

# Ross-Levine close Jazz Alliance 2007

The final Jazz Alliance 2007 concert at the Alliance for the Arts Saturday features the Ross-Levine Quartet with guest vocalist Wendy Pedersen.

Saxophonist Billy Ross and pianist Mike Levine have been making music together for over 30 years. Both met while attending the University of Miami in the late 1970s.

Shortly after, they formed the Ross-Levine Band, which was one of the early jazz-fusion groups. Their national release "That Summer Something" placed them on the jazz on AOR Stations in the top 10 for over 6 weeks. Ross went on to record 2 solo albums with the help of Levine on the Fantasy Label, which showcased Ross's straight ahead style. Now back together, the two and their quartet are performing a combination of standards and originals all done in the groups unique musical style.

Don Coffman on bass and Sam Levine on drums round out the Ross Levine Quartet. For this performance, special guest vocalist Wendy Pederson will add her talents. Wendy is one of the top jazz vocalists from the South Miami Area and has made her contribution to both "The Sound" and "Woody". She comfortably sings many styles including Jazz, R&B, and the Blues. Wendy's "Under the Influence" CD will be released sometime this year.

The Jazz Alliance series officially began in 2003, based on the popular Sanibel Jazz on the



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**Pianist Mike Levine, left, and Saxophonist Billy Ross close out the Jazz Alliance 2007 season.**

Green, which ran from 1980 to 1995. Grounds Open at 5:30 p.m. and music starts at 7. Tickets are \$15 each in advance, \$20 at the door. Call 939-ARTS for tickets or visit [www.artinlee.org](http://www.artinlee.org) for more information. ■

# Lee libraries offer free summer programs

The Lee County Library System is offering a wide variety of programs for all ages in June. The following regularly scheduled programs are free of charge to the public:

**Fort Myers-Lee County Public Library,** located at 2050 Central Ave. in Fort Myers. For more information about a program or to register, please call the library at (239) 479-4635.

**Adult**  
HUD-Approved, First-Time Homebuyer Workshop

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 9  
Learn about down payment and closing-cost assistance programs, the mortgage loan process and other tools for gaining home ownership. Registration is required. To reserve a seat, call the Consumer Credit Counseling Service at (800) 741-7040 and choose option 4. A lunch break is from noon to 1 p.m.; meals not provided.

Scrapbooking 101  
10 a.m. Saturday, June 16  
Learn new techniques that will make your scrapbooking more special than ever. Materials will be supplied. Be sure to bring four to six pictures for your pages.

All About the Book  
Noon Wednesday, June 20  
Every author starts somewhere, but the end of the book is where this group discussion begins. Join discussions of J.M. Ledgard's "Giraffe: A Novel" in May and Jim Lynch's "The Highest Tide: A Novel" in June.

Affordable, Tactical Marketing for Your Small Business  
2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, June 25  
Representatives from the Small Business Development Center will discuss cost-effective and proven, small-business marketing techniques. Learn the three Rs of small-business marketing: research, reach and retain customers. Find out how the media can increase your business.

Bead a Double Spiral Bracelet  
10 a.m. Saturday, June 30  
If you haven't had an opportunity to create one of these easy but versatile pieces, come join

us and see why they're so addictively fun. Even if you've already started a beading project, still come and add a new treasure to your collection. Registration is required.

**Family**  
Baby/Parent Rhyme Time  
10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, June 6, 13, 20 and 27  
Be prepared to tickle, jump and fly with your baby! These rhymes and songs are for infants, up to 24 months, accompanied by an adult. This 20-minute program is filled with songs designed to introduce rhyming and movement to infants. Registration is requested.

**Kids/Teens**  
Are Your Roots Showing? Start Climbing Your Family Tree: "Searching Your Family's Roots Online"  
4 p.m. Saturdays, June 23  
Have you ever wondered about your roots? Have you ever wanted to explore your family's history? Have you ever wanted to create your own family tree? Youth in grades 5th through 9th can learn all of that and more as the Lee County Genealogical Society continues this three-part series with a new topic in June. The series will end on July 28 with "Are Your Roots Showing?: Immigrant Ancestors." Registration is requested.

**Dunbar-Jupiter Hammon Public Library,** located at 3095 Blount St. in Fort Myers. For more information about the program or to register, please call the library at (239) 334-3602.

**Adult**  
Street Smart Urban Book Festival  
1 p.m. Saturday, June 23  
Come and celebrate the emerging genre of urban fiction. Learn about popular titles and take advantage of opportunities to browse and check them out from the Dunbar collection.

**Kids**  
Father's Day Bookmarks  
1 p.m. Saturday, June 16  
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<b>SAT</b>	May 12	7 to 10pm	Frank Torino, Mr. Las Vegas!!
<b>SUN</b>	May 13	7 to 10pm	Al Holland, Former member of the Platters!
<b>MON</b>	May 14	6 to 8 pm	Tablesie Magic with Frank!
<b>TUE</b>	May 15	7 to 10pm	Night with the Stars! With Frank Torino!
<b>WED</b>	May 16	7 to 10pm	Paradise Duo! Featuring Frank Torino & Kathy!

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