

Friends of the Englewood Archives

Thank you to everyone who came out for our big book sale this past week. It was a huge success. The Friends of the Englewood Charlotte Library appreciate your support.

We have another group of 'Friends' at the Englewood Library — the Friends of the Englewood Archives. Our library is home to an archival storage and processing area managed by the Charlotte County Historical Center. This area was added to the library as part of the renovation and addition project completed in April 2013.

The Friends of the Englewood Archives, Inc. was formed in 2014 as part of an effort to support the archive addition at the library. The mission of this group is to preserve the history of the greater Englewood area. Their purpose is to support the Englewood Archives through fundraising, education, raising public awareness and establishing board operating policies for the Archives.

The Friends of the Archives is currently soliciting donations to help equip the Archives which will house Englewood history from both sides



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of the county line. The vision they have is that the greater Englewood area community will use the Englewood Archives as a central repository for public records and historical documents which will permanently preserve our rich cultural heritage for future generations.

If you are wondering what items are usually housed in an archive, here are some examples: genealogy and family papers, unpublished unique records, property records, court records, tax records, vital records, local history accounts, special collections, manuscripts, plans and maps, photography, micrographics and electronic records.

Archivists process the information and may digitize some photographs or other historical materials in order to provide computer access to these records. The Charlotte County Historical Center has

been working on digitizing many records over the past few years; you can find these records in the Charlotte County History Collections online at <http://ccflhistory.contentdm.oclc.org/>. If you are interested in donating historical items to the archive you may contact the Charlotte County Historical Center at 941-629-7278 to set up an appointment to review your items.

Please join the Friends of the Englewood Archives in helping to preserve our unique history for future generations. Annual memberships start at \$10 for an individual or \$15 for a family. Sponsorships are available at the brass, silver and gold levels starting at \$50. For more information stop at the library and pick up a membership application or contact the Friends of the Englewood Archives, Inc. at info@friendsofea.org.

Be a part of preserving your local history and join today!

The Englewood Charlotte Library is located at 3450 N. Access Road in the Tringali Recreation Complex off State Route 776/Englewood Road just before Spinnaker Boulevard.