



Friends EXCHANGE

A Friends of the Santa Barbara Public Library Newsletter

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What's Happening

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THANKS TO:
NEW FOL members,
4 new business members,
and two very
special donors!

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LIBRARY BOOK
Launch - June 10



SPEAKER: Santa Barbara columnist and author Erin Graffy de Garcia was the featured speaker of the Friends of the Library annual meeting last November. She spoke about the importance of poetry in teaching children to read and encouraged the library to bring poets in to read their work. A lively discussion followed.



MUGGLES AND WIZARDS alike were invited to a magical evening Thursday March 9th celebrating all things Harry Potter! The library had activities for all ages. Costumes were encouraged! The Ojai Raptor Center showed live owls at 4 pm. The rest of the activities were drop-in throughout the evening including a green screen quidditch photo booth, trivia, a scavenger hunt, a herbology class with Master Gardeners, crafts and a sorting hat selection stool.



Welcome New Board Member

LAURY WOODS played viola in recording studios from 1973 to 2000, working with such artists as Michael Jackson, Madonna, and Prince, all the while playing classical music with the Santa Barbara Symphony and the Santa Barbara Choral Society. Since moving to Santa Barbara in 2000 she has been teaching viola and violin.



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REMEMBER WHEN? - Do you remember reading by the huge open fireplace at the library entrance? As part of the celebration of the centennial year at the Santa Barbara Public Library, Jace Turner, our historian-in-residence, is compiling pictures of memories for those who have made the library part of their lives for decades.

Treasurer's Report:

The Year End Appeal donations from our wonderful donors came to \$24,570, which was \$1470 more than last year's total. A shout out to the most generous donors to the Year End Appeal: Dr. & Mrs. Timothy Rodgers, Terry & Pat Straehley, David Doner, Jr. M.D., Don & Diane Jackson, John & Susanne Weaver, Mary D. Thompson, Barbara Rubin Foundation, Ann Lorimer, Diane & Mike Giles, Lucia Snowhill, Paul Gawronik, Walter Larsen, James Mattinson, Donald O'Dowd, Ann Bermingham, Kati & Peter Buehler, Janet & Stephen Carlson, Deborah & Ken Pontifex, Allen Cohen, Marni & Michael Cooney, Barbara Alhman, Shannon & Donald Gordon, Adele & Rory Connor, Maryanne Mott, John Converse, Hollye & Jeff Jacobs, Kathy Weber, Elizabeth Dilworth, Valerie Cavanaugh, and Bonnie Blakley.

- The Adult Literacy Program received a dozen donations, and a shout out goes to **Randi Miller, Ashish & Leslie Bhutani, Jeffrey McFarland,** and **Gwen Dawson** for their generosity.
- Several grants helped boost our contributions to the library this past year: a \$2500 Community Dividends grant from **Montecito Bank & Trust**, a \$5460 grant from the **Fund for Santa Barbara** for the Library Teen Space, a \$2500 grant from the **Santa Barbara Bowl Foundation for Youth Services & Performances**, and almost \$25,000 for the Children's Library from **Barbara Ann Clark**.
- Membership donations for July 1, 2016 to March 13, 2017 have totaled \$7200. We must extend the shout outs to:
Dr. Shirley Tucker, Marjorie Petersen
Jane C. Rieffe Milton Hess,
Bev Schwartzberg & David Stone
Celia Blanchet Monica Jones.

Every time the Friends Exchange Newsletter is mailed, we receive many donations that are specifically pinpointed for the Summer Reading Program and the year-long children's programs. The total for the Fall 2016 newsletter was \$3510. Our last shout outs go to:

Sheila Lodge
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We are including our Spring Appeal Fundraiser with this Spring Newsletter to save printing and postage costs. Thank you, one and all, for your love of the library and its good work.



President's Message

Happy Spring to all our members! The flowers are blooming, the sun is shining... a perfect reason to head to the library, check out a few books and cozy up on a park bench.

The library is abuzz with new and diverse programs, from children's movies in the Island Room to free art talks. The Summer Reading Program for kids and teens is beginning on June 12th this year and the theme is "Build a Better World." In conjunction with the Summer Reading Program, your donations fund many concerts and activities for the children in the summer. I encourage you to come to the library and peek in on a Fabulous Friday event or concert if you can!

Beginning in June, the library will be kicking off several months of special events in honor of the library building's Centennial Celebration. We hope to see you at some of these gatherings. Thank you for all the support you give to the library and our community.

With appreciation, Katie Szopa

We LOVE our new "Friends"

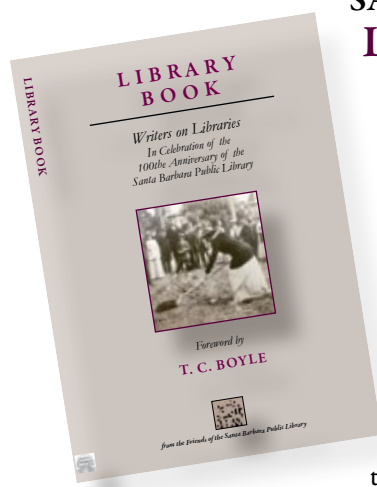
You 475 loyal and generous Friends who have donated in 2016-2017 now have new members to welcome:

Michael Geis, M.D.
Maureen Earls
Mariangelica Duque
Patricia Lemere

Milton Hess
Laury Woods
Jennifer & Joe Reyes

There are also four businesses that are supporting the library with a sponsorship. If you pop in to do business with them, please thank them for their generous donations:

Heritage Oaks Bank (Bibi Moezzi)
Fidelity/Chicago Title (Donna Matsumura)
Allyn & Associates (Michele Allyn)
Paradise Found (Teresa Taylor)



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE LIBRARY BOOK LAUNCH

Saturday June 10th
7:30-9:30pm
at the Central Library

Come hear local authors share their writings from the anthology. \$50.00 per person. Price of ticket includes a copy of the book. Desserts, tea, coffee and champagne will be served! Invitations will be sent to all our FOL members.

Library Receives Art & Photography Books Donation in Memory of Karen Sinsheimer



In the trendy craze to declutter our homes of “things,” the library has seen an increase in book donations. Unfortunately, due to limited space and resources, more often than not we have to say “Thanks, but no thanks” to folks wishing to donate their book collections.

But when Jackie Spafford from UCSB’s History of Art & Architecture reached out to the library on behalf of her dear friend Dr. Robert (Bob) Sinsheimer, we were intrigued. Bob’s wife, Karen Sinsheimer, passed away in July 2015, and left behind a finely curated collection of art and photography books—some of which have found a happy new home here at the library!

If you didn’t know Karen personally, chances are good you were lucky enough to experience a “glimpse of the world through her eyes” and see some striking and beautiful photographic works brought to Santa Barbara. As Curator of Photography at the Santa Barbara Museum of Art for 25 years, Karen organized more than 120 exhibitions, and is credited by Art Museum Director, Larry J. Feinberg, with “almost single-handedly building the Museum’s very important collection of photography and establishing an exhibition program that has earned the institution much respect and admiration from museums and collectors across the country.”

Karen turned her keen eye for collecting photographs toward building her book collection, too. In addition to a number of monographs, Karen’s collection also included many of her Santa Barbara Museum of Art exhibition publications, many of which have been added to the Library’s Reference Collection. In the coming months there will be a library display of Karen’s art & photography books. Come check them out!

Santa Barbara Public Library Hosts Community Conversations

The Santa Barbara Public Library is committed to continuing to provide innovative events and services that meet the needs of the community, as well as deepening the impact of the work we do to make positive changes in Santa Barbara.

To this end, staff from Santa Barbara Public Library will be hosting several community conversations over the coming months. These conversations are intended to be a chance for the library to better understand people’s aspirations for the community, the concerns they have, and what they believe might make a difference in strengthening the community.

“These conversations are a way for us to take the temperature of the community. By focusing on the vision that members of the community have, rather than a specific topic or issue, we hope to distill those broad, common themes that resonate with a wide spectrum of people, and let those themes inform the work we do. By listening to people tell us about their hopes for the future and what they believe needs to change in their community, we can create strategies that truly meet their needs and have impact in their lives,” said Library Director Jessica Cadiente.

Santa Barbara Public Library invites members of the public to participate in a guided conversation facilitated by Library staff that will help the Library, the City, and other community organizations plan for the future. If you are a member of a group – a book club, a parenting organization, a civic club, a neighborhood association, or any group that would be interested in participating in a conversation, contact Molly Wetta at (805) 564-5642 or mwetta@santabarbaraca.gov

Remembering Sandy Kirkby

A long-time Montecito resident, avid golfer, dog lover, and eternal optimist, Sandy Kirkby passed away quietly on February 12th, 2017. For the past fifteen years, Sandy belonged to a book club, whose monthly meetings she attended with infectious enthusiasm. She developed a passion for reading and book appreciation in her adult years, and she took it upon herself to learn more about the authors and contribute that information to the group discussions. Sandy was a spirited and committed book group member, unafraid to speak her mind and yet open to different interpretations and to revising and refining her views. She welcomed the challenge of complex and demanding books and considered J. M. Coetzee’s *Waiting for the Barbarians* (1980) her favorite novel. She will

be remembered for her love of literature, great sense of humor, and desire to learn.

Sandy’s passing coincided with the 15th anniversary of the book club she was so passionate about. In memory of the much-loved peer and much-missed friend, the book group members raised \$4600 and donated it to the Adult Literacy Program at the Santa Barbara Public Library. The donation will help provide for books and supplies for a program that offers individual tutoring “in reading, writing, and spelling skills” to adult learners. Sandy Kirkby would be thrilled to know that she will be remembered by a program that nurtures adult learning and that she will make a difference in the lives of learners who have yet to discover the joys of reading and writing.



YOU

Keep the Good Work Going!



THE ANNUAL SUMMER PROGRAMS ARE COMING SOON...

to keep young readers from losing what they have gained during the school year. This year's theme is "Build A Better World." A donation of \$200 underwrites the cost of materials and supplies for 150 children in the Summer Reading Program. There will be nine weekly performances during the summer at a cost of \$300 each. Buying new books is a never-ending expense. A typical children's title averages \$25.

THE TODDLERS HAVE BEEN ATTENDING FABULOUS FRIDAYS...

and learning pre-literacy skills; their enjoyment and engagement keeps their parents bringing them back. \$300 covers the cost of two sessions, each of which accommodates 25 toddlers and their families.

Your donation has direct local impact!



Helping Hands, Opening Minds

