

## ***FOCCLS President, Lynne Boele, Thanks Everyone for Help with Fall Sale***

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Congratulations Citrus County and thank you for loving your libraries! Because of your tremendous support, the Friends of the Citrus County Library System Fall Book Sale raised \$43,566 for our libraries. Besting the previous record of our spring 2009 sale by \$1,383, this much needed revenue will help fund the purchase of new books, print and audio, periodical subscriptions and other materials library patrons request.



The grand total of funds raised since 2001 by the combined FOCCLS partners of Central Ridge, Coastal and Lakes Region libraries is an amazing \$425,749.

In addition to helping our libraries, sale patrons supported childhood literacy by donating \$600 for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library project which provides a book a month to all registered Citrus County children from birth to age five. The money collected will sponsor 20 more children by covering the \$30 annual shipping charge.

We are deeply grateful to the following organizations and individuals who helped make the fall sale a record-breaking success: the *Citrus County Chronicle* for co-sponsorship of the semi-annual event, with special recognition to Neal Brennan, Mike Arnold and the news staff, Nancy Kennedy, Matthew Beck, Cathy Kapulka and the Community news editors. We also thank WYKE-TV for their continued support; the staff of the Citrus County Auditorium and Parks and Recreation for their friendliness and assistance; the Rotary Club of Inverness for setting up scores of tables; the Citrus High School Air Force JROTC students for distributing 1011 jam-packed banana boxes in setup and for after sale clean-up; the Inverness Wal-Mart SuperCenter and Inverness Publix for donating the banana boxes; and to the Crystal River and Inverness Publix stores for supplying plastic bags. Many thanks as well to the entire library staff and our faithful courier, Lee Seagreaves, for their help in collection and delivery of donated materials.

This sale, like those of the previous 9 years, also owes its success to the hard work and devotion of the Friends volunteers, 140 of whom worked the sale. Finally, and most importantly, we salute the people of Citrus County who make these fundraisers possible by their contributions of quality books and by their patronage of the sales. We couldn't succeed without you!

FOCCLS operates year-round. Volunteers are now at work sorting, pricing and packing boxes for our next sale, April 9-13, 2010 at the Citrus County Auditorium. Please read-return-recycle. Drop off your gently used books, games, puzzles, CDs and DVDs at the checkout desk of Central Ridge, Coastal or Lakes Region libraries. We look forward to seeing you next spring!

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