



### **LOOKING BACK**

South Manatee County Branch Library was opened September 26, 1967 in Bayshore Gardens. Additional parking was completed in 1992.



The site of the present branch is shown below. South Manatee Library Friends raised \$100,000 in seed money to build and equip the new location.



The present branch was dedicated on April 21, 1996 and opened on April 22, 1996.



### **LOOKING AHEAD**

Fundraising has continued to be the focus of Friends of South Manatee Library. In 2022 funds were generated from these sources

- Memberships
- The Bookshelf
- Raffles
- Sarasota Community Foundation Giving Challenge
- Book Sale
- Donations

### **FUTURE PLANS**

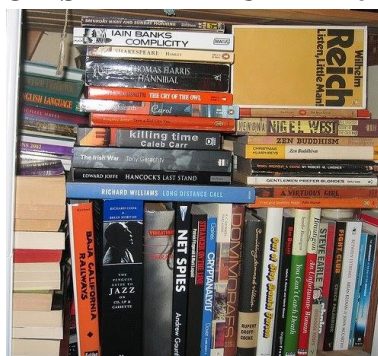
#### **MINI CHRISTMAS TREE AUCTION**



#### **CRAFT SALE DECEMBER 3**



#### **BOOK SALE FEBRUARY 16-18, 2023**



**CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!**

Sell your artistic creations—jewelry, art, textiles, pottery—at our

**FRIENDS OF SOUTH MANATEE LIBRARY  
CRAFT SALE**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2022  
10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.**

**In the CONFERENCE ROOM**

- **Rent a space**  
*Card Table 34X34” \$20.00 ea.*  
*Long Table 70.5X29” \$30.00 ea.*  
*\$5.00 extra for electricity*
- **Display your products**
- **Keep your profits**

**Interested participants contact Maggie at  
(941) 726-4977 or**

**[board@friendsofsouthmanateelibrary.com](mailto:board@friendsofsouthmanateelibrary.com)**



**ADORABLE DECORATED  
MINI-TREES**

**DECEMBER AUCTION**

Bid on one of our mini-trees decorated with traditional and themed ornaments to add to your holiday décor. Add a special touch to an entry, kitchen, guest room, or even bathroom—and at the same time knowing you are supporting the South Manatee Library.

Winning bidders will be contacted to pick up their trees.



**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

- *Become a Friends Board Member*
- *Volunteer at Friends fundraisers*
- *Sorting and stocking “The Bookshelf”*
- *Serve on committees*  
*Membership*  
*Fundraising*  
*History and Records*  
*Hospitality*  
*Scholarship*

YES! I would like to join the  
Friends of South Manatee Library, Inc.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY STATE ZIP

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  I would like to assist with FRIENDS activities. Please contact me!

**ANNUAL DUES CATEGORIES**

RENEW my membership   check one  NEW member

INDIVIDUAL.....\$10.00/Year

FAMILY.....\$25.00/Year

ADDITIONAL DONATION \_\_\_\_\_

Make your tax-deductible check payable to: FRIENDS OF SOUTH MANATEE LIBRARY, INC.

Return payment in this envelope via US mail

-or-

Envelope may be placed in the “Friends” box at the Library

*Thank you for your support!*