



## Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library

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### SOS - Support Our Shelves!

Readers need books. Books need shelves. And our library's shelves need your help.

Our library's shelves are over 40 years old, too high for kids and adults to safely reach the top, and in need of refurbishment. To save money, avoid waste and increase accessibility, our old shelving needs to be updated for continued use. While the Library Renewal Project included funding for partial shelving upgrades, not all the costs are covered. We need your donations to finish the job and support our shelves!

\$40,000 raised by May 1 is our goal, with a one-to-one match of the first \$10,000 by the Friends. Your contribution will be matched,

### Renewal Project Update

The best news in the recent Library Renewal Construction Update, published monthly by the City of Pacific Grove, is that the project is **on schedule** and **on track** to be complete in September 2020!

Since our last newsletter, the City launched a project website with a link to a monthly report detailing the progress on all vital construction activities, expenditures to-date and many exciting photos that take you right inside where the transformation is happening! There's a detailed history of the project since its inception in 2006, an excellent timeline, and information about the tremendous funding support that resulted in more than \$3 million dedicated to the project. The website is a wonderful resource for staying informed about all aspects of the renewal.



Interior and exterior view of clerestory windows that will increase natural light in the main entrance area.



Removal of acoustic ceiling tiles exposed the original ceiling of the 1908 Carnegie building.

dollar for dollar, until the first \$10,000 becomes \$20,000 - and half our shelves will be assured of refurbishment.

**Your contributions can be made several convenient ways:**

**1) via check to the Friends of PG Library—drop it off at the Library or mail it to Box EH, Pacific Grove, CA 93950,**

**2) online at [www.pglibraryfriends.org](http://www.pglibraryfriends.org) (as an Operating Support donation with SOS written in Additional Comments/Requests) or**

**3) use the donation box at the Library, the First Saturday Book Sale at St. Mary's or the monthly Dine Out restaurant.**

The January 2020 Update lists these important milestones for the month:

- Demolition of the building interior is now 94% complete.
- Restroom framing and plumbing is now 52% complete.
- Clerestory framing has commenced. The roof was opened and steel beam supports for the clerestories have been installed.
- Electrical work, the largest component of the project, is well underway with 24% of the electrical upgrades complete.
- Painting prep work has begun. This work is primarily limited to existing windowsills and built-in shelving.

At the end of January, the project was 26% complete, and approximately \$570,000 had been expended.

The construction phase of the Library Renewal Project was launched in November and is an extensive interior remodel of the 1908 building that houses the Pacific Grove Public Library. The project has three primary components -- preserve the community's past, enhance the present and prepare for the future. The interior remodel will restore the original Carnegie portions of the historic building and integrate later additions, perform needed repairs and maintenance throughout the facility, and ensure that the building meets the needs of generations to come!

For complete information, please visit the Pacific Grove Public Library website at [www.pacificgrovelibrary.org/about-the-library/library-renewal-project](http://www.pacificgrovelibrary.org/about-the-library/library-renewal-project).

### Estate Planning

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

## President's Message

Thank you for being a Friend! 2019 was another exciting and productive year for the Friends. And 2020 promises to be the best year yet!

Here's what we're looking toward:

- Funding the last \$100,000 of the Library's "unmet needs list" before our Renewed Library reopens this fall
- Dedicating ALL proceeds from the monthly First Saturday book sales at our St. Mary's By-the-Sea Church bookstore (and Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday morning drop-in sales) and online Amazon book sales toward purchasing new books and materials for our well-used library
- Deliciously enjoying our Dine Out partnership with local restaurants on the last Wednesday of each month, where a portion of each day's sales is generously donated to the Friends
- Continuing our support of children's programs by funding spring bilingual story times in Topper Arnett Park and 2020 summer reading programs in several PG parks, thanks to two Monterey County Gives! grants
- Maintaining literary-based programs such as the March launch of *The Henna Artist* with author Alka Joshi, monthly Poetry in the Grove and the Friends of PG Library Book Club meetings
- Encouraging new members to join and new ways of giving to the Friends

We can't wait! And we can't thank you enough for your membership and being a Friend of the PG Library. Your help and support make everything possible.

PS Given recent coronavirus (COVID-19) concerns, I reached out to the PG Library. The City is closely following CDC news and guidelines ([cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)), Library staff have implemented extra disinfecting, health and hygiene measures, and anyone feeling ill is asked to avoid public contact and stay home. So please remember to keep calm, keep reading, and wash your hands for 20 seconds or more!

Kim Bui

## Business Spotlight: Bookworks



Bookworks on Lighthouse Avenue.

Bookworks, downtown Pacific Grove's cozy tea/coffeehouse and bookshop, is the perfect place for a brew or book-to-own. Thousands of new titles are available, including some by local authors, as well as notecards, literary-themed gifts, puppets and puzzles. The plum cinnamon tea warms on windy days, while coffee drinks and house-baked treats keep conversations lively. Owned and operated by a long-time local family, Bookworks is open daily at 667 Lighthouse Avenue.

## Hello and Good-Bye

Welcome Lucy Moore, a new Friends Director elected in January. Lucy grew up visiting the Pacific Grove Public Library, and is committed to "ensuring that this wonderful institution—so integral to our community, way of life, and democracy—remains a healthy one for future generations."



Friends Director Lucy Moore

Lucy moved back to PG after teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) at the University of Wisconsin in Madison for 25 years. She has a BS in Wildlife Biology, from CSU Sacramento, and an MA in Applied English Linguistics, from CSU San Francisco. Lucy was most recently on the Board of the Wisconsin Chamber Choir and the Board of the Friends of the Pinney Branch Library in Madison.

We are delighted to have Lucy on the Friends Board of her childhood library. As Lucy explained, "It's fun to become involved now, because libraries everywhere are recognizing the need to evolve with the times, while also continuing a precious tradition."

The Friends Board says a fond and heartfelt good-bye to two wonderful past Board Directors—Diane Grindol and Shirley Peake—who served the Friends so well these past several years. Shirley was Friends Secretary par excellence, lending a calm, detail-oriented and always positive presence to minute-taking, membership and newsletter mailings, Board elections and our First Saturday and online book sales.

Diane's photographs graced our webpage, flyers, posters and newsletters, while her big smile and uncanny ability to turn lengths of prose into a readable and visually appealing newsletter helped us connect with members, donors, and the community in print, online and in person. Both Shirley and Diane are talented artists, and the loss to our Board is a gain for the jewelry, photographic and visual arts. You will both be missed!

The Friends also welcome Interim Library Director Diana Godwin, who was appointed after the retirement of Library Director Scott Bauer in January. The City is currently conducting a recruitment for the Library Director position. The Friends Board recognizes Scott's efforts for the Library and Renewal Project, and wishes him all the best. And we are very grateful for Diana's energy, enthusiasm for the PG Library and PG community, and positive and "can do" leadership at this time.

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### Annual Meeting

Each January the Friends host an annual business meeting, open to all Friends members and special guests. This year's meeting, held on Sunday, January 26 at the PG Community Center, featured welcoming remarks from Mayor Bill Peake, a panel of local authors and artists facilitated by publisher and author Patricia Hamilton, book sales and a Friends social hour.



Friends President Kim Bui recalled highlights from a busy and successful year that saw the launch of the Library Renewal Project.

President Kim Bui shared highlights of 2019:

- ♦ completion of the successful Capital Campaign for the Library Renewal Project, led by the Friends Board in partnership with the PG Library Foundation, City and community members
- ♦ the long-anticipated launch of the construction phase of the Library Renewal Project and the Library's temporary move to the Holman building
- ♦ the new location for the monthly book sales at St Mary's By-the-Sea church
- ♦ continuation of the highly successful monthly Dine Out fundraiser at local restaurants
- ♦ building literary appreciation through our ongoing monthly programs—Poetry in the Grove and Friends of the PG Library Book Club
- ♦ community celebration of the Library's 111th birthday on May 4 and National Friends of the Library Week in October
- ♦ outstanding volunteer and library staff support, and Friends Board leadership, all year long

Treasurer Judy Wills presented the 2019 Financial Report. Income and Expenditures are presented at right.

Nine members of the 2019 Friends Board were reelected, and Lucy Moore was elected to the 2020 Friends Board. Congratulations!

### The Henna Artist Book Launch

“Escaping from an arranged and abusive marriage, 17-year-old Lakshmi makes her way alone from her 1950s rural village to the vibrant pink city of Jaipur. There she becomes the henna artist—and confidante—most in demand to the wealthy women of the upper class. But trusted with the secrets of the wealthy, she can never reveal her own...”

So begins *The Henna Artist* by local author Alka Joshi, who will launch her national book tour on Tuesday, March 24, at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History. This free event is co-sponsored by The Friends of the Pacific Grove Library, Harper Collins/Mira Books and OLLI. Reservations are required and unfortunately all seats are reserved at this time.

Vanessa Diffenbaugh, a Monterey resident and author of the New York Times bestselling novel *The Language of Flowers*, will join Alka for a conversation about how to weave historic learnings into a compelling story and how fiction can be used to move social issues forward.

Although the March 24 event is sold out, an encore program for Friends members will be scheduled in early 2021, when the paperback edition of *The Henna Artist* is released.

### Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library, Inc. Annual Meeting – Treasurer's Report for Calendar Year 2019 January 26, 2020

A. Through your generous support last year, we were able to:

1. Give to the Library:
    - \$3,811 – Children's Programs
    - \$250 – Teen Project
    - \$500 – Book Fund
  2. Transfer to the PG Library Foundation:
    - \$177,012 – Library Renewal Project Capital Campaign
  3. Transfer to the Community Foundation for Monterey County
    - \$5,215 – PG Library Fund for the Future
- For a giving total: \$186,788

B. Our operational expenses were \$15,074

1. \$792 – supplies and subscriptions
2. \$10,184 – insurance, legal and other services
3. \$2,293 – newsletter
4. \$1,164 – postage
5. \$641 – event expenses

Total expenditures in 2019: \$201,862

C. Our 2019 Income was: \$81,748

1. \$22,683 – Donations
2. \$20,110 – Memberships
3. \$16,273 – Book Sales
4. \$2,330 – Library Renewal Donations and Grants
5. \$8,771 – Monterey County Gives
6. \$5,849 – Fund Raisers
7. \$46 – Interest Income

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Visit the Friends Facebook page:  
[facebook.com/FriendsOfPacificGroveLibrary/](https://facebook.com/FriendsOfPacificGroveLibrary/)

## The Library is OPEN—at The Holman

Determined, dedicated, innovative, flexible, unflappable, AMAZING!!! All words to describe our Pacific Grove Public Library staff as they transitioned into the temporary space in The Holman in late October and immediately began serving all the patrons who love their local library.

“People are so happy and so appreciative that we’re here in this location. They’re very glad the City made this choice,” said Interim Library Director Diana Godwin recently. “We had to open without really knowing where things were. But people told us constantly that we were doing such a good job, even in the early chaos.”

Diana said the number of visitors is “way up” since the first of the year, now that the new location at 542 Lighthouse Avenue is better known. Three large banners, funded by the Friends of the PG Library, were hung at the Library construction site on Central Avenue in January. “We really thank the Friends for funding the banners,” said Diana. “Better signage made a big difference in helping people to find us.” During the month of January, Library staff served close to 10,000 visitors and more than 25,000 books and other items were circulated!

Although the space at The Holman is 6,800 square feet, compared to 12,500 square feet at the main Library, the full collection was moved and is available for checkout. Some items are in closed stacks that aren’t accessible to visitors; items from those stacks can be placed on hold online or retrieved on request by Library staff.

And there’s even enough room for prom dresses! Along with the Monterey, Salinas, Carmel and Monterey County Free Libraries, the PG Library is accepting donations of clean, gently used prom and bridesmaid dresses to distribute to teens throughout the county. Dresses can be brought to the Library until March 21 and the giveaway will take place at the Marina Branch Library on April 18. “PG donors have been very generous,” said Diana. “I’ve had to move dresses off the rack to make room for more.”

Beginning Monday, March 2, the Library at The Holman resumed full service hours - they are listed on the back page of this newsletter.

Many of the Library’s regular programs are offered at The Holman, including Tech Help, Preschool Storytime and Drop-In Crafternoon. Ten weekly and monthly programs were attended by 588 patrons during January. In April, the Library will begin offering a new poetry-focused program.

Check the Library’s website for the most current information about programs: <https://www.pacificgrovelibrary.org/>

The Holman location is temporary, but the warm welcomes, helpful assistance and excellent service of our Library staff are permanent characteristics. Stop in for a visit soon!

Donated prom dresses for county teens share the space with new books and selections for the month.



There’s a cheery space for weekly children’s programs, including Preschool Stories, Baby Rhyme Time and Lego My Library.

## From the Foundation – Looking Ahead

Thanks to the generosity and support of our community, the Pacific Grove Public Library (PGPL) renewal project is now well under way and the library’s temporary home at the Holman building (542 Lighthouse Avenue) will continue to provide services until the end of construction. By the fall of this year, the library should be well re-established in its beautifully restored and renewed 112-year-old Carnegie building, ready to serve future generations with the improvements needed for an effective 21st-century library.

Looking to the future, PGPL Foundation’s top priority will be building our endowment to increase long-term funding for services to those future generations. Our annual endowment distribution (normally 4-5%) supplements the City’s library budget and will need to grow, keeping pace with inflation and easing possible strains on future City budgets.

Our endowment fund, the PGPL Foundation Fund, is invested with the Community Foundation for Monterey County’s long-term portfolio, which earned an impressive 17.7% return in 2019 (and an average 7.3% annual return over the last ten years). A gift to the PGPL Foundation’s endowment becomes part of that fund, continuing to help support our library for years to come. It is indeed a gift that keeps on giving.

If you would like to play a role in our library’s future security, please consider a gift to PG Public Library Foundation - PO Box 2025 - Pacific Grove CA 93950

If you would like more information about the PGPL Foundation, visit [www.pglibraryfoundation.org](http://www.pglibraryfoundation.org) or email us at [Foundation4PGPL@gmail.com](mailto:Foundation4PGPL@gmail.com). One of our board members would be happy to meet with you personally to discuss any questions you may have.

## Donations Received by Friends of PGPL October 2019 – February 2020

Catherine Bazley  
Jane Bell  
Ted and Norma Bell  
Jean Blondeau  
Patricia Carriveau  
Robert & Donna Daunt  
Blair Holland  
Gail Jonas  
Linda Jones  
Mary and Ward Keesling  
Harold Wm. Keland  
Camille Liscinsky and Michael Bond  
Susan Lueken  
Dennis Mar  
Lynn Mason  
Jeanne Mills  
Bobbie Morrison  
Abby Pfeiffer  
Marilyn Pospishil-Greve  
Robert Reade  
Jay Spingarn  
Alice Tao  
Dean Turner  
William Wynn

### In Memory of

Jeanne Cavallini by Ed Cavallini  
Diane Fields by Bette and Jim Fisher  
Lou Kier Godfrey by Kitty Kier  
Wayne Hughes by Jean Hughes  
Jacqueline Phillips by Manning Phillips and Lucy Dunn  
Michael S. Smith by Nancy Bennett  
Helen Zeitlin by Peter Bolton and Marsha Zeitlin

### In Honor of

Gail Abeloe's Birthday by Dorothy Abeloe  
Elodie Bohrman-Galindo by Chris & Lore Bohrman  
Peggy Hansen by Laurence Ach  
Ruth Marion by Onnette McElroy  
Rowan Phillips by Jorene Moratto & Sharon Tereshka

## Donations to Friends of PGPL and PGPL Foundation Received by PGPL Foundation October through December 2019

Anonymous  
Barry Adler and Betsy Buchalter Adler  
Soe and Sarah Aung  
Dale Baker  
Gary and Judy Bales  
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Dean and Helen Turner  
Linda and Bruce Vogt  
Nora Voorhies  
Celia Weiss  
Tom and Judy Wills

### In Memory of

Nancy Hauk by Anne Hauk  
Ellen McGuire by Lisa Maddalena  
Marsha Tarmina by Dennis Tarmina

## Calling all Bookworms!

The Pacific Grove Public Library Book Club selection for April has received more than 38,000 5-star reviews!

“*Where the Crawdads Sing* is at once an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder. Delia Owens reminds us that we are forever shaped by the children we once were... If you like the idea of a literary novel flavored with elements of mystery and romance, and of a poetic writing style tempered with folksy Southern dialect, *Crawdads* is a real treat.” (BookBrowse Review)

Please join us on Monday, April 13, at the Little Jewell House in Jewell Park across from the PG Library and the Museum of Natural History. And if you can't make it in April, be sure to mark your calendar for the second Monday of the month from 1:30 to 3 pm.

All are welcome! Book Clubs provide interesting discussions, exposure to books you might not have chosen on your own, and a sense of community with other book lovers.

### Future book club selections include:

**May:** *Rising Out of Hatred: The Awakening of a Former White Nationalist* by Eli Saslow

“From a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter, the powerful story of how a prominent white supremacist changed his heart and mind.”

**June:** *Dutch House* by Ann Patchett

“... digs deeply into questions of inheritance, love, and forgiveness, of how we want to see ourselves and of who we really are.”

**July:** *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson

“Every bit as moving as *To Kill a Mockingbird*, and in some ways more so ... A stirring testament to the salvation that fighting for the vulnerable sometimes yields.”

**August:** *Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud and the Last Trial of Harper Lee* by Casey Cep

“A compelling hybrid of a novel, at once a true-crime thriller, courtroom drama, and miniature biography of Harper Lee.”

For more information, please contact Carol Greenstreet at [pgplbookclub@yahoo.com](mailto:pgplbookclub@yahoo.com). We hope to see you soon!



## Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library Board of Directors

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**Mark Your Calendars:**

**2020 First Saturday Book Sales St. Mary's by-the-Sea  
Episcopal Church at 12th Street and Central:**

**Saturday, May 2                      10 am – 4 pm**  
**Saturday, June 6                      10 am – 4 pm**

\*Book donations accepted at St. Mary's on Monday,  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday between  
10:00 am and 12 noon. Come shop then, too!



Three banners funded by the Friends direct Library visitors to the new location on Lighthouse Avenue.

**Library's online resources:**  
[www.pacificgrovelibrary.org](http://www.pacificgrovelibrary.org)

**Dine Out with Friends!**



**Wednesday, April 29**  
The Beach House at Lovers Point  
4 pm-9 pm  
620 Ocean View Blvd.

**Wednesday, May 27**  
Peppers MexiCali Café  
11:30 am-9:30 pm  
170 Forest Ave.

A portion of your check will be donated  
to support the Pacific Grove Library

**New Library Hours beginning March 2:**

- ♦ Monday                      10:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- ♦ Tuesday                     10:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- ♦ Wednesday                10:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- ♦ Thursday                  10:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- ♦ Friday                        10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- ♦ Saturday                    10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- ♦ Sunday                      Closed