

# NEWS EXCHANGE

WINTER 2018

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

WHO WE  
ARE &  
WHAT  
WE DO

FAREWELL &  
THANKS TO  
OUR SPECIAL  
OUTGOING  
BOARD  
MEMBERS!

SANTA  
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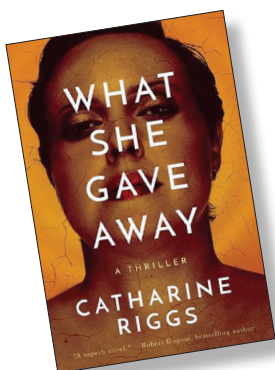
## **Fun! Fun!**

*Wearing new name tags, the Board of the Friends helped plan, organize and hostess events such as Murder Mystery Nights, Mah Jongg and Scrabble competitions, book signings and teas during the Summer and Fall of 2018. It's all part of the fun that the Friends are involved in to help raise money to enhance the numerous activities at the Santa Barbara Public Library throughout the year.*

## **Benefit Book Launch a Huge Success**

Author Catharine Riggs, partnered with the Santa Barbara Public Library to hold a benefit launch event to support The Friends of the Library. The audience was treated to an interview conducted by Daniel Jaffe, and a reading of her book *What She Gave Away* by Catharine herself while enjoying wine and light refreshments. The reception was hosted by the Friends. Forty-six copies of this signed debut novel were sold for \$20.00 each with 100% of the book sales going to the Friends. In addition, Catharine gave another generous donation, as did several of the attendees.

In case you missed this event, and are curious about the book, T.R. Ragan, New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of the Lizzy Gardner Series said, "Catharine Riggs blew me away with such a wonderful cast of uniquely quirky characters. *What She Gave Away* is an engrossing tale jam-packed with charm, dark humor, and suspense. I couldn't turn the pages fast enough!"





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## President's Message

Dear Friends,

Starting in January of this year I am back for the second time as your President. Krista Pleiser and Katie Szopa did a wonderful job running things for the past four years. I am so grateful to them for stepping up and taking over. Katie is now serving as our President Elect.

I would like to take this space today to recognize and appreciate three of our long term Board Members who are retiring from the Board. They are Deborah Pontiflex, Steven Gilbar, and Diana Larson.

Deborah Pontiflex has served as our Vice President since 2010. She acted as President when I was not able to attend a board meeting, and often attended City Council/Board of Supervisors meetings to speak on behalf of the Friends. In addition, she also was in charge of our web site and was a valued member of the Executive committee and Finance Committee. She has incredible editing skills and graciously checked over all flyers and newsletters before they were published.

Next on the list is Steven Gilbar. He is truly a Renaissance man – an author, editor, artist and a retired attorney! He has served with distinction on the Board since 2012. When he first started on the Board he took on the task of completing the brochure for our Friends Business Partnership program. I had been trying to get this off the ground since 2008, and he was able to create the brochure and headed the committee to facilitate outreach to the community and increase our donor base. To celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the SB Library, Steven came up with the idea to create the *Library Book, Writers on Libraries*. Steven reached out to the authors to write about their library experiences and he organized and edited the book. This was a wonderful project and the books are still available for sale at the Library and on Amazon. Last year during a first Thursday event, Steven exhibited his art in the Faulkner Gallery. He donated 100% of the proceeds from the sale to the Friends. I was fortunate to be able to buy three of his paintings, so I have a daily reminder of his talent, his love and his heart.

I also wish to extend thanks to Diana Larson for gracing FOL events with refreshments and flowers. She loves the work of the FOL and enjoyed doing her part to contribute.

Additionally, I would like to give a shout-out to one of our long term members, Anna Lafferty. Anna is a talented book/graphic designer and teacher. She is responsible for the lay out and production of publications such as the *Library Book* and this newsletter.

I would also like to thank Barbara Hershberg for taking on the Newsletter in collaboration with Anna, and for agreeing to be my Vice President for the rest of this year and next year.

Blessings to you all! *Michele Allyn*

## Treasurer's Report and Donors/Membership

FOL donors who have made a membership and/or a Year End or Spring Appeal contribution in the last 12 months number 375. Those gifts generated \$60,000; other events and the sale of The Library Book brought us to \$87,000 at the end of the library's fiscal year in June, 2018. The Library gives us a "Wish List," and both this year's and last year's totaled \$65,000. That leaves some funds to augment the library's collections. It goes without saying that donations in any amount are welcomed. Please consider donating to our Year End Appeal and/or renewing your membership when your renewal letter arrives. A shout out to our most generous donors in the last 12 months is a tradition, and we thank them with enthusiasm!

**Leslie & Ashish Bhutani**

**Zora & Les Charles**

**Sallie & Curt Coughlin**

**Gwen Dawson**

**Carol Dougherty**

**Paul Gawronik**

**Barbara & Ken Hershberg**

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**Suzanne & John Weaver**

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## WHO ARE THE FRIENDS OF THE SANTA BARBARA PUBLIC LIBRARY?

We are the non-profit branch of the Library that raises funds to supplement materials and services, and supports programs for the Santa Barbara Public Library. There are currently 12 people that serve on the Board of Directors.

## HOW DO YOU RAISE FUNDS?

We invite individuals, and businesses to join us as members and contribute through semi-annual appeals. In addition, we offer special events such as Scrabble nights, Mah Jongg tournaments, teas and talks and opportunities at local businesses to bring people together and raise additional monies.

## HOW MUCH DOES A MEMBERSHIP COST?

Membership begins at just \$35.00 per year, although we hope you will consider a larger contribution or gift.

## WHAT DOES MY MEMBERSHIP PROVIDE?

Your most valuable benefit is knowing that you support this community's center for free information, education, entertainment and literacy. You will also receive our newsletter and invitations to various events.



## Friends Host Reception for Writing Workshops

On Saturday evening, August 11th, the Friends of the Santa Barbara Library had the pleasure of hosting a reception for an enthusiastic group of forty-six writers and their facilitators. Participants had a choice of five workshops. They included Writing for Bliss: Telling your Story and Transforming your Life, Creative Correspondence Corner where people had access to vintage typewriters to write letters on any subject, Live in Readiness, which was a poetry writing workshop, The Play's the Thing where participants had an opportunity to write a script and rehearse and perform it, and The Power and Healing of Writing which focused on expressing loss and other painful experiences. The classes were led by local experts, some of whom sold their published writing at the event. After participants unwound during the reception and had a chance to network with others, they proceeded to the Central Library's Fireplace Room to relax and be an audience to those that shared their writing by reading aloud.

Here is a donation for the

## SANTA BARBARA PUBLIC LIBRARY

*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  
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You also have the option of donating online: [www.friends-sblibrary.org](http://www.friends-sblibrary.org)

## WANT TO BE A MORE ACTIVE FRIEND?

Let us know if you would be interested in joining the Board or be on a committee:

- Communications
- Event Hosting
- Business Partnership
- Membership



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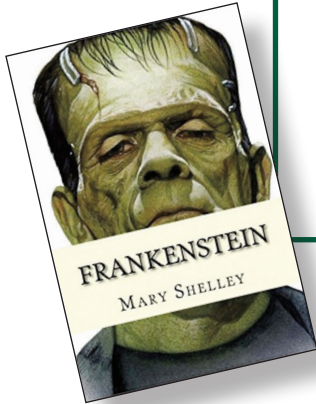
# HIGHLIGHTS:

## LIBRARY EVENTS THE FRIENDS HELPED SUPPORT

### SANTA BARBARA READS

Each year, the Santa Barbara Public Library hosts Santa Barbara Reads, a community offshoot of the National Endowment for the Arts' Big Read in which one book is selected, thousands of free copies are given out, and events and reading and discussion groups are formed so people can talk about what they've read. This year's Santa Barbara Reads selection was *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley

Thursday, November 8, 2018 by INDY STAFF



## The Santa Barbara Public Library's 17th Annual Santa Barbara Reads Was a Resounding Success!

by Jace Turner, Community Relations Librarian

Celebrating the 200th anniversary of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, the Santa Barbara Public Libraries offered nearly 70 programs in 32 days and gave away over 1400 copies of *Frankenstein* and *Frankenstein*-related books for all ages. Programs ranged from family-oriented events such as (Slightly) Scary Storytime and our interactive It's Alive! *Frankenstein* Science Fair to more adult focused events such as the *Frankenstein* Pub Quiz at Old Kings Road, lectures about current genetic engineering techniques, and book discussions all across the county. The programming was punctuated by a Keynote Event with UCSB Professor, Julie Carlson, PhD, who explored aspects of Mary's Shelley's life

and times, and how she brought the science fiction genre to life in a way that still reaches readers today. For the second year, the Library also partnered with the Independent to host a *Frankenstein*-inspired writing contest. Exciting additions to 2018's program included a piano in the Pianos on State St. exhibition, partnerships with local bars that participated by creating *Frankenstein*-themed cocktails, and an all-ages MakeSB Kick Off event including live music, *Frankenstein*-themed crafts, and our traditional kick-off book giveaways. This year's Santa Barbara Reads was generously supported by the Santa Barbara Public Library Foundation and the Friends.

### HIGHLIGHTS of the SANTA BARBARA READS PROGRAM - *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelly

- Hundreds of Teens participated in SB Reads event
- Nearly 70 programs were offered in 32 days
- Library gave away (for free thanks to the Foundation!!) over 1400 books
- Nearly 1,500 people (of all ages) attended SB Reads Program
- Thousands of community members "participated in SB Reads" (saw Central Library Lobby display, watched Piano Boys perform on State St, got *Frankenstein*-themed cocktails at local bars, etc)
- Central Library won Best Halloween Window Display award from Downtown Santa Barbara
- Library partnered with local bars that created *Frankenstein*-themed Cocktails (The Good Lion, Viva, Milk & Honey, Alcazar)
- Cocktails story was featured in local media KEYT and American Libraries Direct and the *Independent*
- *Independent* ran a story on the Keynote Event
- *Independent* and Library partnered on another SB Reads writing contest for Teens and Adults - (winners will be published in Indy soon!)
- First year the Library was given a State Street Piano, decorated in *Frankenstein* theme