

Friends ^{of} _{the} Idyllwild Library

Speaking Volumes

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Ed Hansen, President



President's Message "At the Peak"

Editor's Note:

The following is the first President's Message from our new president of the Friends of the Idyllwild Library, Ed Hansen. We have given him additional space so that he can introduce himself to all of you.

Libraries are magical places. They offer books on every subject imaginable in different formats and languages, as well as state-of-the-art computers with word processing and Internet services. Libraries are a mecca for people of all ages and states of life. They open new doors for us; they make books, newspapers, maps, recordings and films readily available. The library also acts as a cultural center, offering enriching programs and meeting space for community groups and special events. It is truly an honor for me to be the President of the Friends of the Idyllwild Library, a very devoted group of people.

I was born in San Diego, California, and it was there that I early discovered that reading is the foundation of all learning. After learning to read many types of children's books, I learned to read music. This opened two new worlds to me. I majored in Music and English Literature in college. I worked as a music therapist dedicated to helping disabled children in La Jolla, I performed a piano concerto with a symphony orchestra, composed music (later performed by the San Diego Symphony), played piano for a number of ballet schools and the San Diego Opera Company, and accompanied and sang in the San Diego Master Chorale, the Escondido Oratorio Chorale, and now the Idyllwild Master Chorale. I worked in a Poway music school for six years and have taught hundreds of students since 1966. I have also worked in numerous churches as organist/pianist/music director since 1965. Upon moving to Idyllwild in 2003, I spent several years teaching English as a Second Language (ESL). I am also the Music Director at Saint Hugh's

Episcopal Church. Throughout my education, I spent countless hours in libraries on both coasts studying history, music theory, music composition, and much English literature.

For the past two years as Program Chair, I have been in charge of providing different types of programs at our Idyllwild library. Our library's extraordinary staff (Shannon Ng and Susan Righetti) have been extremely supportive and helpful in organizing these events. Arthur Connor, Roz Tilson, and Elanie Moore have done great jobs with advertising and publicity. Marcia Krull writes an inspiring quarterly newsletter. Gay Reeves and Perry Dyke spend many hours working in the Friends' Book Store and on our Friends' Book Sales as well as preparing our wonderful silent auctions.

Marilyn Kemple takes scrupulous notes as Secretary at our monthly meetings, Jean Reid writes beautiful notes and letters for us as Corresponding Secretary, Roz Tilson is a great Membership Chairperson, Bob Ferguson has proved invaluable as our "resident attorney", and Cal Gogerty has been a financial wizard as our past Treasurer. Now we welcome Tricia Mathys as our incoming Treasurer. Mary Zimmerman, our Children/School Liaison, works with Susan Righetti to plan the weekly Children's Story Hours and related crafts activities. We also welcome Marsha Lytle and Roland Bush as our new Members-at-Large. And, of course, Adele Voell, our Past President, has led us through the "agony and the ecstasy" (mostly ecstasy) of making our dream of a new library a reality. What a magnificent staff! How can we fail! I feel blessed to have such devoted, competent help, and I look forward to working with them throughout my term as President.

During the next year, our goals include presenting informative, inspiring programs for the community, continuing to raise money for the library, and helping the library staff whenever possible. This will be an exciting year. Thank you.

Ed Hansen, President

Children's Program – Story Time Fall 2014 Report

We have been “falling” into a lot of good books here at the library during story time. In October, we welcomed the Idyllwild Fire Department for Fire Prevention Month. The children loved learning from the firemen all about fire safety and enjoyed crawling in and out of the big ladder fire truck. The children departed proudly wearing their fire hats.



The following week we welcomed bat specialist Frances Spears, and everyone went batty for bats. For Halloween, we had lots of fun and treats here at the library (free comic books, books, bookmarks, candy, hot cider, hot cocoa, and endless popcorn) for all who participated in the festivities of the night.



November started off with a “Chicka, Chicka, Boom, Boom.” We have been nutty for squirrels, and ended the month, of course, with turkey tales. REMEMBER: Save a turkey, gobble up a good book!

Lots of fun and good story times are planned for the month of December: We will be visited by reindeer and snowmen, making holiday cookies and singing holiday songs, and Mrs. Claus is coming for a special visit on Monday, December 22, for a magical story time.

Santa's Workshop is back by popular demand. The free children's holiday craft workshop is scheduled for Saturday, December 20, 1 to 3 p.m. Also, during the month of December, in order to win a free candy cane, children will be challenged to find the hidden holiday squirrel in the library.

The Friends of the Idyllwild Library are proud to announce they are reinstating the \$5 Baby Gift Certificate Program, which generously honors all local newborns (up to one-year of age). This certificate is valid only at the Friends' Bookstore and has no cash value. This will be an on-going program. For further details, please contact either Mary Zimmerman or the library staff.

As you can tell, we are having loads of fun. If you have friends and family visiting you this holiday season, please come and join us for the fun and bring your guests along!

Mary Zimmerman & Susan Righetti,
Children's Program Coordinators

Upcoming Events for December

Local Color Holiday Performance

The Friends of the Idyllwild Library are happy once again to sponsor the renowned women's a cappella group, Local Color, in a program of holiday songs. The event will be held in the library's Community Room on Wednesday, December 3rd at 5:00 PM. Come celebrate the start of the holiday season. Complimentary refreshments will be served.



Penelope Engard Author Talk

On Dec. 8th, Penelope Engard will continue her lecture series with a talk on Christmas at the White House. The event will be held in the Library's Community Room beginning at 4 pm. The Friends of the Idyllwild Library invite you to attend Ms. Engard's informative and entertaining lecture.

A Library without Walls

Shannon Houlihan Ng, Librarian & Branch Manager



Traditionally, patrons had to visit the library to renew their books or do a quick bit of research. That's no longer true. The Riverside County Library System has several services that are available even when the library is closed. Need to know when the library is open? Want to know what's happening at the Idyllwild Library today or even tomorrow?

Go to <http://rivlib.anywhere.me/location/Idyllwild> to see what programs are scheduled and be linked to the Idyllwild Library's [Facebook page](#). Want to renew your library books or pay your overdue fees? Go to <http://rivlib.info> and create an account using your library card number. That account will allow you to request items, to renew what you already have out, or to make lists of books and materials you want to remember for later. Have you forgotten how many books you have out or when they are due? Check your account. The information is waiting for you, and you don't need to wait until the library is open to find out. It's almost like being in the building!

These are just a few of the things your library card gives you access to online. They are only the tip of the iceberg of what is available to you. Have a question? Ask us through our online reference service. We will call or email a reply as soon as we have the answer for you. Or explore the databases listed under E-resources. You could find detailed information you need to tackle vehicle maintenance

and repairs on your make and model of car in the online Chilton Library. Need help with homework? Live academic assistance is available from Mon - Sun 1:00 PM to 10:00 PM PST. You can even register to vote or take a practice written driving test.

The Riverside County Library System has just begun an online service called Zinio where you can download the latest magazines to your computer or e-reader. If the library is closed and you must have something to read, try Zinio or consider checking out an e-book and start reading immediately. Would you rather have some new music? You can download that as well at no charge.

To be honest, there is so much available that we couldn't possibly share it all with you in this article, but we'd like to invite you to come in and receive a free tour of our "library without walls." Any of our remarkable staff would love to share all the services that are available to you without ever leaving home.

Treasurer's Report

The total balances in the checking and money market accounts decreased by \$28,233.85 year to date through October, bringing the total to \$72,072.14. All of the funds are in federally insured accounts. The balance in the building fund was reduced to \$43,521.88 with our check in the amount of \$32,500 delivered to the Riverside



County Economic Agency on September 23, 2014, to keep the Idyllwild Library open 40 hours per week, six days per week, for the months of October 2014 through September 2015. Membership income is slightly behind, and book store sales are ahead of where they were at this time last year. Unrestricted income exceeded unrestricted expenditures by \$4,084.09 year to date through October. Unrestricted income was \$12,021.64 year to date, \$36.68 more than last year through October. Unrestricted expenditures were \$7,937.55 year to date, \$907.73 more than last year through October.

Calvin Gogerty, Outgoing Treasurer

The Year in Review

By Adele Voell, Past President

Life at the Idyllwild Library, and for Friends of the Library, has settled down after the excitement and bustle of our first two years. The Friends still support Shannon and the library staff, however, and we continue to be quite a busy group!

The Community Room is the second busiest spot in town (after the Post Office). Barely a day goes by that it is not in use, and some days it takes a Master Scheduler (Shannon) to see that everyone can fit in! The Community Room is available to all members of the community – groups or individuals – who need a quiet place to meet during the library's open hours (which continue to be Mondays and Wednesdays 10 to 6, Tuesdays 12 to 8, Thursdays and Fridays 12 to 5, and Saturdays 10 to 4. Remember, too, that there is a study room that can be reserved – it seats about four to six people – and is especially designed for students who need to work on group projects or who just need a quiet place to study.

Perry Dyke, Friends Book Sales co-chairperson, continues to select exceptional books from those donated for the silent auctions. This has proven to be quite popular and some of the donated books are phenomenal. Gay Reeves, co-chairperson of the committee, weekly monitors donations, puts the best on the shelves of the Friends Bookstore (where books may be purchased for as little as 10 cents!) We would need all the shelves in the library to hold the extraordinary number of donated books! So periodically, the Friends has a book sale outside the library where we offer some of these hard backed books at a quarter each. It's a great opportunity to add to your personal library at a nominal cost. We typically make between \$200 and \$400 on these sales, so figure how many books find new homes!

The Friends continue to make upgrades to the library. This past year, a new story hour rug was purchased with funds donated by the Rotary Anns. Stop in and see it in the Children's Corner. It helps keep order when 10 to 12 pre-school tots are there for story time. Under the competent leadership of Susan Righetti (library page) and Mary Zimmerman (who took over the Friends Children's programs chairmanship from Bonnie Doshier, who has moved off the Hill), "story time" has expanded to "story and activity time," and Monday mornings are very busy times at the Library, with many exciting and unusual programs offered to both preschoolers and elementary school-age kids in Idyllwild. I understand the Halloween program had over 100 children in attendance!

The FOL programs this past year included a series on California history presented by Penelope Engard, various author presentations and signings, and a program on Ernest Hemingway presented by Nancy Sindelar from CSU Riverside. Local Color brought us holiday music from the past and present, and Duffy Hudson brought George Burns back to life in a well-attended program in the fall (with musical accompaniment by our Friends president, Ed Hansen). We're always receptive to ideas for programs, so all of our wonderful supporters (members) are encouraged to give us suggestions.

The Friends have enhanced the library collection with several new magazine subscriptions as well as a monthly stipend of \$500 for Shannon to purchase new books, since the County budget continues to be very low for new book purchases. Shannon works very hard to select interesting and informative titles – adult, young adult, and children's -- to fill our shelves. And of course, she goes through ALL the donated books to pick out suitable books to add to our collection (the County has strict guidelines on what can be added, so she is restricted to County approval of all books added).

Gary Parton donated eight lilac bushes (which should be blooming next spring) to enhance the landscaping. The Friends have taken on the task of tending to these plants, including purchasing hoses and providing funds for a helper to water these fragile plants frequently during this hot summer. We thank Gary for his generosity in making our library not only functional but beautiful!



In October, the Friends voted to accept the revised by-laws, and if you would like to read them, you can find them online by clicking the link below or going to <https://business.facebook.com/notes/idyllwild-library/friends-of-the-idyllwild-library-by-laws/494834947323152>

I want to thank all of you for your support of the Friends over the past years and especially for your support during my term as president. It is with great joy that I pass the gavel on to Ed Hansen, who will do wonderful and surprising things for the next few years.

Editor's End Notes

We often hear stories about how libraries help change lives. Do you have a story to tell? Some time ago, I came across an article that beautifully expressed how one reader valued her library card, and that gave me an idea. I would like to share the article with you and then tell you about the idea which it generated.

Tucked in My Wallet

Tucked in my wallet between my Kaiser and my Costco cards is an old library card that belonged to my mother. My mother Francine is long dead. I carry the card with me, always, all days. She probably never kissed it but I do.

It is a summer evening and Francine and I enter the Deerfield Public Library. I am too young to have a card of my own. Obviously, this is a long time ago.

What is that smell? Dust? Must? Old glue?

Or is it perhaps the intoxicating aroma of adventure, romance, sex, puzzles, mysteries? All swarming there in those two spacious rooms?

I am flying. I am riding the untamed horse. A lover's lips touch mine. I furl the sails. I enter the Tower of London. On and on, just riding the energy of Francine's library card.

The card allows me to shop at William Blake's desolate market. It spins me into paroxysms of laughter. Tears plop, plop on my shirt.

I am reading, by God, I am reading!

--Source Unknown

Now here's my idea. I would like to invite you, our members, to submit entries telling what your library card means to you or how the library has made a difference in your life. I will select one entry to publish in each issue of our newsletter. Please share your personal experience, and allow us to share some of them with other members in our community. Let us know why you love your library card, and if you like, include a photo of you with your card. Please email your entries to me at mkrull@roadrunner.com.

Gift Idea

'Tis the holiday season, and stores are busy with holiday shoppers trying to find the perfect gifts for friends and family. Why not save the gas and consider giving a gift membership to the Friends of the Idyllwild Library? An individual membership is only \$10, and a family membership is \$15. It is very affordable and benefits our wonderful library. Email Roz Tilson, Membership Chair, at hiroz@verizon.net for more information. Just something to consider!



Send Mine by "E" Please

I want to thank those current members who provided their email addresses so they could receive the newsletters electronically instead of in hard copy. It saves significant postage charges that can be used instead to provide books and materials for the library. There are also advantages to receiving the digital version of the quarterly newsletter, including full color photos and live links such as those in this issue, that allow readers to click and go directly to items of interest. **If any members who currently receive hard copy newsletters are willing to switch to the emailed version, please email a brief note to me at mkrull@roadrunner.com.** Thank you.



I love my library card!

Marcia Krull, Editor

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