

Connecting @ LSF



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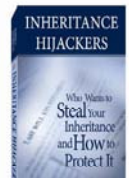
Library Features Latest Technology

With the Northwest Regional Library opening, the Lee System will take a giant step forward in technology. The 40,000-square-foot library will feature a modern, high-tech look. There will not be massive circulation or reference desks and staff will roam the area to interact with customers. Seven self check machines will be placed throughout the building. Patrons will have the ability to pay fines and fees at two of the units. The Northwest Regional Library was the first to install two automated materials handling systems (AMH) for checking in library materials. One unit is at the 24/7 drive-up book return and the second unit is inside the building. When patrons return items, they will automatically be checked in and roughly sorted. There will be over 75 public computers in the facility--35 around the perimeter of the adult area, 22 in the teen section and 19 in the youth services area. The library will have the same print management and PC reservation system as the other branches. Wireless access will be available for patrons. A digital signage solution will be in place, providing branch specific and system-wide. Library information on four large screen TVs throughout the building. The TV in the Teen area will also be used for programming.



Inheritance Hijackers

Did you know that One Hundred Trillion Dollars will be passing through inheritance in the next twenty years? Much of this will be stolen by family members, neighbors and close associates. Understanding inheritance issues is the first step toward avoiding or solving a dispute. LSF is sponsoring a special seminar with Estate Attorney Robert Adamski of Cape Coral. During Mr. Adamski's thirty years of practicing law, he has handled more than a thousand inheritance theft disputes, mostly among family members. Inheritance disputes tear families apart like no other family rift. Mr. Adamski has now authored a book that deals with inheritance issues. The free seminar will be held at the Cape Coral Library on Tuesday, November 17, beginning at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served.



Presidents Forum

The Friends Presidents Forum is an initiative of the LSF begun in 2008. The objective of the Forum is to provide a vehicle for communication, sharing and education for Friends groups in Lee County to maximize collaborative opportunities and benefits.

Representation on the Forum consists of presidents of the 12 Friends groups and designated board members from these groups. Other invited members include the Library System Foundation of Lee County, Inc. president, Sanibel Library Board president and the Library System Advisory Board president. Two members of the current Foundation Board act as advisors to the group.

The group meets quarterly, hosted by one of the member Friends - the next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 31 from 9:00 AM to Noon at Riverdale Library, Alva.

Grants Received

LSF is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a \$6,000 Arts and Culture Grant by the City of Fort Myers to apply toward the 2010 Southwest Florida Reading Festival, scheduled for Saturday, March 20, 2010.

To keep up with the latest Reading Festival developments, sign up for the Reading Festival eNews, follow on Twitter, or become a fan on Facebook! Go to the Festival Web site: www.leegov.com/library/ReadingFestivalHome.htm.

Sign Up to Find Out!

To receive email news updates from LSF, sign up at our new Web site: www.librarysystemfoundationofleecounty.org. We send out informational notices periodically to keep you up to date on events sponsored by LSF and other activities.

Sustaining Partnerships and Memorial Funds

The LSF is a supportive partner of the Lee County Library System through robust fundraising and providing cultural activities to inspire, inform and educate the community in a lifelong love of personal growth. If you would like to join this effort, go to our Web site at www.leecountysystemfoundation.com.