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**Intro to Ukulele JOY Classes offered at the Key Largo Library in September**

If you have caught a performance of Ukulele JOY, or seen us flashmob your favorite grocery store, you have noticed how much fun we have playing our Ukuleles. People don't always comment that we play well, but they always notice what a good time we are having.

It is hard not to fall in love with a Ukulele. It is portable, shapely, and comes in many materials, colors, sounds, and sizes. Some are even waterproof, for those who want to serenade manatees while kayaking.

But beware the spell they cast! Some people become so enamored by them, they collect them like the crazy cat lady collects cats. Fortunately, Ukuleles smell better, and almost always produce a nicer sound. They are definitely easier to play.



There are many benefits to playing Ukulele: it is a fun brain exercise, it builds relationships, and it encourages community connections. All these things promote continued health as we age.

This is your invitation to learn some basic skills so you can enJOY the Ukulele, too.

The J.O.Y. Center (Just Older Youth) will sponsor

Intro to Ukulele JOY every Thursday in September from 12:30 to 1:30 in the Community Room at Key Largo Library. There is no charge, and Ukuleles will be available to borrow.

Very basic skills will be introduced, including how to hold, tune, and strum a Ukulele. The different sizes of Ukuleles will be discussed and

how to choose the right size for you.

You will learn at least 4 chords, and be able to play at least 4 songs by the end of the 4 classes. You will receive a beginner book which will include the information we will cover in class, some beginner songs, as well as a list of favorite Ukulele YouTube teachers.

Please contact Susan Anderson at [tootlewithvigor@gmail.com](mailto:tootlewithvigor@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating, so we can make sure we have enough Ukuleles for everyone.



**Editorial: Why Do People Steal?**

With everything that has happened in the local news lately it has me wondering why do people steal from their employers and friends? If you have ever been the victim of theft by a friend or co-worker you find yourself a "double victim," because if you call them on it suddenly you become the bad guy for mentioning it!

There are a variety of reasons why people steal. They feel a sense of entitlement and that they are smarter than the victim. Kleptomaniacs often steal things they don't use or need. To them it is a confidence booster and they hoard the items as trophies. If anyone has ever

seen the comedian Gallagher's TV skit on people that take things they don't need it is hilarious. What are you going to do with that half a coat hanger from a hotel room? So what if that shirt is 3 sizes too big... I know one guy who steals from thrift shops! He doesn't realize everyone knows it and is watching him. Just how many of those cruet tops do you need, Mr. Sticky Fingers?

Many steal for recognition as they are often under-achievers and they feel it is something they can excel at. Some steal from their employers because they feel entitled. Others just want anything they can get for "free."

Try putting something you don't want on the curb. If it doesn't disappear in a day or two try putting a price tag on it and it will be gone in no time! Some people don't even realize they are stealing, for instance, an honest person who absentmindedly finds themselves with a pen or cigarette lighter will go out of their way to return it to the owner, but a "Klepto" will just throw it in a drawer with all the other ones they have collected. They are greedy and have no conscience. A really big time thief will steal the loot and hoard it as they know they will eventually be arrested and when they get out of jail they will have considerable wealth.

Taxpayers pay the price for the Public Defender.

Most kleptomaniacs steal for a sense of achievement and pride in their ability to do something and "get away with it." It is more common with females than males. People with kleptomania often suffer from depression and are crying out for help. Medication can help along with therapy. If you feel you may have a problem get help before you go to jail. The Guidance Clinic has a sliding scale depending on your income. The phone number is 305-434-9000.

If you are a victim of a theft call the Sheriff's office 305-853-3211.

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