President’s Message

Nearing the end of 2021, and what a year it’s been! The Pacific Grove Public Library is now open 5 days a week, and library services for people of all ages are finally being provided from the beautiful renewed Library. You helped make this possible! Thank you for being a member and donor and Pacific Grove Public Library supporter. 

The last few months have been extremely busy for the Friends Board and volunteers. Our first Saturday book sales at St. Mary’s Church returned in August, while Monday-Friday morning book sales for browsing without crowds continue each week. Our gently used book-swap cart at Meals on Wheels has proved popular, as have the monthly Zoom book club meetings. 

Friends Board and community members hosted an opening reception for the “Renewal” juried art show, recognized National Friends of the Library Week, swung into action for the Community Library Rededication Celebration and assisted with the Joe Rock Children’s Room Dedication. Read all about these great events in the newsletter. 

Now we are in the midst of raising funds for our Monterey County Gives! Big Idea – a Pop-Up Library electric vehicle to bring the Library into the community. And we have begun planning for our Annual Meeting in late January 2022 – more news to come!

Now, more than ever, your membership, contributions and volunteer time make a tremendous difference for our community’s eager readers, students, lifelong learners and library patrons of all ages. At this season of thanks, and giving, I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to all of you, our members, volunteers and donors, for helping the Friends support the Pacific Grove Public Library and our community in 2021. We have much to look forward to in 2022!

With gratitude,  
Kim Bui
MC Gives! Donations Accepted Through December 31

There are two ways to make your tax-deductible donation:

Go to www.montereycountygives.com. Click on “Meet Our Nonprofits”, then look under the “Education & Youth” category for the “Friends of the Pacific Grove Library”. Click and give!

Send a check! Make it out to Monterey County Gives! and mail it to the Community Foundation at 2354 Garden Rd, Monterey, CA 93940 or to the Friends at PO Box EH, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. Be sure to note that your donation is for the Friends of the PG Library.

MC Gives! accepts donations of appreciated securities like stock or mutual funds and IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions. Contact the Community Foundation’s philanthropic services team at 831.375.9712. They’ll make sure your donation is credited to the Friends.

A PG Pop-Up Library!

Donate to Monterey County Gives! and Help Purchase an Electric Mobile Library

Hooray! The Friends were selected again this year to take part in Monterey County Gives! -- the annual campaign sponsored by MC Weekly to support nonprofits that enrich the community with arts and music, youth and adult education, animal welfare, health care and many other critical services.

Our 2021 Big Idea is a PG Pop-Up Library, powered 100% by renewable energy, to bring books, materials and staff to schools, playgrounds, senior centers, beaches, parks, the Farmers’ Market, Good Old Days and everywhere! About the size of a golf cart, it will have display shelving, a billboard exterior to promote the Library, and onsite technology to issue library cards, check out books, and provide Wi-Fi access and reference help.

Library Director Diana Godwin wants to get the PG Pop-Up Library rolling. “Outreach is a vital part of public library service. It allows us to go directly to the patron. We reach people of all ages who can’t get to the library or don’t know what the library offers. Whether old or young, their eyes light up and the world opens when the library comes to them,” says Godwin.

Today library staff transports boxes of books, chairs, tables and all other props in their personal vehicles. The PG Pop-Up Library will provide a recognizable, energy efficient, dedicated outreach vehicle.

The Grandview Heights, OH Pop-Up is a prototype of our Big Idea for a PG mobile library. Outreach vehicles are “pivotal and transformative” in expanding library services, says the Public Library Association.

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NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS—July 2021 through October 2021

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**DONATIONS TO THE FRIENDS**
**July 2021 — October 2021**

Debbie and Paul Baker
Gary Bales
Pam Cain
Stephanie Herrick
Jane Leatham
Barbara Moore
Lucy Moore
Pacific Grove Rotary from Auto Rally
Jean Stumbo

**In Honor of Mrs. Elizabeth Brown**
Lynn Farris

**In Memory of Joseph Rock**
Marie and Louis Balicki
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Helen and Hank Rock
Joe Rock and Robin Venuti
Family Fund of the Community Foundation for Monterey County
Business Spotlight

To close out 2021, the Friends Board wants to spotlight ALL our Business and Dine Out members.

Our community benefits when we shop, dine and spend locally. We appreciate their generous support, especially during this time of disruption and business loss. As our City’s economy rebounds, Library staff and services have been increased to better serve our community.

This winter, as you take care of your business needs or enjoy take-out or socially distanced dining, remember to thank and support our 2021 Business and Dine Out Friends:

2021 Business and Corporate Members

Back Porch Fabrics (Gail Abeloe)
Canterbury Woods (Elvyra Abare)
Foxglove Gardens and Design (Michele Barat)
J. Gary Grant M.D.
Grove Market (Charlie Higuera)
Ted Hollister, D.V.M.
Peggy Jones / The Jones Group
Monterey Bay Notary Pro (Jennifer Schmidt)
Pacific Grove Books (Patricia Hamilton)

2021 Dine Out Members

Beach House at Lovers Point (Kevin Phillips)
Il Vecchio (Carl Alasko)
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Mezzaluna Pasteria (Soerke Peters & Amy Stouffer)
Pacific Thai Cuisine, Inc (Lex Juntadarapun)
Peppers Mexicali Cafe (Lisa Weiman)
Peta Restaurant (George Nimri)
Taste Bistro (Sue & Bill Karaki)
The Red House Cafe (Chris & Laura D’Amelio)
Victorian Corner Restaurant (Mary Aliotti)
Wild Fish Restaurant (Liz & Kelvin Jacobs)

We Look Forward to the Return of Dine Out in 2022!

www.pglibraryfriends.org
Thank You, Patricia Hamilton!

For saying Yes! to the Friends’ “Help Wanted” email and volunteering to be our newsletter layout editor. As the founder and owner of Park Place Publications, Patricia has published more than 300 books, many by locals of the Monterey Bay area. She specializes in coaching and assisting writers in all genres who want to self-publish, offering services in book development, editing, proofreading, illustration, photography, design and layout.

Among her best-known publications are two volumes of Life in Pacific Grove, a project she conceived and produced that brings together stories, memoirs and essays written by residents and visitors, and spanning the decades from WWII to 2018. The complete series of 10 Pacific Grove Books, with an annual donation made to the Friends of the Pacific Grove Library for every book sold, will be launched in 2022.

Thank you for generously offering your time and talent to the Friends!
Visit The “Renewal” Exhibit Through January 7

A fun and festive celebration attended by 200 lovers of art, community and our Library launched the October 8 opening of “Renewal”, a juried exhibit that can be viewed in the Steve and Nancy Hauk Gallery. Twenty-three original works in media including painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture and textile were selected from 112 submissions. Visitors enjoyed the exhibit and then strolled through Carnegie Commons and the other rooms, pausing to appreciate the Library’s full art collection that is now on display thanks to curator Christine Crozier. The Friends hosted a welcome reception in the arcade, and visitors lingered on the balmy fall evening to simply take pleasure in gathering at the Library again for an in-person event! Watch for an announcement about the closing reception on January 7.

Library Re-Dedication Event

The long awaited Pacific Grove Public Library Community Rededication Event, following the successful Library Renewal Project, took place on sunny September 18th at Jewell Park and the Library. After months of anticipation, what a wonderful afternoon of excitement, energy and celebration of the Library!

Community members enjoyed live music from the PG Pops Orchestra, pianist Michael Martinez and vocalist Adam Angel, while talented volunteers helped with face painting, sidewalk chalk activities and bubbles. Delicious refreshments were provided by the Pacific Cookie Company, Grove Market and the Health and Water Store.

Hundreds of attendees gathered to hear congratulatory remarks from Library Board Chair Heather Lazare, Mayor Bill Peake, Supervisor Mary Adams, State Senator John Laird and Congressman Jimmy Panetta. After a festive ribbon-cutting sponsored by the Chamber, self-guided tours of the Library were available with knowledgeable docents sharing fascinating facts and stories.

Event set-up and clean-up were ably provided by The Bridge Ministry helpers and Public Works staff, while Recreation staff and the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History were wonderful community partners. Library staff, Library Board, Friends Board and Foundation Board members worked hard for many months to make this celebratory day possible. Congratulations to all!
Come to the Garden!

Friends volunteers meet most Fridays at 10 am to tend the garden. Would you like to join the fun? Send an email to friendspglib@gmail.com.

Thank you! Garden volunteers (l to r) Lucy Moore, Judy Wills, Mishka Chudilowski and Glen Walder.

Happy 10th Anniversary Pacific Grove Public Library Foundation!

In 2011 the Friends received a significant bequest from the estate of Erna Morris. The Friends Board voted to form a foundation, to invest and grow these funds for long-term support of the Pacific Grove Public Library. The Friends President is a permanent, voting Director of the Foundation and meets regularly with the Foundation President, the Library Board Chair and Library Director to discuss ways of meeting Library needs.

Ten years later the Pacific Grove Public Library Foundation holds nearly $1 million, distributes annually around 5% of its funds to the Library (as required by nonprofit law) and invests in major capital and special projects such as the Library Renewal. To date, more than half a million dollars has been distributed to the Library from the Foundation.

The Foundation Board is renewing its focus on legacy giving, through estate planning and major gifts, using a wide variety of asset acceptance, working with the Community Foundation for Monterey County as its funds manager. For more information, please contact the PGPL Foundation at foundation4PGPL@gmail.com. If you have included the PGPL Foundation in your estate plans, please let the Foundation know so that your generosity can be recognized.

The Friends congratulate the Foundation Board (past and present) on ten years of partnership supporting the Pacific Grove Public Library! We look forward to many more.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Our membership continues to have questions! President Kim Bui has updates to share about the current state of the Library, as of mid-November.

**When is the Library open?**

The Library is open five days a week – Tuesday and Thursday 10 am-6 pm, Wednesday and Friday 10 am-5 pm, and Saturday 10 am-1 pm. Although the Library remains closed on Mondays, outside holds pickups are available from 3-6 pm.

**Are masks still required at the Library?**

Yes, masks are still required for in-person Library use in order to protect unvaccinated children under 5, youth, teens and adults, and those with underlying health conditions.

**Can PG Library books be put on hold for check out? Where can I pick them up?**

Holds can be placed through the PG Library website

https://www.pacificgrovelibrary.org/community_services/borrowing_holds_collections.php

and picked up at PG Library during their Library-to-Go hours: Monday 3-6 pm. **Need help placing holds? Please call 831-648-5760.**

**Can I donate books to the Library? Or the Friends?**

The Friends ARE accepting used book donations (one bag per person) M-F from 10-noon, at St. Mary’s Church, 146 12th St., Pacific Grove. The Library is not accepting donations at this time.

**Can I volunteer to help the Library?**

All volunteer positions are currently filled—thank you volunteers!

**How can I find out more, or find out when things change?**

Visit the Library website: www.pacificgrovelibrary.org

Sign up to receive the Library newsletter: www.pacificgrovelibrary.org/enotify/index.php

Sign up to receive the City’s weekly newsletter: www.cityofpacificgrove.org/our_city/newsletters_notifications/city_reports.php

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First Saturday Book Sale
December 4th from 10 am - 4 pm

$3 Sale on Hardcover
1st Editions—Like New!
Puzzles, DVDs, CDs & more!

Come to the Friends Book Store
At
St. Mary’s by-the-Sea
12th & Central, Pacific Grove

Shopper Charlie Watson shows off his $1 purchase—an almost-new 1000-piece Toy Story puzzle. All puzzles are priced at $1.