President’s Message

Fall has always seemed like a time of new beginnings, despite the earlier setting sun and drifts of leaves on the ground. Maybe it’s the memory of those back-to-school days. Or the anticipation of crisp days and cold nights leading to quiet, cozy reading time.

For the Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library, Fall of 2019 means the long-anticipated start of the Library Renewal Project. And the temporary relocation of library services in The Holman building on Lighthouse Avenue. Two new beginnings - one for the next 10 months, and one for generations to come.

Your donations and paid memberships made this decades-long dream a reality! Hundreds of citizens and Friends members responded with individual donations during the 2018-2019 Capital Campaign, while the Friends Board designated $200,000 from memberships, Dine Out and book-sale fundraising, and bequests, to help kick off the campaign. It would not have happened without each of you!

As we move forward to the end of the year, I’d like to thank our committed Board, the many hard-working volunteers, all our dedicated members, our supportive businesses and our many donors. Together, we support our community’s readers and learners at the Library.

With the holidays just around the corner, there are so many opportunities for gift giving that also help the Pacific Grove Library. Find a gently used reading treasure at our monthly First Saturday book sale to celebrate Jolabokaflod (Iceland’s Yule Book Flood) by giving your loved ones books to read on December 24th. Or designate the Friends of the Pacific Grove Library on Amazon Smile before you shop online, and a percentage will be returned to the Library’s collection (books, audiobooks and DVDs) will be available on the Library website at www.pacificgrovelibrary.org, or by contacting Library Director Scott Bauer at sbauer@cityofpacificgrove.org.

PG Public Library Renewal Project Update

There is a LOT going on at the Pacific Grove Public Library as the Library Renewal Project renovation gets underway, and staff prepare to move library services to temporary quarters at The Holman. Here are the highlights, courtesy of Library Director Scott Bauer, who notes: all dates are subject to change.

October Library Hours have been reduced

During October, the library is open reduced hours to allow move preparation time.

- Mondays: 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM (closed 10 am to 12 noon)
- Tuesdays: 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- Wednesdays: 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM (closed 10 am to 12 noon)
- Thursdays: 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- Fridays: 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM
- Saturdays: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Children’s programming will continue on regularly scheduled dates. Please note: parking is limited around the Library due to pre-construction work.

Beginning Monday, October 28, 2019, the Library building at 550 Central Ave. will be closed. The building closure is scheduled to last until early September of 2020, at which time the Renewal Project construction will be finished and library services will return to our community’s beautifully upgraded, accessible and energy-efficient historic library.

The relocated Library on the first floor of The Holman (542 Lighthouse Ave.) is anticipated to open Tuesday, October 29.

Stay tuned for more information about the Holman Grand Opening!

At first, only the following services will be available:
- Reading Room with newspapers and magazines
- Public Access computers
- Holds pick-up and checkout

The Library’s collection (books, audiobooks and DVDs) will be the last items to be moved. It will take a few days to fit as many of these materials as possible on the shelves in this smaller temporary space. Staff will be working as hard as possible, but there may be a few days of closure and a short period of time when these materials will not be available for checkout.

Library Renewal Project updates will continue to be provided on the Library website at www.pacificgrovelibrary.org, or by contacting Library Director Scott Bauer at sbauer@cityofpacificgrove.org.

Staff would like to extend their apologies for the disruption, thank patrons for bearing with this transition month and encourage the use of the Library’s many online resources for readers and learners at www.pacificgrovelibrary.org. Thank you for your patience and support!
Business Spotlight: Max’s Grill
Max’s Grill, at 209 Forest Avenue, has been a local dining treasure for the past 16 years. The fresh French and Asian inspired menu and friendly atmosphere draw satisfied diners from around the Peninsula Tuesday through Sunday. Perhaps it’s the consistently delicious seasonal cuisine presented by celebrated chef Hisayuki “Max” Muramatsu, or the warm welcome and gracious service provided by Yuko, his wife and partner. If you haven’t visited Max’s Grill lately, don’t miss the three-course “Prix Fixe” menu for $27, with seafood, meat and vegetarian entrees, starters and a Chef’s Choice dessert – fresh California tastes, artfully presented and always a great deal.

From the Foundation
To The Power of One
Some don’t believe that one individual can make an important difference. We beg to differ. Erna Morris exemplifies the power of one.

Born in Berlin in 1925, Erna endured hardships and family tragedy in World War II. After the war, she emigrated, working in this area as a school nurse and, later, as volunteer ombudsman for local convalescent homes. She taught water aerobics for the Arthritis Foundation, wrote a book on dealing with Alzheimer’s disease, and was an ardent supporter of the PG Library.

When she died in 2010 at age 85, Erna left half her estate to the Friends of the PG Library: a bequest used to establish the PG Public Library Foundation (PGPLF). A new, long-term library funding source was born. By 2018, subsequent donations and earnings had brought the PGPLF endowment to nearly $1 million, and it was Erna’s gift that led the way.

This growing endowment has enabled PGPLF to make a substantial contribution to the Library Renewal Project, as well as annual 4-5% distributions to supplement the City’s library budget.

One person’s generosity does make a difference. Each current donation or estate bequest—large or small—to PGPLF helps build a stable, growing funding source for future library needs.

Please consider naming the PG Public Library Foundation (Tax ID#45-1738473) in your estate plans and becoming part of our Legacy Society. Your gift to the Foundation endowment will boost library support for years to come.

Contact us through our webpage: www.pglibraryfoundation.org or email us: foundation4pgpl@gmail.com

National Friends of the Library Week: October 20-26, 2019
Ask a friend to be a Friend!
Friends of Libraries groups have their very own national week of celebration! National Friends of Libraries Week was created in 2006, and is sponsored by United for Libraries, a division of the American Library Association that was formed when the Association for Library Trustees and Advocates and Friends of Libraries USA merged in 2009.

This week, the Friends of the Pacific Grove Library acknowledges and thanks all current members for their continued generosity and support—and hopes to grow our numbers! This special week offers an opportunity to invite a friend to become a member and broaden the support we provide to our cherished Carnegie library.

The Friends will staff a table at the Farmers’ Market from 4-7 pm on Monday, October 21 to share information and invite new members to join. There will also be a display at the library throughout the week, and membership applications are always available at the front desk and online at www.pglibraryfriends.org.

There are so many ways membership in Friends benefits the Library:

- Providing children’s programs
- Purchasing books, magazines, and newspapers
- Sponsoring special activities to meet the community’s needs and interests
- Promoting the value of reading
- Building a vibrant literary community
- Advocating for the Library to City officials and to the community
- Raising money to help meet unfunded Library priorities
- Supporting the growth of the Pacific Grove Public Library Foundation

Join the celebration! Invite a friend to become a Friend during National Friends of Libraries Week!
Behind-the-Scenes at the First Saturday Book Sale

What does your typical Saturday morning look like? If you’re like most Pagrovians, you might be sleeping in, walking the dogs, or enjoying a second cup of coffee while planning your weekend.

Early in the morning on the first Saturday of every month, a small group of dedicated volunteers is hard at work preparing for the Friends First Saturday Book Sale, formerly held at the Pacific Grove Public Library. This used to involve setting up tables, hauling numerous boxes of donated* books out of the basement storage room, arranging the books by genre, setting up a cashier area, and greeting early birds a few minutes before 10:00. Throughout the day, visitors would stop by to peruse bargain hardbacks, trade paperbacks, mass paperbacks, children’s books, DVDs, Audiobooks, and Music CDs (Friends of the Library members receive a 50% discount on top of already great deals). At 4:00 the same process would occur in reverse, ending another successful book sale and adding to the Library book fund. Over the years the book sale has raised more than $45,000!

Our new temporary location for the First Saturday Book Sale is St. Mary’s by-the-Sea Episcopal Church at 12th Street and Central, just down the street from the Library. This allows us the luxury of having our shelved books on permanent display--no more packing and hauling! Our process is streamlined and our visitors enjoy the additional elbow room while browsing.

On a recent busy Saturday morning, we set up a few displays outdoors to take advantage of the beautiful weather and accommodate our 4-legged friends (dogs are welcome in the outdoor area) when we received word that a wedding would be taking place in the chapel next door. Volunteers and visitors alike quickly jumped into action and moved the outdoor displays to the courtyard on the side of the building to provide a better photo opportunity for the bride and groom. We were delighted when wedding guests stopped by to purchase books before and after the ceremony.

So mark your calendars, put on your walking shoes, and stop on by---you never know what treasures you may find! The next book sales take place on November 2 and December 7, 2019, 10 am – 4 pm.

*Book donations are accepted at St. Mary’s on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday between 10:00 am and 12 noon.

January - September, 2019 Donations
Anonymous, through Community Fdn. for Monterey County
Anonymous, through Your Cause
Elizabeth Benjamin through Benevity
Pam Cain
Jil & Robert Danneskiold
Laura & Gary Febus
Bill & Roxana Keland
Jane Leatham
Charles & Clarice Moody
Ken Wanderman & Marsha Moroh
Anthony and Lary Lynn Muller Fund
Therese Nua
Edward Parrot
Shirley Sparling
Maryann & David Spradling
Rita Summers

In Memory of
Jean Baker by Torie Thacher
George Burkett by Forest Hill Manor Residence Assn.
Jeanne Cavallini by Linda Arbaugh & Evan Family Fdn.
Jeanne Cavallini by Patricia Curia
Jeanne Cavallini by Harriett McGuire
Jeanne Cavallini by Michael & Melanie McInerney
Jeanne Cavallini by Linda & Jim Pagnella
Jeanne Cavallini by Peter Rosenwald
Jeanne Cavallini by D.C. Deke Sonnichsen
Jeanne Cavallini by Phyllis Terra
Darby Fuerst by Andrea Fuerst
Ellie McGuire by Bobbie Morrison
Louis Van Tyle by Scott Van Tyle

In Honor of
Anne Healey by Isabel Shillinglaw
Mary Poplin by Isabel Shillinglaw
Isabel Shillinglaw by Anne & Dr. Anthony Healey
Torie Thatcher’s birthday by Sandra Jordan

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Individual
Barbara Boyer
Diane Brown
Christa Dahl
Audrey Doocy
Charlyce Estes
Pam Foreman
Lynne M. Hendry
Cynthia Siebe
Amy Tomlinson
Glen Walder
Matthew Wall

Family
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Dine Out with Friends!

Wed., October 30
Mezzaluna
Pasteria & Mozzarella Bar
1188 Forest Ave.

Wednesday, November 27
Pacific Thai Cuisine
663 Lighthouse Ave.

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facebook.com/FriendsOfPacificGroveLibrary/

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