



# Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library

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Barbara Moore

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## Dine Out with Friends!



October 25-11 Vecchio

## President's Letter

We now have better estimates of the cost of the Library Renewal Project. The city's budget for 2017-18 designates \$736,000 for the project (\$142,000 from bequests to the Library and \$584,000 from contributions to an earlier effort to expand the Library). It was expected that this amount would be adequate to do what absolutely has to be done (e.g. new bathrooms and new carpet) but might not stretch to what is desirable (e.g. bringing the Carnegie portion of the Library back to its former glory). Although knowledgeable people are studying the situation and considering various alternatives, it appears that this expectation was optimistic.

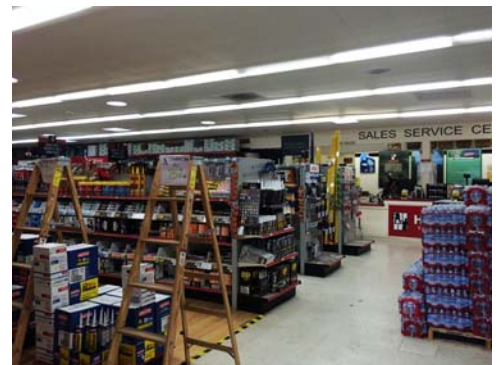
There is some good news. Just in the past few weeks, a few very generous supporters have stepped forward and contributed (or pledged) to the project, for a total of \$116,000. Further, the Friends and the Foundation stand at the ready with another \$200,000 and with a plan for how they might generate another \$80,000 over the next two years.

But the bottom line is that a Capital Campaign is going to be necessary. In the next month or so, the goal of the Capital Campaign will be announced. In the meantime, all members of both the Friends Board and the Foundation Board have pledged their financial support. We are all in! I hope you will be as well. If you want to get the jump on your friends, you can go to the Friends/Foundation website ([pglibraryfriends.org](http://pglibraryfriends.org)) to donate; you can write a check to Friends/Foundation Fund for the Future and mail it to P.O. Box EH, Pacific Grove, 93950; or you can go to the website of the Community Foundation for Monterey County.

Susan Steele

## Business Member Spotlight: Hayward Lumber

Located in the Sunset Business District, Hayward Lumber is the go-to place for building projects large and small. The helpful staff will guide you to the right selection from an extensive inventory. The business offers a window and door design center, as well as innovative building solutions designed to save time and money. It prides itself on assisting environmentally conscious builders in picking the best materials and building systems.



## Travels with the PG Library

The British Library can't compete with the British Museum or the Tower of London as a tourist attraction although they do have an original copy of the Magna Carta, the First Folio of Shakespeare's plays, and a 1902 application for reading privileges from Vladimir Lenin while he was in exile (using the alias Jacob Richter).

But it is a BIG reference library. So, in the tradition of the "Travels with the Herald,"



Dennis Mar took the "I [Love] PG Library" book bag to the British Library for a photo op.



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### Opportunity Knocking

Members of the Friends Board are looking for a few good people to join us. Board members attend monthly meetings where they plan events and map out fund-raising strategy. Each board member also takes primary responsibility for at least one Friends' activity, like organizing Dine Out with Friends or serving as an officer. We work hard, but we are proud of our role in keeping the Library healthy. And, sometimes, we also have a little fun. If you are interested in joining us, e-mail Susan Steele ([ssteele@redshift.com](mailto:ssteele@redshift.com)) or leave a note at the front desk of the Library with your contact information.

### News about the First Saturday Book Sales

In July and August, the First Saturday Book Sale had two locations – the Library's arcade, as usual, and up the street at the old livery stable on Fountain. The use of the livery building and all of the books at this location were donated by Mark and Dorothy Enayati. Their generosity made those two Saturdays particularly successful. Mark also arranged for entertainment. Thank you, Mark and Dorothy!

To keep the momentum going, the November and December book sales are going to be special. The first Saturday in November, November 4, will have a table devoted to books on veterans and military history, in honor of Veteran's Day. And,

on the first Saturday in December, December 2, we will put out special books set aside for this occasion so you can get your Christmas shopping done early.



### Met the Author - Erin McGraw

The author of six books of fiction, Erin McGraw now explores the power of the short, very short, story. On September 9 at the Pacific Grove Library, she schooled a rapt audience on its creation. Dr. McGraw, a former Stegner Fellow at Stanford University, said novel writing is painful until about 100 pages are written and the foundation is established. But she finds writing the last page of a short story to be its most difficult part. McGraw exemplified her points with the reading of four stories, notable for the variety of their narrator and for their revealing characterizations of the narrator and protagonists.

In the discussion that followed, McGraw advised would-be authors in the audience including about 20 students to have faith that their own interests would be interesting to readers. She also confided two of her own writing touchstones: have characters say surprising things that are revelatory of their natures, and avoid characters who sit and think. She uses research on an *ad hoc* basis, as required to verify a fact or a description.

Informal conversation accompanied by refreshments supplied by Betty Matterson and her team of volunteers rounded out the evening.



### Welcome, Scott!

On the evening of September 15, The Friends, the Foundation for the Pacific Grove Library, and the Library Advisory Board joined forces to throw a welcoming party for the new Library Director, Scott Bauer, at the Library. The background hammer dulcimer music, provided by Denise Schiavone, was perfect. The food, both savory and sweet, was bountiful and delicious. Thanks to Aquaterra, The Gatherings, and Lucky's for their contributions, as well as that of many volunteers.

Bauer, who served as the Deputy Director at the Marin County Free Library, began his stint as the Pacific Grove Library's new director on Aug. 21. He started working in libraries in the mid-1980s shelving books and subsequently worked his way up the ranks in several different libraries, eventually ending up overseeing the construction of the Redwood Shores Branch Library and renovations of Redwood City's library system's main downtown library. He was also involved in the remodeling of six libraries in Marin County.

After a brief introduction noting these accomplishments, Scott spoke with enthusiasm about putting his experience to work on the Pacific Grove Library Renewal Project. Mayor Bill Kampe and Councilmembers Robert Hewitt and Bill Peake underlined the City's commitment to the project.

Then, we all had another glass of wine and enjoyed one another's company.



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## Garden Improvement Project

It's not just weeding, mulching, and pruning. The most fun is planting. The dramatic east wall of the Library is now adorned with a line of four coast silk tassels (*Garrya elliptica*). The fourth was a gift from Judy Wills. Thank you, Judy, for everything you do for the Library.

## Good bye, Lily

After four years of outstanding work, Lily Yuen has retired from the Friends Board. Attendees of the Meet the Author series will miss her welcoming presence at the membership table. Members of the Board will miss her attention to getting the word out on social media. Good luck, Lily, and keep in touch!



## PLANNED GIVING: MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR LEGACY

When you prepare your will, trust, or other estate plans, there is a lot to think about. Are there people who will depend on your support? Are there others you want to remember? Are there charitable institutions that reflect your values and have been meaningful to you?

If PG's historic Carnegie library has played a positive role in your life or in the life of someone you know, please consider including the **PG Public Library Foundation** in your estate plans. We've been asked, "Does it matter whether a bequest names 'The PG Public Library' or 'The PG Public Library **Foundation**' as a beneficiary?" Yes, it does.

By naming the PG Public Library **Foundation**, you benefit from the Foundation's tax-exempt status (Tax ID #45-1738473), as well as the Community Foundation for Monterey County's professional management of our funds. When funds go directly to the Library, on the other hand, they become part of the City's funds and are subject to more restricted options for investment and disbursement. Because of those limitations, the returns on the City fund fall far behind those of CFMC's funds. Your dollars deserve to make maximum impact.

## New Members, Third Quarter

Sarah Diehl  
MaryEllen Dick  
Dr. Patrick & Anita Flanigan  
Daniel Harden  
Hank, Mary Leigh & Laurie Heilbron  
Jill Kleiss  
M. L. Leonard  
Marsha Malis  
Jim & Linda McClain  
Pacia Platzer  
Beverly Shaffer  
Will Siegfried

## Contributors, Third Quarter to the Fund for the Future

Fabio and Carolyn Bazzani  
The DeWitt Fund of the Community Foundation for Monterey County, for the Renewal Project  
Jeanne Smith-Holmquist Fund, for the children's corner

## to the Foundation

Brown Family Fund  
Linda Vogt

## to the Friends

Carol Greenstreet, for the Renewal Project  
Yo Matsuda

We encourage you to discuss estate plans with professional advisors. Some ways you can make a significant difference in our library's future include:

**BEQUEST:** PGPLF as a beneficiary in your living trust or will (or as a contingent beneficiary in the event that other beneficiaries predecease you). The bequest language may be as simple as: "I bequeath [the sum of \$\_\_\_\_ or all or \_\_\_\_%] to the Pacific Grove Public Library Foundation (ID#45-1738473), P. O. Box 2025, Pacific Grove CA 93950."

**LIFE INSURANCE:** PGPLF as beneficiary of a Life Insurance Policy. This is especially convenient if you have a paid-up policy that is no longer needed to protect your family.

**RETIREMENT PLAN:** With PGPLF as beneficiary of a qualified Retirement Plan (e.g., IRA, 403B, SEP, 401K), you can maximize your gift. These assets, when distributed directly to a charity, are not subject to taxation.

For more information, see the Foundation pages at [pglibraryfriends.org](http://pglibraryfriends.org) or write us at [foundation4pgpl@gmail.com](mailto:foundation4pgpl@gmail.com) or P.O. Box 2025, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.



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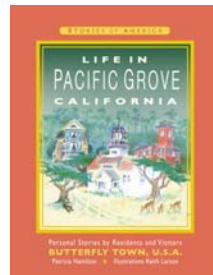
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**Mark Your Calendars:**

**Book Sales at the Library:** First Saturday of the month, 10 am - 4 pm

- October 25** Dine out with Friends, Il Vecchio
- November 4** First Saturday Book Sale, PG Library
- November 16** Meet the Author — Steve Hauk
- November 29** Dine Out with Friends, Fishwife
- December 2** First Saturday Book Sale, PG Library



**Life in Pacific Grove**  
It isn't Peyton Place, but Pacific Grove is joining the ranks of towns that are memorialized in print. Patricia Hamilton, local independent publisher, collected a trove of short stories about the Last Hometown; added illustrations by Keith Larson and introductory remarks by Mayor Bill Kampe and State Senator Bill Monning; and sent it off to the printer. The book is now available at Bookworks and at the Pacific Grove Library. Proceeds will go to the Friends to benefit the PG Library.

**Support the local businesses who support your library:**

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