

FOCCLS President, Lynne Boele Gives CCLS Great News! “Friends of CCLS Set New Record”

The results for the 5 day Friends of the Citrus County Library System (FOCCLS) sale are in and the Friends are astonished, delighted and grateful. **The grand total for the fall 2008 sale is \$41,590.16.** This sum beats the previous highest total of last fall's sale by \$3,558.09. That sale raised \$38,032.07 for the Citrus County Library System, and the devoted volunteers wondered if they could ever surpass that number. The success of this fall's book sale provides additional evidence that people love their libraries more than ever.

Perhaps this record speaks to the times—people are buying good books at a bargain rather than more expensive items like clothing, appliances or big ticket items. Perhaps it shows that book lovers value their libraries and want to lend support in the face of budget reductions. Whatever the reasons, the Friends are ecstatic with the results.

Adding the earnings from this fall to the FOCCLS sales of the past seven years results in a cumulative total of \$340,000.56, an impressive amount which has purchased best sellers, large print editions, DVDs and other materials to benefit the patrons of Citrus County libraries. Look for the blue dots on items which designate them as FOCCLS contributions.

This sale, like those of the previous seven years, has depended on the hard work and devotion of the FOCCLS volunteers, 118 of whom worked the sale and a core of about 20 Friends who labor year round at the Book House located in the Historic Hernando School Community Center sorting, pricing and packing books for the semi-annual sales.

The Friends return now to the Book House and welcome your donations for the spring sale. Simply drop off your gently used books, CDs, DVDs, games and puzzles at the checkout desk of Central Ridge, Coastal or Lakes Region libraries. As the slogan says, “Read, return, recycle.” FOCCLS is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) organization and donations are tax deductible as charitable contributions. For book sale information call 746-1334 or 527-8405.

