



November/December 2017

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## Music Headlines for November and December

Looking ahead to November and December, we have two musical events coming to the Main Library. Both events are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

### Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, at 2 pm

Under the direction of **Dr. Robert Weston Williams**, Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at St Petersburg College, the *St Petersburg College Titan Korale* will present a musical concert with a wide repertoire, from Renaissance to modern music. The Korale is composed primarily of music majors and sings mostly a cappella.



New to St Petersburg College, Dr. Williams holds a DMA (Doctor of Musical Arts) degree in Choral Conducting and a MM in Vocal Performance, both from the University of South Carolina. Prior to joining the faculty of St Petersburg College, he taught at Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, NC. He has been the featured soloist with several touring opera companies in the US and abroad.

He hopes to bring international recognition to *The Titan Korale*.

### Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, at 2 pm

Returning for their second Christmastime performance are *The Dover Street Trio*, They are, left to right: **Carol Skey**, piano; **Julie Tollen**, violin; **Jillian Emerson**, cello. They are members of the Tampa Bay Symphony. The versatile pianist, at whose home on Dover Street they rehearse, is a cellist in the orchestra. They will play a program of classical favorites, ending with a medley of holiday music. They recently played at the Dali Museum with two more members, and were called the Dover Street Quintet.



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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRIENDS

Hello Friends of the Library.

Recently I was making phone calls to members of the Friend's group to encourage participation in our board meeting, when the following story was told to me by **Mrs. Ruth Thurman** of St Pete, a Life Member of the Friends:

“On my son's 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> birthday, instead of a party, he said he would like to take a friend to the library (Mirror Lake) and then go to eat at his favorite restaurant.”

**James** added to his mother's story:

“The library was such an important part of my life. I remember the opening of the 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. branch. The Children's Section was a Treasure Trove to a young boy”.

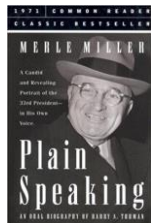


When I visit the Main Library, I see parents bringing their children to the activities at the Main Library – toddlers to rhythm and music classes, preschoolers to Family Storytime on Thursdays, 6:30 pm.

The Friend's sponsor an activity the third Saturday of the month in the Auditorium, with both November and December being musical events. Where else can you get FREE entertainment which is also educational?

Libraries still play an exciting role in a child's development. Don't let electronic toys/devices monopolize you child's time! Human interaction is critical in the early childhood years. Bring a child to the library!!!!

Lorraine Franckle, President



## BETWEEN THE COVERS: A BOOK REVIEW

Reviewed by Barbara Borden

**PLAIN SPEAKING:** An Oral Biography of HARRY S. TRUMAN By Merle Miller

Growing up, Independence, MO was pretty much a frontier town. Not an easy place for a boy who wore glasses, and always had his nose stuck in a book. He had his share and more of frustration, failure, disappointment, poverty, mortgage foreclosures and heartbreak. Through each phase of life, Mr. Truman's memories were always cheerful.

Truman became Vice President of the United States on January 20, 1945 and became President less than three months later on April 12. The press often portrayed him as a country bumpkin but Truman evolved into the outspoken man of the people. Miller once wrote that Truman might be the last *human being* to occupy the White House.

On November 1, 1950, while President Truman was napping at Blair House, two Puerto Rican nationalists tried to break in and assassinate him. In 3 minutes, 32 shots were fired. When speaking of the assassination attempt Mr. Truman said “The only thing you have to worry about is bad luck. I never had bad luck”. Truman always had unusual comebacks for every situation.

This book is about Harry Truman (1884-1974): most of it is in his own words and the words of people who knew him. Teachers, relatives, the postmaster, farmers, the barber, childhood friends, and neighbors are just a few of the people that shared glimpses of Truman's life from boyhood through his White House years. The interviews began in Independence, Missouri the summer of 1961 and continued into the cold winter of 1962. Miller never asked Mr. Truman about his personal life, he felt that it would be presumptuous. Miller had hoped that the conversations would be material for a series of television programs.

I enjoyed reading the voices of the past and reliving the early years of Truman.

# SHORT STORY CONTEST



*The last time I saw my mother/father, she/he was.....*

That is the mandatory opening sentence for the Second Annual Short Story Contest sponsored by the Friends of the Main Library. The story must be 2500 words or less. Cash prizes will be awarded.

The Short Story Writing Contest is one event in the 10-day long *SunLit Festival* being held April 9 – April 22, 2018 which will feature fifty literature-connected artistic events – from storytelling to poetry readings. Last year, 48 stories were submitted.

**Submit entries to LJRMD@tampbay.rr.com.** Deadline for entries is April 6, 2018 at midnight. Winners will be asked to read their story on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm at the Main Library. Winners must be present to accept their cash prizes: First place - \$100, Second place - \$50 and a Young Writer Category (< 18YO) - \$100 prize.

**Last year's winners were:**



**Ann Haendel**, first place,



**Randall Hiemforth**, second place, being awarded certificate by Dr. Muriel Gold-Poole, one of the judges.



**Eve Lewis**,  
Young Writers winner

from :



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10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: Noon to 6:00 p.m.

**Mark Your  
Calendar**

**Dr. Robert Williams**  
**Director of St. Pete**  
**College Titans Korale**  
Saturday, Nov. 18, 2017, 2 pm

**The Dover Street Trio**  
Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017, 2 pm

**Antiques Evaluation Fair**  
Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018 10:30  
10: am to 2:30 pm

**Tomorrow - a Movie**  
Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018

**Jeff Klinkenberg**  
**Storyteller of real Florida**  
Saturday, Mar. 17, 2018, 2 pm

**Authors Panel**  
**Short Story Contest**  
**Winners**  
Saturday, Apr. 14, 2018, 2pm

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