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President's Message

It has been a busy summer for the Friends - and it's not over yet! We are more than half way through 110 days of fund raising for the Pacific Grove Public Library Renewal Project - and have reached over 90% of the \$2.5 million goal. With only \$250,000 left to be raised! We gratefully thank our generous contributors.

And if you haven't yet donated, you still can! Foundation President Mary Ann Whitten provides the details inside. All funds will go to the Renewal Project to preserve, update, increase accessibility and improve the PG Library for current and future patrons. An update on the Project is on Page 2. Photos of early architect renderings are at left.

In addition to this year's tremendous fundraising effort (in partnership with the PG Library Foundation, the Library Advisory Board, the City and community volunteers) the Friends have continued our popular ongoing fundraising and events to support the immediate needs, Summer reading and enhance Library services. A brief glimpse of a few of these can be found in this newsletter.

It takes a very dedicated Friends Board, and a lot of committed volunteers, to ensure that the First Saturday book sales, Dine Out with Friends, Meet the Author events, Library receptions and other special events take place throughout the year. One former Board member explained "Our Library volunteers work hard, with plenty of smiles and laughter." A volunteer noted "I am so impressed...by the hard work and good cheer of all involved and the money made for the Library."

Finally, there are two groups without whom none of this would be possible. First, the hard working Library staff who provide Library services to an average of 500 people a day, work long hours with good humor and patience, and create a public library where questions are answered, everyone is valued, reading (and listening and viewing) is encouraged and celebrated. We are so grateful for:

Brenna Blanchard, Library Clerk Polly Burns, Library Clerk Indika Karunasiri, Library Clerk Chanomi Maxwell-Parish, Library Clerk Asma Naser, Library Clerk Lisa Walling, Library Clerk Crystal Henden, Senior Library Assistant Julie Weirick, Senior Library Assistant Diana Godwin, Librarian

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And the last group - it's YOU, our much appreciated members! Your membership dues support the purchase of books and materials for our community of readers, listeners, viewers and learners, programs for summer readers, teens and adults, and so much more. And your current membership is a vote of confidence in the value of public libraries, in the importance of our 110 year old Carnegie Library to our community.

A PG resident's quote, to me, perfectly sums up the collective impact of all of us, the Library and our community - "It was also a reminder to me of how much can be accomplished by a group of dedicated people working locally to make the world a better place." Thank you for being a part of all we accomplish, together!

~Kim Bui-Burton



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Library Renewal

The Library Renewal Project design development phase is well underway. After unveiling a series of concept drawings and colorful concept renderings at a community meeting in mid-May, Library Renewal architect Karin Payson gave a public presentation and led a tour of the Renewal Project areas for residents and Library patrons.



Since then, the renderings have been displayed at the Library, along with a flip chart to collect questions and comments from the public.

Through the summer the expertise of structural, electrical, mechanical engineers, including lighting design specific to library requirements, has been incorporated into the design work.

Once all the design and operational questions have been answered, and any issues resolved, construction plans will be initiated. It is estimated that these will be developed in the fall.

Once these are completed, the City will solicit construction bids. Following the award of contract, most likely in Spring 2019, Library services will be relocated and construction will begin.

Library staff are currently working on a plan for the relocation of services in 2019, with more information to be provided before the end of the year. Stay tuned! Stay informed through this website:

www.pacificgrovelibrary.org/about-library/library-renewal-project

Volunteer for The Friends! If you are interested in

volunteering for Friends of the Pacific Grove Library, contact Peggy Hansen at phansen@redshift.com.



Summer Reading

Every year the Friends are pleased to support summer reading at the Pacific Grove Public Library through funding for supplies, reading prizes, performers and publicity for the Summer Reading Program. This year's theme "Reading Takes You Everywhere" drew over 420 young registrants. And 52 of these registrants have read over 50 books each! From June 4 to July 31 there were 22 storytimes and special programs for babies to school-aged children, reaching 1,373 attendees.

Summer reading is the key factor in stopping the "summer slide" a drop in reading ability for children who do not have a readingrich environment at home with readily available books and adults who model and value reading. And unfortunately the loss of reading practice and ability is cumulative, with summer learning loss accounting for 2/3 of the 9th grade achievement gap in reading between children from low income and higher income households (where books and support for reading may be more readily available.)

How does our library's Summer Reading Program stop the slide? Studies have shown that encouraging kids to read, making reading fun, providing access to freely chosen books with

guidance from trained librarians and encouraging adults to read are most effective in preventing summer reading loss. This year, in addition to a youth summer reading program, the Library also offered an adult summer reading program, which was enjoyed by parents and other adults.



Your Friends membership helps support summer reading for hundreds of children, youth and adults at the Pacific Grove Public Library. We are also honored to have been supported for many years by funding from the Yellow Brick Road. We are pleased to announce that, once again, the Friends have recently been awarded a generous grant from the Yellow Brick Road in Carmel to support this summer's activities. This gift is big tribute to the Library's fine summer program! We want to acknowledge that over its 30 years, the Yellow Brick Road Shops have donated over \$6 million to Monterey County non-profits.

To help continue this philanthropy they always need more volunteers. If you are interested, please call 831-626-8480 or visit www.yellowbrickroadbenfitshop.org.

Summer reading wouldn't happen without this fine organization and without YOU. Thanks for supporting another great summer of reading!

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Jonathan White Reads From His Latest Book *Tides*

Having traveled over 70,000 miles across the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans as a diver, surfer and sailor, Jonathan White has spend a lifetime studying ocean tides. On Tuesday, June 26, at the Pacific Grove Library, White discussed his latest book, *Tides: The Science and Spirit of the Ocean*, taking the audience on a vicarious journey to visit the largest and most dangerous tides around the world.

"I love to read pure science. I see poetry in it," White began by way of explaining his fascination with tides, the changes in water level due to astronomical influences by the moon, the sun, and the earth. Tides create friction by rubbing against the earth's floor, which acts to slow down the earth's rotation. He explained that a tide is a very large, long circular wave that travels around the world at 450 miles per hour.

Sharing photos of his various travels, White described his exploration of the world's most famous tides. In lower Normandie, the monastery of Mont Saint Michel, completely engulfed by tides, offered an uncompromising view of the moon's influence on water levels. In the Arctic, White followed an Innuit fisherman under the ice floor to hunt for blue mussels in low tide. And In Venice, where the tide bubbles up through the cobblestones, White explained the modern technology that is preventing the city from being submerged by the water. During floods, the famous bookstore Aqua Alta never closes, even as customers wade through knee-high water. The owner displays a sign reading "Don't Splash and Don't Make Waves!"

"The oceans are continually vibrating in response to the sun and the moon." White said. In his book, he writes, "Where we once thought the sun and moon pushed and pulled the oceans around the planet, we now understand that it's a partnership. The sun and moon call out, as it were, and the oceans call back." He demonstrated this concept of resonance at his presentation by showing a short film *in which* he asked musicians to play their instruments and watch grains of salt vibrate on various sized drums. The vibrations created by the sound of each instrument moved the grains in different patterns, which is what happens

when the moon and the sun influence our oceans' water levels.

Eighty-two residents showed up to hear Jonathan White. By evening's end, all copies of *Tides* were sold out, even the paperback editions.





TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

The PG Library Renewal capital campaign kicked off on May 12, 2018, with a daunting goal of \$2.5 million. On that day, the Friends and Foundation launched a 110day campaign in honor of our historic Carnegie library building's 110th anniversary.

As of this writing (late July), we have achieved 90% of that goal! The generous response of our community has been inspiring and a strong indication of how much our public library is valued.

But in campaigns such as this, that last 10% can be the hardest. As you read this in mid-August, we will be nearly at the end of those 110 days. **If you have been planning to contribute to this community effort but haven't yet done so, now is the time.** Please help us make it over the top. There are many ways to help:

—check to PGPL Foundation, P. O. Box 2025, PG CA 93950
—credit-card donation through www.pglibraryfriends.org
—a pledge to donate monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually (pledge cards available at the PG Public Library
—avoid capital-gains taxes on appreciated stock by donating shares to the PGPL Foundation (this can also be done through the Donate link at <u>www.libraryfriends.org</u>)
—avoid taxes on IRA distributions by donating all or part *directly* to PGPL Foundation (the tax savings is not applicable if you first receive the distribution and then donate)

We are happy to help with whichever donation method best suits your financial situation You can contact us at: <u>foundation4pgpl@gmail.com</u>

Please donate now and help to leave a lasting legacy for the community. 100% of your tax-deductible contribution will go the Renewal Project.

Lend A Hand / Lend A Paw

The Friends invite the community to "Lend a Hand/Lend a Paw" to the Library Renewal Campaign. With a \$25 donation (per hand or paw cutout) the name of your favorite person (two or four-legged), family, business or organization will be displayed behind the Checkout Desk in the Library until September. Donations can be made at the Library by cash, credit card or check made out to the PG Library Friends.

We're working to Close the Book on the Library Renewal Project Capital Campaign by Labor Day - won't you lend a hand or a paw? Thank you!

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

Thursday, Aug 16 Wednesday, Aug 29 Saturday, Sept 1 Wednesday, Sept 26 Saturday, Oct 6 Renewal Fundraiser Author Talk – PG Library Dine out with Friends – Red House Cafe First Saturday Book Sale – Library Arcade Dine out with Friends – Pacific Thai Cuisine First Saturday Book Sale – Library Arcade

Dine Out with Friends!



Wednesday, August 29 Red House Cafe 662 Lighthouse Avenue

Wednesday, Sept. 26 Pacific Thai Cuisine 673 Lighthouse Avenue

Support the local businesses who support your library!

Business Member Spotlight: Fionna Floral

Our newest Business member is a blooming find. Fionna Floral, at 216 Fountain, is a fresh take on floral design in the heart of PG's downtown. From handcrafted wedding arrangements to artful bouquets, Fionna Floral brings visions to life. Step through the big wooden doors Wednesday through Saturday, between 10 am and 2 pm, and find out what Fionna Floral can create for you.

(Right) Flower Photo by Kelley Williams Photography





Library's 110th Birthday Party

Highlights of the Birthday Party included a welcome by Mayor Kampe, a hands-on "Facebook" art Project by artist Barbara Furbush, singing with musician Mr. Chris Bohan, delightful birthday cards created on-site and by students at Robert Down and Forest Grove Elementary schools, a brief presentation and tour of the Library Renewal Project by architect Karin Payson and a wonderful donated replica Carnegie Little Free Library, created by Don Livermore and Bill Pagano, to be auctioned off at the Closing Reception.



Renewing Members (Continued):

Life: Jean & Max Bell Jennifer Bicket-Davis & Allen Davis Pam Jim & Olivia Cain Mary Sue Cantrell Ken Hinshaw & Margaret McGovern Tom Immermann Mary Lou Kissel Michael Ann & James Mitchell Lowell & Wilda Northrop Judith Perry Bertram A. Quelch Sue Rideout Deborah Rose Shirley Sparling Bev & Gordon Williams

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Built for Books

Built for Books, this year's themed juried art show and celebration of libraries, learning and philanthropy, ended with a Closing Reception on July 6. Thanks to the hard work of Library Art Curator Christine Crozier, and series co-creator/design/speaker and program-planner Cathleen Gable, this year's series was a great success.

For the fourth year in a row, California State Parks and the Asilomar State Beach and Conference Grounds proved to be an invaluable series partner, with well-researched and delightful monthly guided walks by Interpreter Lisa Bradford and a fascinating lecture by Historian Aubrie Morlet. Poet Patrice Vecchione and her "Poem in your Pocket" Program inspired a group of would-be poets (ages 8 to over 80) to share memories and visions of the Pacific Grove Library, then shaped their words into a very special poem read by Patrice at the Library's 110th Birthday Party.

Congratulations to artist Wilda Northrup for her First Place Award for the beautiful still life "Quest for the Green Thumb", Second Place Award winner Katharine D'Amore's Daily Ritual" oil on canvas, Third Place Award winner Barbara Furbush for the collaborative print and poem "FaceBooK: Mythic Women", with

Honorable Mentions to David Gregory's watercolor "Paris Bookstall", Felisa Italy's landscape photograph "A Peaceful Read" and Brad Neal's ink and watercolor "Reading Next to the Tower." A People's Choice Award was announced at the Closing Reception.



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in honor of Richard Wilson by Isabel Shillinglaw

in memory of Priscilla Nitzke by Dorothy Abeloe

Lucille Hammond by Dorothy Abeloe

Robert E. Costen on Father's Day by Laurel Costen

Note:

Memberships and donations are recorded as of July 4, 2018. Subsequent activities will be noted in the next Friends newsletter. Corrections may be sent to <u>FriendsPGlib@gmail.com</u> or Friends of Pacific Grove Library, PO Box EH, Pacific Grove, CA 93950-0319

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