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Author Talks about the book “When Tobacco Was King” at the Library

(Brooksville, FL) – The Hernando County Public Library System (HCPLS) announces a speaking engagement with Canadian writer Paul Allen, author of the book *When Tobacco Was King, A History of Tobacco in Canada and the United States*.

Join us on Thursday, January 24 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Main Library in Brooksville (238 Howell Ave.) for this special presentation followed by a Q&A session and book signing. Light refreshments will be served.

When Tobacco Was King's story is an eye-opening journey through the history of the American and Canadian tobacco industry during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries; the era of stick boys and Dutch clocks and flue-cured burley. Besides sharing the story of tobacco, the book takes the reader on adventures all over the world, including; a flying boat in 1930 to Rhodesia, catching some of the first transatlantic airplane flights in 1946 and experiencing post WWII England and Europe.

Author Paul Allen has spoken in Ontario and in North Carolina at various libraries, historical societies, and service clubs like the East Chapel Hill Rotary Club and at the Duke Homestead Museum in Durham. Allen says he's excited to share the story in Brooksville finding "there is always interest in the story and there is a connection no matter where I speak. Both Canadian and American snowbirds will enjoy the presentation and the book."

Visit <http://hernandocountylibrary.us/> or call (352) 754-4043 for more information.

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4 Locations!

Brooksville - Main

238 Howell Avenue
Brooksville, FL 34601
(Downtown Brooksville)

West Branch

6335 Blackbird Avenue
Brooksville, FL 34613
(Hwy 50, near Weeki
Wachee)

Spring Hill Branch

9220 Spring Hill Drive
Spring Hill, FL 34608
(between Mariner Blvd. &
Waterfall Drive)

East Branch

6457 Windmere Road
Brooksville, FL 34602
(East of I-75 near Ridge
Manor)

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