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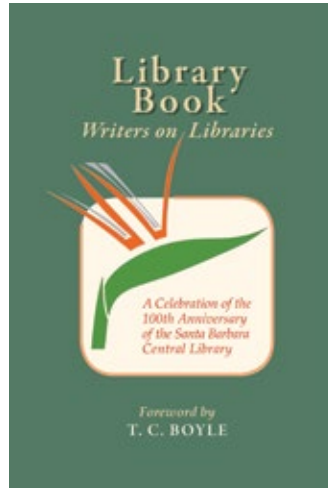
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## LIBRARY BOOK LAUNCH



ABOVE: Starting the celebration of the Santa Barbara Central Library's Centennial on Sat. June 10th, FOL launched the **Library Book, Writers on Libraries** produced by the Friends to raise money for the library.

BELOW: Anna Lafferty is interviewed by Fred Klein on *Literary Gumbo*, Channel 17, about her design of the Central Library's *Library Book*, Indie Author Day & the centennial celebration.



## Book Signing at Tecolote Bookstore a Real Pleasure! by Deborah Pontifex

Those of us who were at Tecolote Book Shop on Sat. Oct. 14th, where Steven Gilbar hosted the signing of *Library Book* at a table outside the store, had a special experience. We had the pleasure of meeting one of the authors of *Library Book*, Laure-Anne Bosselaar, a poet and author; her piece in the book (p.16) is titled "Discovering Rhyme."

Laure-Anne appeared at the table very quietly, introduced herself humbly to Steven, sitting across the table. She was one of the authors in the book who he had not yet met, and he was delighted, as was she to meet him. Her story, her early life, is very interesting.

She volunteered to those of us present – Linda Love, Diana Larson, Steven, me, plus a couple members of the public – that she grew up (in the late 1940s) in a convent orphanage in Belgium. Children there were not allowed to read except for religious texts. It was when she noticed at age 8 or 9 that there were words in the hymns that rhymed that awakened in her the desire to read. And, as she said, when she later "escaped" the orphanage and discovered a local library, she found that there were thousands of books with "things that rhymed." This and more about her life is described after her piece in *Library Book*.

It was a rare pleasure to meet Laure-Anne Bosselaar. She was genuinely embarrassed that we found her fascinating, and apologized more than once about not intending to be the focus of attention at this gathering. She signed *Library Book* for those present who asked. I told her I would go home and reread her piece in *Library Book*.

Please read her poem in *Library Book*, and the description after it that she provided. It is delightful and evocative of her early years in the orphanage. Looking at the dates in her after-piece, it appears she lived in the orphanage from age 1 to almost 18, when she discovered the public library there. Then it seems her life took off. What a remarkable story and a testament to the power of the written word.

Steven, thank you for taking the initiative to organize this book signing.

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OUR

CENTENNIAL

# FROM THE BOARD



## A Busy and Exciting Year!

Dear Friends,

The past several months have been quite busy and exciting here at the Central Library! In honor of the Library's Centennial Celebration this year, FOL

Board member Steve Gilbar put together *Library Book*, an anthology of short stories and poems from over 80 writers, both local and national, about libraries! On June 10th we held a book launch party in the library, featuring writers Betsy Green, Leon Litwack, Kathleen Sharp, D.J. Palladino and Elizabeth Stewart, who read their pieces to the over 75 attendees! It was a special evening to hear their stories, by the old fireplace with the community. Thank you to all who attended - and if you still haven't purchased your copy of *Library Book*, you still can at local bookstores or on Amazon.com. They make wonderful presents at \$20 each, and the proceeds go back into the library.

We treasure our library and all the amazing programs and services they offer to children, teens, adults and seniors. Please consider us in your year-end giving, so we can continue to support the Central Library and their work in the community.

Katie Szopa, *FOL Board President*



## Welcome Barbara Cronin Hershberg to the Board

Inspired by a love of dance and children, Barbara taught creative movement for pre-school age children for 8 years in New York City and Santa Barbara, and then went on

to get her teaching credential, an M.A. in Early Childhood Education, and a Masters in Leadership and Organization from UCSB. Recently retired from teaching for Goleta Union School District, she now is free to spend time volunteering for causes she feels passionate about including working with dogs at the Humane Society, taking dogs to pet therapy and working with the FOL. Watching families leave the library with a huge stack of books brings back memories of her own childhood where the local library was a regular destination and provider of peaceful times and favorite authors.

## Treasurer's/ Membership Report

From July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, the membership renewals of FOL totaled \$9905, and new memberships of the same period, totaled \$1255. The 2017 Spring Appeal that went out with the Spring newsletter garnered \$7278, and the newsletter coupon donors gave \$3510. New business members donated a total of \$850 for this time period.

Since July 1, the start of the library's fiscal year, FOL donors have funded \$2100 for the toddlers' Fabulous Fridays programs, and we expect that will grow to last year's total of \$6300. Last year's donors gave \$7000 for the Summer Reading Program and the children's year-long events, and donations since July 1 of this year have provided \$1200 for these events. The first quarter of the library's 2017-18 wish list was also paid in the amount of \$12,150. YOU, kind people, make it all possible!

Four hundred and twenty-six members have made donations in the last year. Please consider donating to the Year End Appeal and/or renewing your annual membership when your renewal letter arrives. All of your donations are appreciated, whether small, medium or large. Here is a shout out to our most recent generous donors:

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## We LOVE our new "Friends"

In 2017, the following individuals have supported our Santa Barbara Public Library by becoming new members. We welcome and appreciate you!

**Ann Picker**

**Alice Noble**

**Agatha Aldisert**

**Susan Ryan**

**Douglas H. Daniels**

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## Business Memberships

Welcome to our two newest business members. Consider them when you have real estate transactions and thank them for supporting the Library.

**Fidelity/Chicago Title**

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# FOL HELPS TO CELEBRATE OUR LIBRARY'S CENTENNIAL



*In honor of the centennial, library patrons can trade in their regular library card for this beautiful historical card showing the library in 1917.*



*Jace Turner, Community Relations Librarian shares wonderful old photos of the Central Library with Michele Allyn. They are now available on the Santa Barbara Library website..*



*ABOVE: Librarian Jody Thomas dressed up as Frances Linn, the wonderful director who brought about the funding and building of the new Central Library (shown breaking ground at a ceremony in 1916 - RIGHT.) Jody's presentation was part of the free Centennial Celebration History Series held every other Sunday at the library from June to November.*



## ON THE BOARD - Who's Reading What?

ITS OBVIOUS that the Friends of the Library Board love books and reading. Barbara Hershberg compiled a list of some of the latest "reads" that we want to share:

**Linda Love:** Humor angle: *The Financial Lives of the Poets* by Jess Walter; Non-fiction angle: *How the Irish Saved Civilization* by Thomas Cahill; Fine literature: *The Gentleman In Moscow* by Amor Towles; Mystery angle: anything by Michael Connelly, Tana French or John Lutz; Natural World angle: *HI Is For Hawk* by Helen MacDonal

**Barbara Cronin Hershberg:** *Salvage the Bones* by Jesmyn Ward and *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson.

**Yolie Lopez:** *Right Behind You* by Lisa Gardner and *Sleeping Beauties* by Stephen King.

**Deb Pontifex:** for the Santa Barbara Literary Society: *Miss Burma* by Charmaine Craig; for Santa Barbara Reads program: *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel; for non-fiction: *The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate* by Peter Wohlleben

**Anna Lafferty:** for book club: *Winter in Madrid* by C.J. Sansom & *Sapiens* by Yuval Noah Harari. I loved John Grisham's *Camino Island!*

**Katie Szopa:** Currently reading the *Terranauts* by TC Boyle and just finished *Summertime* by JM Coetzee

**Michele Allyn:** For book group we're reading the Harry Potter series. Third time for me!! Favorite book: *The Shack* by William P. Young. For peace and strength *The Message Bible* by Eugene H. Peterson.

**Marsha Barr:** As the teacher librarian at Santa Barbara High School, I mostly read Young Adult (YA) literature in all genres, but I'm also a major mystery fan. I just read: *Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz. My favorite adult mystery writer is Jacqueline Winspear.

**Steve Gilbar:** Currently reading *Tristram Shandy* by Laurence Sterne, and *Omeros* by Derek Walcott.

# FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES Helped by the FRIENDS



FRIENDS helped run the annual Scrabble night that drew over 70 participants this year... including serving wine and goodies plus selling our *Library Book!*



**BUSINESS FRIENDS:** Also helping raise funds for the library during the year are board members and Business Friends who donate portions of profits to the library on specially designated days.

Yolie Lopez, one of our FOL Board Members and a Talbots' shopper, helped host our Talbots fund raiser. On October 19th, Talbots in La Cumbre Plaza donated 10% of the

total pretax sales of the day provided shoppers mentioned that they were supporting FOL. An added treat was that a couple of Talbots' staff decided to become Friends of the Library by making a donation.

Let us know if you're interested in being part of a committee or joining the board: [Contact@friends-sblibrary.org](mailto:Contact@friends-sblibrary.org)

## Donors, Foundation, Friends and Staff Turn Out for a Glamorous Gala Evening Celebrating the Centennial!

Wow! Did you catch the great picture and article written in Noozhawk about our fabulous, fun Nov. 4th Gala where the FRIENDS both helped and attended!

First there was the excitement of entering the library through the beautiful front doors which have been closed for decades. Besides wine, hors d'oeuvres, buffet stations and filling passports by stopping at various labs and library sections, guests heard an earful of praise, plans and goals on the past and present of the Santa Barbara Public Library from city, state officials and library director Jessica Cadiente.

What a thrill it was to see our library fulfilling its goal to "prepare ourselves for the 21st century," with access to digital resources and digital literacy skills now required for full participation in today's society.

### Online Version of the FOL Newsletter is now Available

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