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General Meeting October 3, 2006
7:00 PM at the Vero Beach Main Library

Program

Pam Cooper, Supervisor of the IR Library Archive & Genealogy Department, will tell us about the many valuable resources available at the Library

AND

Carol Inman of "Creative-Memories" will present their product. October is Family History Month at the Indian River County Main Library; therefore, the program this month features a software program that can be used by photo enthusiasts and family historians alike to preserve photos and family histories. Carol Inman will present Memory Manager 2.0 software, which enhances the way photographers manage their digital images. This user friendly software was designed by photo historians for photo historians and is a great tool to capture, enhance and celebrate memories in the digital world.

Memory Manager™ 2.0™ Software is different in many ways from other image organization tools on the market...it is specifically designed to help users preserve more than photos; users can preserve memories by journaling to tell the story of each photo. Creative Memories Photo Center has just introduced stitch bound Memory Books and will launch 'StoryBook' creator in October. Photo organization, memory preservation, Memory Books, StoryBook Creator.....it's all here! Memory Manager - your life, your story, your way.

HELP

The Vero Beach Main Library desperately needs volunteers to help with their computers, and we owe the Library **big-time** for letting us hold our SIGs and regular meeting there. The Library has two rather large sections of public-access computers with Internet access and Microsoft Office and a few computers with scanners and CD writers.

As a volunteer, you could help greatly by:

1. Signing patrons onto the computers, using a simple program called PC Reservation. Each patron must briefly visit the media desk helper (you) in order to be assigned a pin number to sign on to a specific computer. From then on the computer program keeps track of who is on what computer, how much time he or she has used it, which computers are still available, and, you will be able to "see" that information.
2. Library Personnel are always around to aid the patron, plus it's very interesting and a lot of fun. Please, if you feel that this is something you can help out with, **even for only an hour or two a week or longer, contact me:** Lucia Robinson, VBCG Library Volunteers Coordinator — robinson@bellsouth.net — 772-778-1838.

Library Volunteers for October

Jesse Hendelman, Friday September 22, 2 - 4 pm

Eleanor Ryan, Friday October 13 & 20, 2 - 4 pm

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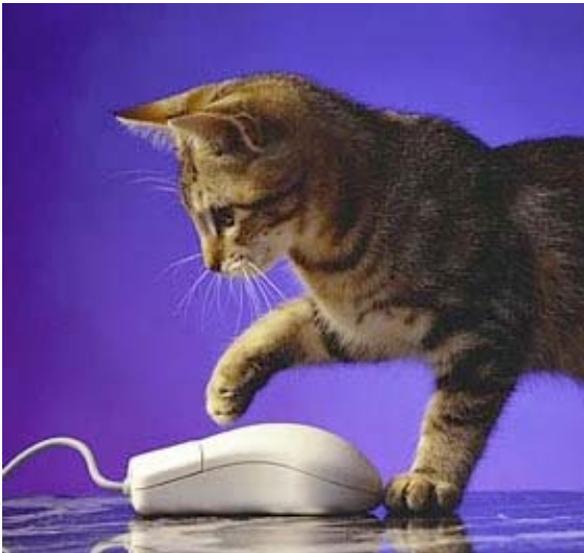
MEETINGS AND SIGs

All meetings and SIGs are held in the Indian River County Main Library
located at 1600 21 Street, Vero Beach, Florida

October 2006

1	2	3 General Meeting 7:00–9:00	4 Photoshop Elements 1:00 – 3:00	5 MS Excel 3:00 –5:00	6	7
8	9	10 Intro. to PCs 2:00 – 4:00	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 pm	18	19	20	21 MAC 10:00–Noon
22	23 Cameras, Scanners & Printers 6:00 –7:30	24	25	26	27	28
29 Daylight Savings	30	31 Halloween				

Photoshop Elements	Frank Lombard, President	Main Library
Macs	Eleanor Ryan & Joe Piazza	History Room
MS Excel	Wayne Kleinstiver	History Room
Introduction to PCs	Tim Glover	History Room
Cameras, Scanners & Printers	Frank Lombard	History Room



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Satellite Radio

Satellite Radio is one of those trends that doesn't seem very exciting until you try it, and afterward you wonder how you ever lived without it. Services such as XM Radio (www.xmradio.com) and Sirius (www.sirius.com) work by beaming hundreds of diverse radio stations to satellites that can pass on the signals to nearly every part of the United States. Imagine driving from coast to coast without ever having to tune in a new station or miss a crucial play during a live sports broadcast when you descend into a valley (and with many fewer commercials than you'd encounter on broadcast radio) and you've imagined satellite radio. You'll need some hardware and have to pay a small monthly fee.

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Browse The Web Without A Mouse

Firefox 1.5 Intermediate

It's hard to imagine using your computer without a mouse, but sometimes, maybe you should. Moving your hands from the keyboard to the mouse, over and over again, can slow you down. With all of the wireless mice being used these days, you're bound to run out of battery power sometime. You might find yourself mouseless, at least until your little pal gets charged up.

You don't necessarily need to use a mouse in order to browse the Web. Mozilla Firefox, the open-source competitor to Microsoft's Internet Explorer, counts among its interesting features a set of keyboard commands that let you maneuver through Web pages quickly without ever reaching for what must be the world's No. 1 computer accessory: your mouse. Give it a try for a little while, and you'll emerge from the experience with some time-saving gems. Two shortcuts that have definitely made browsing time a little more efficient in Firefox are CTRL-K, which opens the Search bar, and CTRL-L, which selects the Address bar. Whenever you want to search for a new Web page or type an address directly into the browser, there's no need to fumble for the mouse. Instead, use one of these two shortcuts and keep typing.

Another useful pair of shortcuts moves you back and forth in the Web space you've been exploring. ALT-Left arrow is the equivalent of the Back button, while ALT-Right arrow is the same as the Forward button. The Back button shortcut, especially, is one that can save you time when the mouse is simply out of reach. The open-source browser **Firefox** includes a variety of keyboard shortcuts for navigating the Web without having to use your mouse. At first it might seem more natural to grab the mouse, but once you get used to a few keyboard combinations, they really do become shortcuts.

All Fingers

For a real hard-core keyboard browsing experience, though, you'll want to navigate pages without a mouse and select links without clicking. In most situations, a mouse makes sense for everyday navigation, but there are alternatives.

If you've experimented in the past with the keyboard shortcuts, you'll probably recognize that the most tedious part of browsing sans mouse is selecting new links to other Web pages. The **TAB** key generally moves an on-screen selection from one hyperlink to the next, but you might need to press TAB several times before you finally get to the link you need. A faster way is to search for the first word or two of the hyperlink you want to select, assuming you can see it on the screen.

In Firefox, press the SLASH (/) key to open a Find search bar that searches as you type. Start typing the link you want to select, and Firefox immediately zeros in on the correct word. If you're dealing with a really long page with a lot of text similar to your link, you also could type an apostrophe (') rather than a slash. The Find box that opens will look only for hyperlinks with the letters or words you type and ignore everything else.

When all or part of the link you want to follow is highlighted, press ENTER. Firefox opens the linked page. If you like to use tabs, try using CTRL-ENTER to open the new page in another tab.

One thing that can throw a wrench into this kind of keyboard browsing is forms that appear on a Web page. If your cursor is in a form that you have opened in a Web page, usually the quickest solution is to press TAB repeatedly until you have escaped the form. You might also be able to wiggle free by pressing CTRL-F, the standard browser Find command.

Grab A Tab

Finally, any Firefox user should know two more keyboard shortcuts for working with tabs. First, to quickly open a new tab, use CTRL-T. (You might then use CTRL-L to move to the Address bar and head to a new page.) Second, the CTRL-TAB command cycles through all open Firefox tabs, much like ALT-TAB runs through open programs in Windows.

Now that you have the scoop on how to use shortcut keys in Firefox, you may want to click a few links using your mouse—just in case it's getting lonely. Squeek.

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