

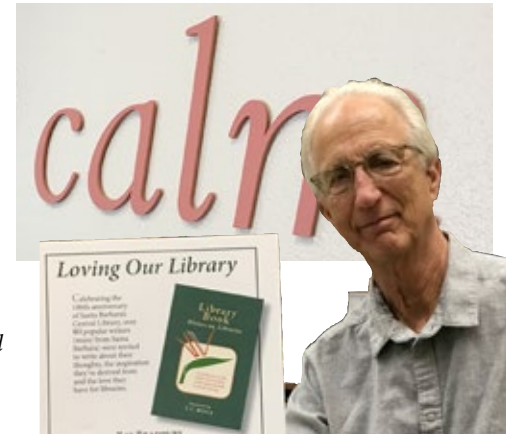


# NEWS EXCHANGE

SPRING 2018



*The library opened its support to Montecito schools and residents during the disaster in December and January!*



## FRIENDS' BOOK AT CALM LUNCHEON

The Friends were delighted to have their anthology, *Library Book, Writers on Libraries* selected for this year's CALM Auxiliary's 32nd Annual Celebrity Authors' Luncheon on Sat. April 21st. Coordinator and Editor **Steven Gilbar** was the honored guest who attended the authors' cocktail party on Friday night and then sat on the dias with the other guest authors at the luncheon, besides signing and selling the book at the book show. If you don't have a copy yet, you can order one on our website – all proceeds go to the Santa Barbara Public Library!



## BEST WISHES BEV!

The Friends said a heartfelt THANK YOU and GOOD LUCK to **Beverly Schwartzberg** who led the library's literacy program. She is moving on to run the CA state library's literacy program. We will all miss her support, but know we'll all benefit from her work at the state level!

*What's Going On with the Friends..*

COME TO OUR ANNUAL MEETING & TEA WEDNESDAY MAY 16TH 4:00-5:30

INTRODUCING OUR NEW ACTIVE BOARD

THE ADVENTURE BEGINS! SUMMER READING PROGRAM

## OUR LIBRARY BECAME A PLACE FOR NORMAL THROUGH CRISSES AND CLOSINGS!

by Molly Wetta

During the Thomas Fire, SBPL staff focused on creating a sense of normalcy and connectedness by providing additional programming in a safe space. In total, staff conducted 78 different youth programs over a 22 day span. Children enjoyed LEGO Labs, indoor recess activities, Music and Movement sessions, coding classes, robotics workshops, and more, all while local schools were closed and communities were under threat.

In the ensuing month, SBPL also served as host to many of the schools displaced by the Montecito debris flows and hosted programs with the goal of better educating the community about the scope and aftermath of both events. Teachers and staff brought students to the library from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School and Crane Country Day School, while Montecito Union teachers checked out 200 books to bring to their temporary classes at Santa Barbara City College. Library staff even visited the temporary classrooms to provide engaging STEM activities for students. The Library also partnered with the Santa Barbara Urban Creeks Council as well as with Ray Ford to host panels and talks about the Montecito debris flow and the state of local trails post Thomas Fire. These events were attended by over 1000 residents.

## FROM THE BOARD

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Dear Friends,

Well, I am back!!! After serving as President for four years, we changed the bylaws so that the officers and president can serve two 2-year terms. We were blessed to have Krista Pleiser and Katie Szopa as our past two Presidents. They did a fantastic job leading us during the amazing expansion and remodel of the Library. During their terms, I continued as a board member so I'm ready to again lead the Board as your President. Katie is currently serving as Past President and also as your President Elect. Our Board membership has expanded over the years and we have a wonderful mix of long-term and new Board members.

I was reading in the paper today about the different sources of funding for the libraries. It said that 3% of the budget comes from the Friends organizations. We used to just provide extras for the Library; but in today's economic times we play an important part in providing programs that keep the library relevant in our modern digital world. We are also the source of funding for the children's programs. Your support is so critical to keep these programs going. We appreciate all that you give!

I hope you all can attend our Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 16th. We will have an amazing guest speaker. I will be sharing our progress and goals at the meeting and you will be able to get to know the Board members. Details of time and place are in the newsletter. I look forward to seeing you in May.

Michele Allyn

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## WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!



**JANE GIFFIN** moved with her husband, son and daughter to Santa Barbara from Los Angeles in 1964. She began working at UCSB in the Financial Aid Dept. until she retired in 1992. Jane was then employed with a local travel agency, Your Travel Center, until she retired in 2017. She now has time to lawn bowl, play mahjongg and read. Her go-to books are biographies, light love and mystery novels. Having grown up in Los Angeles, she likes reading about L.A. and Santa Barbara. She feels joining FOL will keep her more connected with the library and a variety of books.

**MAKO McQUEEN** arrived recently from Maui, her home for 42 years on a mini farm with her husband, Cliff, where they had 11 dogs, 11 cats, 70 chickens, 30 peacocks and 6 ducks. She owned four beauty salons and was a hairdresser for 40 years.

One boring day when she was twelve, her father said, "You had better learn to enjoy reading. It will be your best friend for life." It was the best advice and began her lifelong involvement with books. Her favorite handbook is, *The Wise Heart* by Jack Kornfield. Mako is happy to be involved with FOL because she feels that literacy is one of the most important accomplishments for a good life.

**MARIANNE ROBINSON** In 1979, Marianne and her husband moved from the East coast to Santa Barbara. Their three children kept her busy at first. After various part-time work, she started at Your Travel Agency, which gave her the opportunity to fly home to Germany more often. She retired in 2016. Some of her hobbies have been tennis, skiing, and gardening. Lately she enjoys lawn bowling, walking, and attending UCSB Arts & Lectures series. Marianne likes to read biographies, like Kathrine Graham, and books by Jill Ker. She looks forward to being part of the FOL group and helping out.



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Inviting all friends  
to come to our important  
**Annual Meeting and Tea**  
WED. MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> - Faulkner Gallery  
4:00 to 5:30pm



Susan Gulbransen,  
Guest Speaker

As a child growing up in Santa Barbara, the Public Library helped kick off Susan Miles Gulbransen's passion to read almost anything. As an adult, she has counted on reading, writing and community activities for life's work and pleasure goals, much of them while living in Santa Barbara the past 38 years.

Her writing contributions have included working for 21 years writing book reviews and 16 years for the weekly literary column **Inprint** for the *Santa Barbara News-Press*, then a New York Times paper, and doing free lance articles for regional magazines. Her monthly column **Beyond Books** appears regularly in *Noozhawk*. She teaches nonfiction writing at the annual Santa Barbara Writers Conference and formerly taught writing at SBCC's Adult Ed.

Susan has made an impact working on several boards, among them Santa Barbara Foundation, Montecito Educational Foundation, Santa Barbara Public Education Foundation, UCSB History Associates Board and Antioch University and helping CALM (Child Abuse Listening and Mediation). She cofounded the restoration project for the Granada Theater, which opened in 2008, and served as President of the Board for six years. She also cofounded the Santa Barbara Book & Author Festival, which ran for eight years.

Susan was named **Woman of the Year in 2004** and received the **News-Press Lifetime Achievement Award in 2003**.

Meet the staff of the Santa Barbara Public Library and the Friends who are committed to helping achieve its goals.

Learn about the challenges facing the Santa Barbara Public Library and the solutions that are being suggested.

Enjoy a talk by our esteemed speaker, Susan Miles Gulbransen, who represents the best of Santa Barbara's literary community.

Partake in a lovely tea hosted by the Friends.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### We LOVE our new "Friends"

There are 422 "Friends" who have donated in 2017-2018. We welcome the following new members:

Mako McQueen  
Marianne Robinson  
Jane Giffin  
Elisabeth & Steven Zahm  
Kathleen Waltrip  
Ann Rudolph

## Treasurer's Membership Report

The Year-End Appeal donations from our wonderful donors came to \$32,689, which was \$8,119 more than last year's total. Membership renewals for July 1, 2017 to April 1, 2018 have totaled \$12,700. We want to give a shout out to our most generous donors, but must say that all donations, large, medium or small, are very much appreciated!

Mary D. Thompson  
Alan Kirkby  
Zora & Les Charles  
Leslie Meadowcroft-  
Schipper  
Barbara Rubin Foundation  
Stephanie Shuman  
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LET THE **ADVENTURE** BEGIN!



**YOU** MAKE IT POSSIBLE!

It's going to be an exciting  
**SUMMER** for children in the  
**CHOOSE ADVENTURE  
 SUMMER READ PROGRAM!**

We need your help to keep young  
 readers from losing what they have  
 gained during the school year...



Here is a donation for the

**CHOOSE ADVENTURE!**  
**CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM!**

*please fill out and mail with check in the enclosed envelope*

Enclosed is a gift for:  \$25 (book)  \$200 (materials)  
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Thank you for your gift! Please make checks out to  
**Friends of the Santa Barbara Public Library**  
 You have the option of donating online: [www.friends-sblibrary.org](http://www.friends-sblibrary.org)



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

We polled the Friends of the Library Board Members to see what they are currently reading.

*The Color of Lightning* by Paulette Jiles and *The Second Life of Nick Mason* by Steve Hamilton – Steve Gilbar

*Astrophysics for People in a Hurry* by Neil deGrasse Tyson and *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles – Linda Love

*Saints for all Occasions* by J. Courtney Sullivan and *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng – Deborah Pontifex

*Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond and *The Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro – Barbara Hershberg

*Galapagos* by Kurt Vonnegut – Katie Szopa

*Shadow House* by Dan Poblocki and *Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson Haddix – Yolie Lopez

*The Half Blood Prince* from the Harry Potter series and *Dare to Declare* by Dr. Mary Frances Varallo – Michele Allyn

*A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles – Marianne Robinson

*Freedom at Midnight* by Dominique Lapierre and Larry Collins – Sallie Coughlin

*Typhoon Fury* by Clive Cussler and *Tortilla Flat* by John Steinbeck – Jane Giffin

*The Perfect Red - Empire, Espionage, and the Quest for the Color of Desire* by Amy Greenfield – Anna Lafferty