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President’s Message

WHAT A BUSY FIRST YEAR it’s been for the Pacific Grove Public Library Friends and Foundation! Our fundraising and friend-raising activities - ongoing bookshop sales, Dine Out, author programs, weekly gardening, monthly book club and more - have kept our mission of supporting the Pacific Grove Public Library front and center.

While behind the scenes our combined Board and all-volunteer organization has been equally busy - new financial and membership systems are in place, a three-year strategic plan is taking shape and a brand new, soon-to-be-unveiled website will be up in early 2024.

This fall promises to be equally busy! In this issue, you’ll read about the Library’s Fall Series of diverse poetic voices, upcoming book sales, Dine Out restaurants and book club titles (featuring internationally known local authors) through the end of the year. As well as the first in a series of introductions to our volunteer Board members, members and donors.

This year you won’t find us in the Monterey County Gives! campaign. We reluctantly decided to take a pause from a Library “Big Idea” this season to focus on our own Friends and Foundation “Big Celebration” – the 50th anniversary of the Pacific Grove Public Library Friends in 2024!

For the past half century, generous community members and dedicated volunteers (like you!) have been raising funds and rolling up their shirtsleeves in support of the Pacific Grove Public Library, in partnership with the City of Pacific Grove. And we think it’s time to celebrate! Stay tuned for some special events in 2024.

As we move forward towards the end of the year, I’d like to thank our members, our committed Board, the many hard-working volunteers, our generous donors and businesses. Together, we support our community’s readers and learners, of all ages, at the Pacific Grove Public Library. Now and for the future!

Thank you, Kim Bui, President

Summer Reading Highlights

If you visited the Pacific Grove Public Library this summer, during the eight weeks of summer reading activities sponsored by the Joe Rock Fund of the Friends and Foundation and the 2022 Monterey County Gives! donations for teen programs, you may have seen a State Parks Ranger, marionettes, magician Perry Yan, a plein air painter, and many children and teen summer readers inside and outside the Library.

You may have heard the musical ensembles Cascada de Flores and the Palenke Arts Jazz Combo, excited questions about NorCal Bats and Happy Birds, and excited chatter from babies to elementary school readers, PG summer campers, teen and family attendees.

All of these 33 wonderful programs for children and early learners were developed by the Library's dedicated staff to arrest the "summer slide" (the loss of reading skills during time away from school unless readers are surrounded by a reading-rich environment) and keep the fun, joy and excitement of reading front and center for our community's children and early learners.

Altogether, teen readers read approximately 27,800 pages this summer! The top children's readers read 170 books while the top teen reader read 5,500 pages – the equivalent of 220 books! Wow!

Another summer of creative reading fun, excitement and success has ended at the Pacific Grove Public Library. We can't wait until next year!



One of many captivating performances during the Library's Summer Reading Program.

Spotlight on Us—Board Director and Sustaining Member Aliah Ibarra

My love for the Pacific Grove Library began in middle school when I started going to Pacific Grove with a family friend to visit her grandma's home during school breaks. As kids, we would ride bikes to the library, participating in summer reading programs and checking out the latest teen novels. Ten years later, I am still visiting the PG Library as I did when I was younger. I finished my undergrad project at the Library and now enjoy checking out books on subjects that strike my interest.



Aliah Ibarra

I became a Friends member after seeing the membership envelope on the front table in the Library. I thought, "I have \$30 on me right now, and I can be a member and support the Library!" I was thrilled when presented with the opportunity to be on the Board for the PGPLF&F. I am proud to be a part of the Communication and Marketing Committee and have helped with obtaining a grant from Google to run ads for the Friends and Foundation to reach a broader audience of people.

Libraries hold a special place in my heart, and I am thankful to have so many memories at the Pacific Grove Library. I can't wait to see how many more are made.

Planned Giving to the Pacific Grove Public Library

After providing for their loved ones, some Pacific Grove Public Library supporters choose to include the Friends and Foundation in their estate planning. Their generous gifts help ensure that the long-term benefits of the Library will exist far into the future, for Pacific Grove residents and visitors. "Once I knew my family would be taken care of, I wanted to make sure my belief in the importance of libraries and my love for the Pacific Grove Library would help others in the future," said one legacy donor. "I can't imagine a better way to make sure our Library is here for the next generation."

As prudent stewards of these valued funds, the Board works with the Community Foundation for Monterey County (CFMC) to manage our investments. Our fund

with the CFMC is the Pacific Grove Public Library Friends and Foundation Stewardship Fund. The Fund ID is PGLFF. This is a long-term investment to meet future Library needs, such as capital improvements or maintaining services, in partnership with the City of Pacific Grove.

The Pacific Grove Public Library Friends and Foundation can also be named in your estate planning. We are a 501c3 non-profit; our tax ID is 77-0055748. Our mailing address is P.O. Box EH, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. We are happy to work with you to ensure your vision for sustaining library services in the City of Pacific Grove is achieved.

Leave a future gift and enjoy the benefits now! Just let us know you have included the Pacific Grove Public Library Friends and Foundation in your estate plans and you will be invited to join the Legacy Society. Legacy Society members receive recognition in the annual report and are invited to special events throughout the year. Most of all, members know their generosity will ensure the Library's future.

For questions, or to let us know your future plans, please contact Kim Bui, Don Freeman, Alison Jones-Pomatto or Noreen Nance at ffpgpl@gmail.com. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to explore legacy giving for our beloved Library.

Ourself We Sing! The Poetry of Walt Whitman Inspires a Fall Series of Diverse Poetic Voices

2023 has been a year of poetry at the Pacific Grove Library, and the fall months will cap the year with rich and expansive poetic voices responding to Whitman's "Song of Myself":

I celebrate myself, and sing myself,
And what I assume you shall assume,
For every atom belonging to me as
good belongs to you.

That reflection on the oneness of humanity and the desire to celebrate the varied influences that comprise the "self" of Monterey County, our state and country inspired Library Director Diana Godwin and Cathleen Gable, the architect of the series, to choose a call-and-response to Whitman as the format for the 2023 Fall Series.

"Whitman is the American Poet of Democracy," says Gable, "and call and response is a centuries-old

poetic tradition. His work is so foundational that some poets believe every poem written since Whitman's time has been a response to his work."

The series launches on Friday October 6 with a reception for the opening of the juried art exhibit that represents artists' responses to Whitman. Exhibit curator Christine Crozier asked artists to reflect on the question, "How do we sing our country—with all its varied voices—into harmony?"

Five Friday evening programs at the Library will feature poetic responses from different ethnic perspectives. "Each will be dialoguing with the ideas of Walt Whitman," says Godwin. "How do modern-day poets interact with those ideas?"

Daniel Summerhill, the inaugural poet laureate of Monterey County and Professor of Poetry at Santa Clara University, has been described as unafraid to wrap himself in his own language. The author of two books of poetry, Summerhill will make his third visit to our Library on **October 20** to present "Black American Voices."

Georgina Marie Guardado, the poet laureate of Lake County, and **Linda Yamane**, a Rumsien Ohlone artist and historian, will respond from the Native American voice on **November 3**. Yamane will conduct a ceremony to acknowledge that the Library was built on ancestral land of the Rumsien Ohlone Tribal Community.

Watsonville's first poet laureate, **Robert Gomez**, works to advance the literary arts throughout the Pajaro Valley. A singer, musician and "lover of the spoken word," Gomez will present "Hispanic American Voices" at the Library on **November 17**.

Lee Herrick is the first Asian American to serve as California's poet laureate. The Library is both honored and enthused to have him present "Asian American Voices" on **December 1**.

And on **December 15**, Monterey County's first Youth Poet Laureate, **Mahi Shah**, will join local singer and actress **Malinda DeRouen** and **Palenke Arts** to present "America Singing".

Throughout the fall, the Carnegie Commons rotunda will be the site for installations related to each of the voices, including a Dia de los Muertos ofrenda, an unofficial voting booth where visitors can cast a ballot on current voting rights issues, red dresses honoring the memories of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, and origami cranes to symbolize hope and healing.

★★ You are Invited! ★★

ARTISTS RECEPTION
FOR THE OPENING OF THE 2023 JURIED ART SHOW

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 6, 2023
5:30pm - 7:00pm

at Pacific Grove Public Library
in the
Nancy & Steve Hauk Gallery

Ourselves We Sing:
A Call and Response with Walt Whitman

A fine art exhibition with special events celebrating the voices of our national song, from the poet of democracy to the present.

Oct 6, 2023 - Jan 5, 2024

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"Black American Voices"
Presented by
Daniel B. Summerhill

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 20, 2023
5:30pm - 7:00pm



"Native American Voices"
Presented by
Georgina Marie Guardado

FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 3, 2023
5:30pm - 7:00pm



"Hispanic American Voices"
Presented by
Robert Gomez

FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 17, 2023
5:30pm - 7:00pm





"Asian American Voices"
Presented by
Lee Herrick

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 1, 2023
5:30pm - 7:00pm

"America Singing"
Presented by
Malinda DeRouen & Mahi Shah with Palenke Arts

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 15, 2023
5:30pm - 7:00pm

★★ Sponsored by The Pacific Grove Public Library Friends and Foundation and the Whitney Latham-Lechich Poetry Fund ★★

Your memberships and donations enable the PGPL Friends and Foundation to help sponsor the Library's Fall Series, along with support from the Whitney Latham-Lechich Fund. Thank you! We look forward to gathering to celebrate the voices of our national song!

Friends and Foundation Bookstore News

Here's the latest chapter in the story of our wonderful bookstore, located in the Edwards Hall at St. Mary's by-the-Sea Church, on Central Avenue between 11th and 12th Streets.

Out of our carefully curated collection, donated by so many in our community, our volunteer staff has sold more than \$15,000 so far this year!! That is, if we do say so ourselves, a pretty impressive tally. Anyone care to guess what that number might be by the end of the year?

You can be part of that total, all of which goes directly to fund the purchase of new treasures for the Library: bring us your gifts of books, CDs, puzzles and DVDs (in good condition, please) and/or shop with us! We are open from 10 am-noon, Monday through Friday, and the first Saturday of most months from 10 am-4 pm. Our upcoming Saturday sales are pegged for October 7, November 4 and December 2.

The bookstore contains everything from current best-sellers to vintage books, from children's reading delights to specialty subjects such as cookbooks and loads of mysteries. Oh! Did we mention the art, poetry and humor sections? This shop truly has something for everyone.

This just in! The November and December sales will feature LOTS of holiday-themed books and CDs, so our bookstore can jump-start your shopping for the book lovers on your list.

Jim McElroy, brother of member Onnette McElroy, stopped in and shopped at our Saturday book sale during a visit from the Bay Area.



New and Renewed Memberships – April 1 through August 31, 2023

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Mariella Alves
 Margaret Jean Anton
 Geva Arcanin
 Walter Aumiller
 Douglas Baribeau
 Grace Beigle
 Elizabeth Benjamin
 Jenifer Bovey
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 Susan Goldbeck
 Karinne Gordon
 Natalia Goreva
 J. Gary Grant
 Bruce Hamilton
 Katharina Harlow
 Jenna Jackson
 Jawad Khan
 William Klem
 Sharon Kohlmannslehner
 Barbara Hill Lebeck
 Belinda Ledbetter
 Mary Logoreci
 Maren Martin
 Monir Mashkouri
 Betty Matterson
 Doug McCall
 Onnette McElroy
 Helen Miao
 Jim Mullany
 Nancy Ann Padgett
 Jillian Pinney
 Marilyn Pospishil-Greve
 Margot Pratt
 Maria Prince
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 Maxine Reneker
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 Paula Suttle

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 Henry Azama
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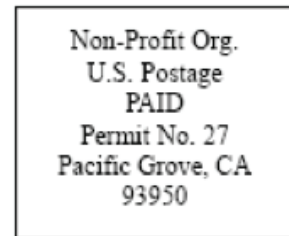
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BOOK CLUB UPDATES

The Friends’ Book Club will read and discuss titles by two internationally known and locally based authors this fall – Jane Smiley’s *Dangerous Business* on October 9 and *The Perfumist of Paris* by PG’s own Alka Joshi on November 13. The December selection will be decided soon. Contact Book Club coordinator Carol Greenstreet for more information at pgplbookclub@yahoo.com.

Fall into Winter Dine Out! JUST TO WHET YOUR APPETITE ...



We are delighted to announce the balance of our Dine-Out ‘menu’ for this year. Each of these restaurants generously donates to the Friends and Foundation a portion of all meals sold—including take-out! —on the dates listed below. These delicious options fill diners’ appetites while supporting the Library’s funding—
a true win-win!

- Wednesday, September 27** **PEPPERS MEXICALI CAFÉ**—170 Forest Avenue *Lunch and Dinner*
- Wednesday, October 25** **IL VECCHIO**—110 Central Avenue *Dinner only*
- Wednesday, November 29** **VICTORIAN CORNER**—541 Lighthouse Avenue *All day*

We heartily thank these local restaurants for their terrific support!