Greetings....

This season of giving sparks thoughts of charity in our hearts. While many think philanthropy is reserved for a few, the truth is that every bequest to the library makes a mark that will last throughout history. For information about bequests, email us at pchlibraryfdn@hotmail.com.

Gratitude...

During this season of giving, the Board of Directors of the PCB Library Foundation are indeed grateful to the many patrons, volunteers, donors leaders and staff who support the many programs, services and activities of the PCB library. It is heartwarming to watch the stream of patrons, both old and young and both residents and visitors, who swarm the library each day. It is even more gratifying to witness the kind and patient staff serving the patrons alongside a dedicated group of PCB Library Foundation leaders and FRIENDS. We wish you JOY, PEACE AND HAPPINESS during this season of giving.

Special Events...

The FRIENDS of the Library will be hosting a Welcome Home Tea for our winter visitors here at the PCB Library on Thursday, December 9th from 2 to 4 P.M. We hope you will join us for tea and cookies plus other goodies. Music will be provided by a choral group associated with Sweet Adeline. Special tours of the library will be available. This year with expanded space at the new library location, our visitors can enjoy some new things—–programs, workshops, exhibits and book signings.

Recruiting FRIENDS and Volunteers...

Why should you become a FRIEND? In a recent scientific study, it has been found a significant connection exists between volunteering and good health. “More than 61 million Americans volunteer to improve conditions for people in need and to unselfishly give of themselves. While the motivation is altruistic, it is gratifying to learn that their efforts are returning considerable health benefits.” One study found that individuals over 70 who gave a minimum of 100 hours annually had less of a decline in self-reported health and functioning levels, experienced lower levels of depression, and had more longevity.

Therefore, here is sage advice from the Foundation and FRIENDS: Do not give until it hurts; give until it feels good! Join the FRIENDS and give to the community as volunteers or donors.

To inquire about joining the FRIENDS Planning Committee, call Paige Hill at 850-819-5257
Professional Advisors Can Volunteer, Too....

The PCB Library Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, invites Professional Advisors – Attorneys, CPAs, Insurance Agents, Financial Planners, Stockbrokers and Trust Officers – to visit the library and to join the FRIENDS organization. You may have clients who wish to make an annual or planned gift to a worthwhile charity. The Foundation will provide you with information that may be helpful to you. In the future, we hope to attract a group of professionals willing to form an Advisors Committee for the purpose of advising the Foundation about gift acceptance policies and building endowment for the library. Email us at address: pcblibraryfdn@hotmail.com.

An Evening with Friends...

We are especially grateful to Kathy and Frank Walker for opening their lovely home for the first celebration of the FRIENDS of the Library hosted by the PCB Library Foundation.

It was a fun-filled evening with many FRIENDS who declared it a very special and successful celebration.

Special thanks to....

Terry Hook, Manager of Publix, for donating beautiful cheese & fruit trays.

Rebecca Matthews, a wine taster and Wine Dog. Also to the members of the Board of Directors who contributed a bottle of wine each.

Recruiting FRIENDS and Board Members...

BE A FRIEND, BRING A FRIEND. Thanks to Tami Smith, a new Foundation Director and Branch Manager of Vision Bank, we have scheduled a special evening with FRIENDS at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, January 10, 2011 in the Conference Room at Vision Bank, 3rd Floor, 16901 PCB Beach Parkway So BE A FRIEND, BRING A FRIEND and join us for food, fun and information.

Coming Events: Balloons for Books and Lunch & Learn.

After the holidays when parents help their children clear their shelves of gently used books, DVDs, games and videos for the new ones, we are having a special celebration for children who would like to donate their books. On Saturday, January 8, 2011 at 9:30 A.M., children donating their books will be given a helium balloon of their choice with pictures taken for the media. The PCB Library will continue to award these donations with a balloon during the entire week of January 8th through January 15th. Beginning Tuesday, June 11th, the FRIENDS of the PCB Library will be partnering with Gulf Coast Community College to present a series of seminars featuring guest speakers. We invite everyone to bring a brown bag lunch and join us for a lunch hour of learning at the PCB Library. The program will be every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month through April. Watch for more details of these and other programs in our January Newsletter. Enjoy the Holidays!