

# Reading is for Lovers:

## Book-based Speed Dating at the Library

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

6:00-7:45 PM

FOR SINGLES AGES 45-65

Important  
DATE!

**Are you interested in meeting other  
singles with bookish interests?  
"YES!"**



Join us at Selby Public Library to share your love of books with like-minded individuals. The format is simple: you have 4-5 minutes to share your enthusiasm about your two favorite books with a partner. When time is up you will rotate partners giving everyone a chance to meet and swap titles. At the conclusion of the evening you will have an opportunity to socialize with all Book Lovers. You may fall in love...with a book or make a new friend in the process.

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### Speed Dating Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

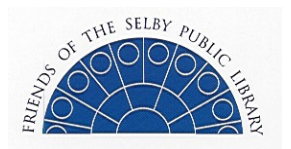
Gender: Male Female Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Can we share your contact information with a match? Yes No

**Submit form by March 10th to:  
2nd Floor, Reference Desk  
Selby Public Library  
1331 First Street, Sarasota, FL 34236  
941-861-5000 or 941-861-1133**



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# RULES & PROCEDURES

## HOW IT WORKS

### **Register:**

Step one is to register for the Book Speed Dating event by filling out the registration form and returning it to the Selby Public Library reference desk. Once we receive your registration form, we'll contact you to confirm your registration. Registration is due March 10, 2014. Dress is smart casual.

### **Sign In:**

Plan to arrive at least 15 minutes before the official start time to sign in and mingle. We will begin promptly at 6:00 pm.

### **The Big Event!**

**There will be NO PRESSURE!** We will review the Ground Rules a few minutes before the start time.... **you do not disclose your last name, where you live or work, phone number, etc. Nor do you ask someone out during the event itself.**

At each event, there will be an equal number of men and women. We facilitate the whole thing so you are guaranteed to meet everyone. We will give each participant a welcome pack, including a nametag (with your first name and a number only) and score card. Snacks and non-alcoholic drinks are supplied free by The Friends of the Selby Public Library

At the start of the event, everyone puts on a nametag with only your first name and a number. The event is organized so that you will chat, ask questions, and check out the chemistry with everyone in a string of one-on-one conversations lasting 4-5 minutes each. When time is up a bell will ring, and you will have a moment to fill out your "Score Card" as to whether you would like to see that person again. The men will then move to the next seat.

The process continues until everyone has met. Half-way through there will be a short break where you may refill your drinks, stretch, etc. When all the men have met all the women, you hand in your completed "Score Card" to the host. The event itself will last about 90 minutes.

### **It's a Match! (or two, or three, or more...)**

After the event, we will compile the information from everyone's Score Cards to determine who matches up. If two people mutually checked "YES", then that's a match (odds are you'll have one or more matches). You'll receive a private e-mail within three days of the event listing the first names and e-mail addresses or phone numbers your matches. From there, it's up to you to contact one another to learn more about each other and set up a meeting.

### **The Waiting List:**

To ensure an even balance of men and women, if you do not sign in at least 5 minutes before the event starts, your spot will be given to the top name on the waiting list. If you are on the waiting list, we ask that you arrive 15-20 minutes before the start time and let us know that you are present. Feel free to mix and mingle with the other participants beforehand, and keep your fingers crossed...a spot may open up for you. (We may also contact you before the event if we receive a cancellation.)

### **Questions?**

Contact Marilyn, Selby Public Library at 941-861-1133 or [mnykifor@scgov.net](mailto:mnykifor@scgov.net).

All programs are free and open to the public and subject to cancellation or change without notice. Parking and seating may be limited.



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