AFTER SCHOOL CREW (K-5)



Geared for kindergarten through fifth grade, the Crew will meet at 3 p.m. on most Thursdays. Meet some new friends, read some new books, and enjoy puzzles, games, crafts, and snacks.

## TEEN SCENE!



**Monday, October 21 at 6 p.m.**  
**Monday, November 18 at 6 p.m.**  
**Monday, December 16 at 6 p.m.**

Hang out, socialize, play games, create, and eat. For ages 12 to 18

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

### Murry Lewis

Murry works on the Library's maintenance, outdoor spaces, event setup and he's rumored to be able to "fix anything!" according to staff.

Murry started working at Sanibel Public Library in 2017, during the "Reimagined" remodel project. "Every day was an adventure, with construction crews doing major renovations as we also kept the facility open to public. It's great to have it completed. The whole building functions much better with the updated modular meeting spaces."

He grew up in Michigan, and has lived on Sanibel for about ten years. "Elaine and I like to borrow DVD movies from the Library," he adds, "I also enjoy cookbooks, especially those that focus on techniques in bar-b-que."

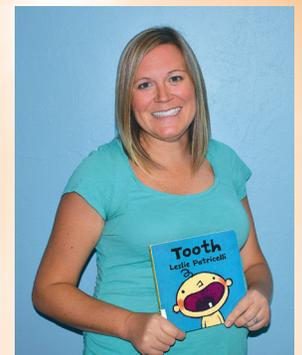


### Laurel Kauffold

Laurel started working in the Library's Children's Area in 2017. She works part-time at the Library and also works as a dental hygienist. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Illinois in Springfield, and received an Associate in Applied Science in Dental Hygiene from Lake Superior College in Duluth, Minnesota.

She's lived on Sanibel since 2016 with her husband, Travis, their three children (and another on the way—due in December).

"My kids love to check out the VOX books from the Library, which are the books that read the story aloud. They also like graphic novels and movies, while I enjoy cookbooks," she adds, "I am usually busy with kids' activities, but if I have free time I like bike riding, going to the beach, and swimming."



# Kids Explored A Universe of Stories with Summer Reading Program

Sanibel Public Library's 2019 summer reading program introduced children to a universe of stories. The "Universe" theme commemorated the 50th anniversary of NASA's Apollo 11 mission when astronauts first set foot on the moon in 1969.

Youth Services Librarian, Deanna Evans said, "Summer reading programs encourage children to read for pleasure while helping to prevent the "summer slide"—loss of the previous school year's reading gains. It gives parents and children opportunities to bond while reading together to help strengthen pre-reading and reading skills." Children also benefit from the rich literacy experiences afforded by special events and organized programs the Library offers during the Summer Reading Program.

This summer, 307 kids, from ages baby-to-teen, logged more than 2,000 hours of reading. Evans adds, "All of this summer's numbers are impressive and I am so proud of the readers. More than a third of the children logged ten or more hours of reading!"

Weekly summer events included Monday afternoon movies, Wednesday evening teen nights, and weekly space-themed storytimes. Special presenters included a magician, a professional storyteller, crafters, and several interactive food presentations. Families learned about echo-location with an educational presentation that included live bats.

Children used the new Think Tank to build with LEGO, create origami, and use Boxer Bot remote-controlled mini robots. Evans adds, "The younger kids love the interactive MagixBox floor. We have a new activity set, to teach coding, and the remote control Boxer Bot was also a hit."

Experiences in virtual reality and interactive video games ran throughout the summer. Bessie, a bearded collie and trained Reading Education Assistance Dog (R.E.A.D.) enjoyed listening to children read to her on Tuesday afternoons.

As in previous summers, children read to earn books for their home library and for patients at Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. The Sanibel Public Library Foundation matches each book earned with a book for the Children's Hospital. The Foundation also provided each participant with a gift—this year it was a shoulder sling backpack. This summer, kids earned at total of 805 books for their homes, and 1,194 books for Golisano Children's Hospital.



Since its inception in 2012, young readers have helped to contribute more than 8,000 books to the hospital. The Sanibel Public Library Foundation, along with the Joan



DoDad's Lab Comedy & Science Show

Hunt Cory Children's Fund, underwrites the annual summer reading program. The Children's Fund was established in 2008 to honor longtime library volunteer and supporter Joan Hunt Cory.

The Sanibel Public Library Foundation provides, supports, and supplements library services of Sanibel and assists in the promotion of reading and literacy. Since 2006 the Foundation has provided close to \$1 million to fund Library Author Series; the annual youth Summer Reading Program; a TeenSpace Room; technology initiatives; youth early literacy computers; small business development eBooks; genealogy research stations; children's eBooks; Sanibel Public Library mobile app; and more.

Left to right:  
Kinect Xbox on  
VIP Teen Night

Showtime for Kids  
Magic & Comedy Show

Elzie Doelitch  
Makes Galaxy Slime



# 2019 Sanibel Public Library Survey Results Overview



The results of the 2019 Sanibel Public Library Survey are in, gathering input from more than 400 individuals. The survey was offered online and was available for people to take the survey in the Library. Of those who responded, 92% said they have a Sanibel Public Library card. Half of the respondents reported their age as "65 or older."

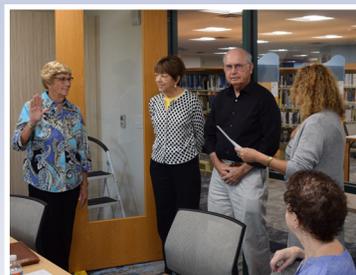
The survey examines the public's interaction with the Library and the quality of service provided. Library Executive Director Margaret Mohundro said, "Through this project, the Board of Commissioners and staff gain a better understanding of where we can enhance services to better meet the needs of patrons."

For more information about the survey, contact the Library at (239) 472-2483.

## Estep Appointed to Sanibel Public Library Board

On August 15 Sanibel Public Library District Board of Commissioners appointed Dr. Linda Estep to fill Seat Two. She is completing the term of Linda Kramer, who moved off-island. Estep's term runs through to the next general election on November 2, 2020.

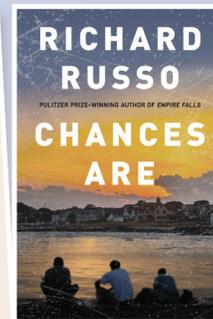
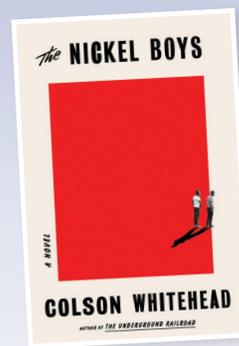
Estep as a longtime Library volunteer. She has helped in a wide range of duties, from reshelving books, to volunteering as a committee member of Sanibel Public Library Foundation's annual Lunch with the Author. She has been both



Linda Estep is sworn in to the Board of Commissioners for the Sanibel Public Library District

a Board member and Treasurer for the Sanibel Public Library Foundation.

Linda has a background in teaching and school administration in Pennsylvania. She retired to Sanibel and has been active in many community activities, including a "temporary" sixth-month stint as interim director of CROW wildlife hospital, which turned into a four-year job!



## Fall 2019 Book Discussion Group

- November 20 **THE NICKEL BOYS** by Colson Whitehead
- December 18 **QUEEN BEE** by Dorothea Benton Frank
- January 22 **CHANCES ARE...** by Richard Russo

The Book Discussion Group meets at Sanibel Public Library at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays on the dates listed above.



# Sanibel Public Library

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*The Sanibel Public Library enhances the quality of life of Sanibel residents and visitors by providing opportunities and experiences that encourage discovery, inspiration, and enrichment for the mind.*

Sanibel Public Library District is an independent special district established in 2005, that governs and operates the Sanibel Public Library.



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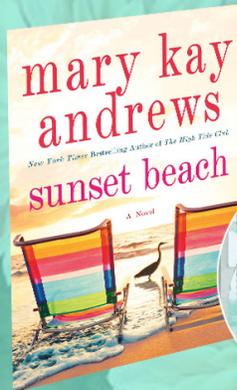
### LIBRARY HOURS:

- 9 - 8 Monday, Thursday
- 9 - 5 Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
- 9 - 5 Saturday; September - May
- 9 - 1 Saturday; June - August

## Lunch With The Author

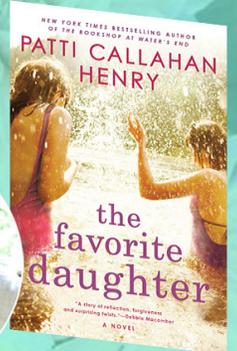
A CONVERSATION WITH

### Mary Kay Andrews & Patti Callahan Henry



Save the Date!  
Monday,  
March 16

Invitations will be mailed in mid-January.



If you attended the luncheon last year, you will be included in the invitation mailing list. To be added to the Sanibel Public Library Foundation invitation list email: [authorluncheon@comcast.net](mailto:authorluncheon@comcast.net)

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