



36th Annual Author Luncheon

Featuring Craig Pittman

Friday, April 8, at 12 noon

Halifax River Yacht Club, 331 S. Beach St., Daytona Beach

A native Floridian from Pensacola, Craig Pittman is an environmental journalist for The Tampa Bay Times who has won numerous awards for his writing. He says the natural disasters he has covered include hurricanes, wildfires, and the Florida legislature.

The first of Pittman's three books is *Paving Paradise: Florida's Vanishing Wetlands and the Failure of No Net Loss*, written in 2009 with coauthor Matthew Waite. It describes land speculators who made waterfront property out of sand dredged from the ocean bottom and chronicles how federal rules meant to protect wetlands were more illusion than law.



Next, in 2010, came *Manatee Insanity: Inside the War Over Florida's Most Famous Endangered Species*, which the Florida Humanities Council named one of 21 "essential" books for Floridians. It paints the manatee as a battleground, with a cast of characters that includes environmentalists, developers, boaters, lawyers, lobbyists, politicians, and shady citizens.

In his talk, Pittman will focus on his latest book, published in 2012, *The Scent of Scandal: Greed, Betrayal, and the World's Most Beautiful Orchid*.



The orchid is *Phragmepedium Kovachii*, hailed as the most significant orchid find in a century when it was discovered in Peru in 2002. The collision between scientists and smugglers led to criminal charges and tremendous turmoil. Pittman shines a spotlight on flaws in the international treaties governing trade in endangered wildlife and shows how people can become so obsessed with beauty, profit, and fame that they will ignore everything—including the law.

Following his presentation, Pittman will answer questions and will be available to sign copies of his books.

Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased from any Friends of the Library board member or at the reference desk at the library. You'll need to get one by April 2.

CALENDAR

Every Tuesday, 2:00pm: Scrabble Club

Mar 1, 2:00-4:00: Launch Pad: Beginning/Intermediate Quilting
Mar 1, 4:00-6:00: Launch Pad: Beginning Sewing
Mar 2, 9:00-11:00: Launch Pad: Cricut Craft Cutter: DVD & Project
Mar 3, 9:00-11:00: Launch Pad: Bring Your Own Beads Project
Mar 5,-12, 8:00-5:00: Early Voting
Mar 5, 2:00: Bike There! And Fix a Flat, Dr. Jason Aufdenberg
Mar 7, 9:00-2:00: East Conference Room: AARP Tax Preparation
Mar 8, 2:00-4:00: Launch Pad: Beginning /Intermediate Quilting
Mar 8, 4:00-6:00: Launch Pad: Beginning Sewing
Mar 12, 2:00-4:00: Launch Pad: Teen Tech Club (6th-12th grade girls and boys. RSVP: 386-257-6036 EX. 16166
Mar 14, 9:00-2:00: East Conference Room: AARP Tax Preparation
Mar 15, 7:00-7:00: Presidential Preference Election
Mar 15, 2:00-4:00: Beginning/Intermediate Quilting
Mar 16, 10:00: Launch Pad: Genealogy: Fold 3 Library Edition
Mar 21:, 9:00-2:00: Auditorium: AARP Tax Preparation
Mar 21, 2:00-4:00: Launch Pad: Beginning/Intermediate Quilting

Every Wednesday, 2:00pm: Knitting and Crocheting Club

Mar 21, 4:00-6:00: Launch Pad: Beginning Sewing
Mar 23, 4:00: *Sir Aurel Stein and the Treasures of China's Hidden Cave 17 Library*, Dr. Geoffrey Kain
Mar 24, 9:00-2:00: Auditorium: AARP Tax Preparation
Mar 28, 9:00-2:00: Auditorium: AARP Tax Preparation
Mar 29, 2:00-4:00: Launch Pad: Beginning/Intermediate Quilting
Mar 29, 4:00-6:00: Launch Pad: Beginning Sewing
Mar 30, 10:, Financial Planning for Long-Term Care, Michael Pyle
Mar 30, 3:00-6:30: Volusia County Public Protection Career Fair
Mar 31, 9:00-2:00: Auditorium: AARP Tax Preparation
Apr 6, 9:00-11:30, 2:00-4:30: Condo/HOA Board Certification Session: 2 Sessions/2 Topics, Leanne Wagner & Joel McTague
Apr 8, 12:00, Annual Friends of the Library Luncheon, Craig Pittman
Apr 8, 7:00: Star Gazer: The Spring Sky, Dr. Jason Aufdenberg
Apr 9, 2:00-4:00 Launch Pad: Teen Tech Club, 6th-12th grade girls and boys. RSVP: 386-257-6036, EX 16166
Apr 27, 10:00, Scams, Shams, and Flimflams, Michael Pyle
Apr 27, 2:00-4:00: Parkinson Association: Topic TBA

Early Closing: Tuesday, 3/15 & Thursday, 3/24: 5:00

Closed: Friday, 3/25 & Sunday, 3/27



The Next Chapter...

Suzan Howes, Regional Librarian

By the end of this year you may be able to check out your own materials at the library! Volusia County Public Libraries are stepping forward and will be implementing a self-check service for our patrons. You've seen this service in retail stores and perhaps even checked out yourself at one of them. You will see this change along with an updated security system in all the larger branches.

We also plan to provide debit/credit card payments for fines and fees at the new self-checkout stations. Of course, staff will always be available to help with any problems and questions. We realize that not everyone will want to use this new option, but there will be advantages. Imagine not having to wait in a line to check out your books and DVDs! If you're like me, anytime I'm in a hurry there's always a long line! Now you'll be able to step up to a self-checkout station and quickly be on your way.

Suzan



It's Time for Our Annual Spring Raffle!

This year's raffle items are on display in the library. Check them out! Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Choose which item(s) you'd like to bid on. Tickets will be drawn at the Author Luncheon on April 8. You don't have to attend to win. Here are some of the choices:

- **Cocktails for Two basket: an assortment of glassware plus a decanter**
- **Basket of candles**
- **Basket of gluten-free baking products**
- **Orchid basket, including an orchid and an orchid book**
- **Basket of hair supplies**
- **Art set including pencils and adult coloring books**
- **Coach purse**
- **Artworks including a print and a painting**



Volusia County Libraries Have a Book Bike!



Maybe you've seen the new Library Cruiser parked in the library, or moving around town. The Volusia County Public Library system is using old-fashioned pedal power to bring the library to the people.

The Cruiser, a traveling book bike, will pedal to public places and special events. It offers books to check out, opportunities to sign up for library cards, and information about e-book downloads. It's also a wi-fi hot spot.

Ridden by library staff, the bright orange beach cruiser pulls a custom-made cart packed with popular books and library information. And as you can see, our pelican mascot rides right along.



Volusia County's traveling Library Cruiser is getting a break while parked in the Daytona Beach Regional Library.

The Giving Tree Keeps Right on Giving

During the Christmas season, the library's tree became a Giving Tree. People were asked to give what they could, or take what they needed. And it was a great success. 583 items were placed on or under the Giving Tree beginning in December 2015. The donations included toiletry bags, jackets and winter apparel, knitted and crocheted items such as hats, scarves, and blankets, and canned food. Recipients were highly appreciative.

For the springtime, we have a Giving Palm Tree! Consider donating such items such as mosquito repellent, t-shirts, flip flops, deodorant, band aids, and caps.

