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President's Message

Since January, Friends Board members and volunteers have relocated the monthly used book sale, expanded social media outreach and Dine Out, and maintained community-building through the Friends of PG Library Book Club, Poetry in the Grove and Meet the Author events. We've supported the summer reading program and celebrated the Library's 111th birthday. Read all about it inside - your Friends have been busy!

Meanwhile, for the past many months, dedicated City staff has worked with Architect Karin Payson's team to ready the Library Renewal Project to go out for bid, while also working with local businesses to plan for the Library relocation. After the challenges and excitement of last year's successful Library Renewal Project Capital Campaign, we are nearly to the starting gate!

As we look to the fall, we trust that the Library Renewal Project will be underway, supported by donated and City monies carefully spent. Your generous contributions of money, time and support to the Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library made all the difference. YOU made this possible. And we thank you!

Kim



Library Renewal Project

The PG Library Renewal Project took a significant step forward this month with the opening of bids on July 19. Three bids were received; the lowest bid seems within the Project estimates. City staff are reviewing the bid specifics before preparing a recommendation to bring to the City Council at an August meeting.

Staff are also preparing an August recommendation for Council to enter into a lease agreement for temporary Library use of portions of the Holman building, on Lighthouse Avenue, during the estimated 10-12 months of the Library Renewal Project.

Once Council awards the construction contract for the Library Renewal Project and approves the lease terms for the temporary Library location during the construction project, the dates for moving the Library and beginning construction will be set. Library staff will be providing more information as to future open hours, programs, book returns and more. Stay tuned!

Business Spotlight

Friends Monthly Book Sale

Saturday, August 3, marks the third month at St. Mary's-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church for the Friends monthly book sale. Not only have the donors to these sales managed to find their way to the new location at 12th and Central Avenues, the bibliophiles have as well!

Customers say they appreciate how pleasant it is to browse shelved books indoors, rather than search through books in boxes. With plants and cheerful helpers, "It feels like a real bookstore!" enthused Friends Board member Linda Pagnella.

The Friends "recycled books" bookstore nearly overflows with all manner of literature, non-fiction (lots and lots of biographies and history), art and cookbooks, music CDs, videos, puzzles and an entire section devoted to books and videos for children and young adults. And collectors take note! There's an area of rare books, curated by Mary Ann and Ben Whitten, that really merits serious exploration.

As an added incentive, from 10 am to 4 pm on August 3, all "red dot" books will be 5 for \$1, as the Friends clear the shelves of winter donations to make room for new treasures. And a tip for bargain-hunters - after 1 pm the crowds thin out, leaving lots of elbow room for browsing.

Come by and see for yourself at the next Friends book sale on Saturday, August 3, from 10 am to 4 pm at St. Mary's-by-the-Sea, on the corner of Central and 12th Avenues in Pacific Grove. Every dollar raised goes to buy new books and materials for PG Library!

Or if "too many books and not enough time" best describes you, donations of gently used, CLEAN books (not textbooks or moldy or falling apart!) are welcomed Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings from 10 am to noon at St Mary's.

By Marty Dunn, book sale volunteer

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PGPL Turns 111 Years Old!

No doubt about it—1908 was a very good year. The first Model T was introduced by Henry Ford, Pinnacles National Monument was created by President Theodore Roosevelt, and the Pacific Grove Public Library was established with a grant from Andrew Carnegie and community donations.

Flash forward to 2019 ... we've gone from horse-and-buggy days to self-driving cars and virtual reality. There are too many mind-boggling changes to list, but the one thing that has remained constant within our community is our beloved library.

On May 4, staff, volunteers, and patrons celebrated the 111th birthday of the Pacific Grove Public Library with a huge cake, food and drinks, art projects for the kids, and a walk down memory lane with a brief detour to look towards the future. And just to double the fun, our birthday party coincided with the PGPL First Saturday Book Sale.

As kids colored Monarch butterfly birthday cards for the library, I had my own thoughts about what I would write on her birthday card: Happy Birthday, Old Girl!

You certainly don't look your age! Even with a little work done over the years and a major rejuvenation planned in the coming year, I can tell when I walk through your doors that you are an original beauty. Over the years you've served our community well.

Please accept the gratitude of generations of little ones sitting transfixed during thousands of story hours, as well as grateful children in need of homework help, teens in search of a computer, bookworms forever on the verge of finding *just* the right book, and all of your regulars over the years reading the newspaper in "their" chairs.

And a huge thank you to the staff and volunteers who breathe life into your bricks and boards. I hope you enjoy your party—you've earned it!

By Sonja Millings,
Friends Board Director



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From The Foundation "What Happens to My Donation?"

On June 19, the PG City Council approved the City's 2019-2020 budget. As the new fiscal year begins, it's time for an annual process you may not be aware of:

When the new library budget is approved, the PG Public Library director and the presidents of the Friends and Foundation meet to discuss the budget for the new fiscal year and decide together (1) what is needed to supplement that budget and (2) where those additional funds will come from. There are three sources of supplemental funding:

- ◆ the Friends' general funds (from memberships, book sales, Dine Out, and Author events)
- ◆ the Foundation's endowment fund, from which there is an annual distribution
- ◆ the jointly held PGPL Fund for the Future (unrestricted donations received by either Friends or Foundation).

When you decide to make a donation to "the Library," you have several choices.

- ◆ Gifts to "PG Public Library" go into City funds.
- ◆ Gifts to the "Friends of PG Library" or "PG Library Foundation" go directly to work: some for current expenditures and some invested for future needs (at rates far higher than City funds can earn).

Donations can be either unrestricted or restricted. Unrestricted gifts to either the Friends or Foundation go into the Fund for the Future.

Restricted gifts are set aside for the purpose specified: a donor may want to add to the Foundation's endowment fund to help build financial security for our library's future. Or a donor's gift might be for books and materials, children's programs, the Renewal Project, or another special interest. All you have to do is make your preference known. Unrestricted gifts allow the most flexibility, but all donations are very much appreciated.

Your donations now—or planned gifts from your estate—help pay for the materials and programs we all value so much, and they help ensure the future financial health of our beloved Carnegie library. It's easy to help:

-Click the "Donate" or "Give" button on our website
OR

-Write a check, which can go to:

PGPL Foundation OR Friends of the PG Public Library
P. O. Box 2025 P. O. Box EH
Pacific Grove CA 93950 Pacific Grove CA 93950

Thank you for your past and future support!

[See the PGPL Foundation's 2018 Annual Report at
www.pglibraryfoundation.org]

By Mary Ann Whitten, Foundation President

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Summer Reading at the Library

Nearly 400 children participated in “A Universe of Stories” summer reading program at the PG Library this June and July, thanks to the Friends. Hundreds of books were read, while shrieks of laughter, voices raised in song, and gasps of amazement were heard every Wednesday from June 5th until July 24th.

The 2019 summer reading program was originally anticipated to be held in City parks, as it was hoped that the 10-12 month Renewal Project work would be underway before June. However, Project delays meant the Library was still open this summer and available for performers, musicians, and more.

Thanks to generous 2018 Monterey County Gives! donors, a grant was received to help with higher than expected programming costs to keep children reading and learning outside the Library when school was out. Those funds are being held for next year’s summer reading in the parks, as the construction project is likely to extend into summer 2020.

Much appreciation goes to Alison Jackson, PG Library’s high-energy children’s librarian and award-winning children’s book author, for another wonderful summer reading season. Alison has provided year-round programs for babies, preschoolers, elementary-age youngsters and more, plus planning for summer reading every year, plus selecting children’s material, plus children’s reference help - all while working a half-time schedule. Alison will be enjoying a well-deserved retirement, and will be greatly missed!

And join us in welcoming new children’s librarian Mary Weyant. Mary has a background as a school librarian and teacher, and has been with the Library for over six months. We know our popular and much-loved children’s programs will be in good hands.

By Kim Bui, Friends Board President

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Meet the Author Coordinator

Barbara Moore



Dickinson Walk

Nine years ago, the spirit of poet Emily Dickinson visited the Pacific Grove Public Library in the person of Dr. Barbara Mossberg, author and lecturer, and subsequently Pacific Grove poet in residence. “The Language of Flowers,” a Library juried art show and lecture series highlighting Dickinson’s poetry, followed in 2014.

This August, Pacific Grove becomes the center for all things Dickinson when the Emily Dickinson International Society holds its 2019 conference at Asilomar. “To Another Sea: Dickinson, Environment and the West” is the theme and inspiration.

Poetry and literary aficionados are invited to meet at Jewell Park, next to the Library, for a White Dress/Suit “walk to the sea” on Saturday, August 10 at 8:30 am. More information on the event and conference is available at emilydickinsoninternationalsociety.org.



PHOTOS: Summer Reading

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Mark Your Calendars:

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

- Saturday, August 3** First Saturday Book Sale – St. Mary’s
- Saturday, September 7** First Saturday Book Sale – St. Mary’s
- Wednesday, September 25** Dine Out - To Be Announced
- Saturday, October 5** First Saturday Book Sale – St. Mary’s
- Wednesday, October 30** Dine Out - Mezzaluna
- Saturday, November 2** First Saturday Book Sale – St. Mary’s
- Wednesday, November 27** Dine Out - Pacific Thai Cuisine

Renewal Project Updates

Don’t miss the latest news about the Library Renewal Project! More information will be posted inside the Library as it becomes available. You can also check the Library’s website at pacificgrovelibrary.org and the Library and Friends’ Facebook pages.

Interested in receiving updates about the Library Renewal Project via email? Join the City’s mailing list for the City Manager’s Weekly Report and Library updates by clicking: <https://cityofpacificgrove.us17.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=3b4c23adcca7cab3b3d40dca2&id=351df9d2c1>

Estate Planning

Did you know that you can name the Pacific Grove Public Library in your estate plan? For more information, or to notify us of your planned gift, please contact foundation4pgpl@gmail.com. The PGPL Foundation tax ID# is: 45-1738473.

Dine Out with Friends!

July 31
Red House Cafe, 662 Lighthouse Ave.
8 am to 9 pm

August 28
Il Vecchio, 110 Central Ave.
12-1:30 and after 5 pm


