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# LETTERS

## Applause All Around For Library Event

In this season of thankfulness it is my pleasure to express my gratitude to the many people who contributed their efforts and skill toward making the first anniversary celebration of the SouthShore Regional Library the memorable experience that it was.

A heartfelt thanks to the members of the Front Porch Pickers and their leader, David Lickfeldt, whose lively pickin' and strummin' contributed so much to the mood of the moment, as well as to pianist Manuel Escadero and his mellow tones.

A round of applause for the Ruskin history team of Fred Jacobson, Mac Miller and Mark Dunn, to Dolly Cummings of Camp Bayou for the fascinating displays and to the Ruskin Library for lending us their precious and important John Ruskin Collection.

A hearty round of applause goes to Diane Waronka and her intrepid team of library staff members for their clever concept and application of the afternoon's Harry Potter trivia contests, and to all the well-informed, eager contestants.

My own contribution, the student art contest, could not have happened without the significant and enduring support of my colleague, Suzanne Prach, director of the library's John Crawford Studios, who steadfastly and warmly assisted my efforts in this first-time show.

I am sincerely grateful to the art teachers Sue Swanson and Brenda Eastepp and Tara Hatfield of Ruskin Elementary School, who met the challenge of a short deadline by encouraging their talented students to participate in the contest. The winners' works have been turned into note cards that will be soon on sale at the library. We are deeply grateful to the Community Foundation of Greater Sun City Center for their support of this project.

And, finally, I must humbly give thanks to Robert Ingram, art instructor at the Eisenhower Exceptional Center on Big Bend Road, for motivating his kids to produce an unexpected herd of "critters" that everyone can admire along with the rest of the entries. Come and see the lively art that are the result of the talent in our schools. The show will remain on view until the end of the month.

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## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What's your take on local events? Share your opinion with others in the community by writing to Kathy Vance at kvance@panpa.com or 3032 College Ave., Ruskin Fl. 33570. All submissions may be edited for length and clarity and should include the writer's name, address and daytime phone number.



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