

Friends ^{of} _{the} Idyllwild Library

Speaking Volumes

Marcia Krull, Editor

December 2015

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Upcoming Events

The Friends of the Idyllwild Library are pleased to announce plans for our special holiday program featuring women's acapella group, Local Color.



All are welcome. Refreshments will be served. We hope to see you there!

Date: Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Time: 5 p.m.

Place: Idyllwild Library Community Room

Note: See more events listed in the Children's Program report.

Perry Dyke, Program Chair



President's Message "At the Peak"

Very few people do not enjoy travelling somewhere. Taking a journey, whether it be by car, train, airplane, or ship, is a way to clear the mind and nourish the soul. When I travel to a new destination which I have not previously visited, I check the Internet,

telephone book, or local chambers of commerce for four points of interest: museums, art galleries, cathedrals (including synagogues, mosques, temples, etc.), and libraries.

When I visited Rome some years ago, I had the privilege of attending Holy Mass at the Papal Basilica of Saint Peter in Vatican City. I also visited various art galleries and museums, as well as the Bibliotheca Apostolica Vaticana, or simply, the Vatican Library. The Vatican Library is the official library of the Holy See, which is the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the Church.

The Vatican Library is primarily a research library for history, law, philosophy, science and theology. It can only be accessed by two hundred scholars at a time and sees about five thousand scholars yearly, primarily for post-graduate research. The library includes documents, artifacts, original sources of information, recordings, etc. These are primary sources. The library also contains secondary sources, which build upon or comment on primary sources. The collection even includes 330,000 Greek, Roman, and papal coins and medals.

The Vatican Library was formally established in 1475, although the Library is quite a bit older. In fact, it is one of the oldest libraries in the world. The history of the Vatican Library is divided into six periods: "Pre-Lateran" (the earliest days of the Christian Church following the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ); "Lateran" (which lasted through the 1200's); "Avignon" (during the Avignon Papacy until the 1370's); "Pre-Vatican" (1370 - 1446); "Vatican" (this includes the Renaissance, Reformation, Counter-Reformation, up through the middle 1960's); and "Post-Vatican" (after the Vatican II Council).

In 1992, the Library had two million catalogued items. It has twenty-six miles of shelving (forty-two kilometers). In the semi-basement there is a papyrus room and storage area for ancient manuscripts. Some of the oldest manuscripts and documents date back to the first century.

Each year about six thousand new books are acquired. The Library has been enriched by several bequests and acquisitions over the centuries. In 1951,

the Library began microfilming. In 2012, digitization was introduced. A grant was provided by the Polonsky Foundation to digitize a million pages of material from the Library. In 2014, the Holy See announced that NTT Data Corporation donated equipment and technicians to digitize about 3000 of the Library's manuscripts within four years, estimated to be worth 18 million Euros. There is a future possibility of digitizing another 79,000 of the Library's holdings. These will be high-definition images available on the internet. Even the Vatican is opening up to the twenty-first century!

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Children's Program – Story Time

“*Explore Antarctica: Empire of the Penguin*”, an amazing exhibit on loan from the La Quinta Museum, is now featured at our library. A passport booklet has been especially prepared and serves as an introduction to Antarctica so our younger patrons can discover all sorts of interesting facts about the continent and its penguin population. Visitors can ask for a passport with questions about Antarctica and look for the hidden answers found within the display. Upon completion of the excursion and passport questions, junior explorers can get their passports stamped and receive an expedition certificate. We invite everyone to come in and explore Antarctica!

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming fun events:

Saturday, November 28, 2015, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The library will once again host *National Game Day*. All types of board games, puzzles, Legos, etc. will be available for everyone to enjoy.

Saturday, December 19, 2015, 1p.m.

We are pleased to announce a special holiday event for everyone: Joe Gandelman, comic ventriloquist. He will bring to the library LOTS of characters, interaction, and laughs. He will also share some puppetry and ventriloquism secrets. We thank the Friends of the Library for bringing this exceptional program to our library and to our community. We hope you will include this event among your special holiday activities, so be sure to come and tell your friends and family they are welcome as well. For more information about Joe Gandelman and his art of ventriloquism, visit his website at www.familyentertainer.com.

Monday, December 21, 10:30 to 12:00 noon

Mrs. Claus will be taking time from her busy schedule to come to the library for story time again this year. In addition to performing a magic show, she will also share her artistic face painting talents as time permits.

Of course, there will be candy canes, free holiday books, and lots of fun.

Monday, December 28, 10:30 to 12:00 noon

Year-end story time fun and party with Rachel. We'll be celebrating a special story time and crafts, along with a party to finish the year.

Some fall story times and events included the following: National Fire Prevention Month was observed this past October with a visit from the Idyllwild Fire Department. The children loved getting to know the firemen and climbing in and out of the big ladder truck. In October, we also held a rock painting class. Participants painted pumpkins and ladybugs. In October, we also observed Hispanic Heritage Month. Children and parents made numerous Hispanic-themed crafts, i.e. maracas, ojo de dios (God's Eye), flores de papel (paper flowers), mini piñatas, papel picado (paper flags), dia de los muertos masks and coloring sheets.

All Hallows Read, October 31, was another fun event at the library. Trick-or-treaters were treated to hot cocoa, hot cider, popcorn, a free book and a comic book, and bookmarks. A “Casper” movie was shown as well.

As you can see, we have had a busy, but very productive fun time in the children's area at the library with many more activities to come before the end of the year.

Best wishes to everyone for a healthy, happy new year.

Susan Righetti, Children's Program Coordinator & Mary Zimmerman, FOL Children's Program Liaison



**Joe Gandelman and Friends
December 19th at 1 p.m.**

The Value of Volunteers

Submitted by Shannon Houlihan Ng, Librarian and Branch Manager

“Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more.”

— H. Jackson Brown Jr. author of [Life's Little Instruction Book](#)

If this quote is true, and I'm sure it is, the volunteers who support the Idyllwild Library have to be some of the happiest people on earth. Their capacity for giving is remarkable and limitless.

The role of volunteers at the Idyllwild Library has changed dramatically over the years. In the beginning the library was established and completely managed by volunteers. They found the location, set the open hours, donated and circulated the books, and staffed the library. They did it all. They lobbied Riverside County to be included in the County's library system. Assigned library staff came with that change, though the volunteers continued to be an integral part of the day to day running of the library. For a very long time there was only one staff member, so volunteers acted as the second “staff” person to allow the library to meet the two person minimum required for the library to be open. From that time until the not-so-distant past, there was a Volunteer Coordinator position on the Friends of the Idyllwild Library Board who scheduled these essential people. The library staff depended heavily on them to keep the library open and useful.

As staffing increased, the role of volunteers changed again. They focused on library programming and created a volunteer coordinator for children's story times and the annual summer reading program. The Children's Program Chair recruited volunteers to read at the weekly story times and planned all the activities for summer reading. The framework they created is still in place today. These happy volunteers helped the library grow and change consistently over the years.

Today's volunteers work toward the same goals as yesterday's volunteers. They continue to help with daily work such as shelving and book repairs. The opportunities to help are often tied to their own interests. When we welcome a new library volunteer, we give them a form that asks which tasks appeal to them. Many have special talents with computers or special knowledge of subjects that the staff is able to take advantage of to create better services for the library's patrons. There are several volunteers who diligently check donations to see if they would be useful additions to the library collection and others who created finding tools to help patrons find books on the shelves. One volunteer has created a list of titles for parents whose children participate in the Accelerated

Reader Program at school. The list contains reading levels and points earned, so parents can help these students find just the right book. Another volunteer is an expert at keeping the nonfiction shelves in perfect order so that books don't get “lost” on the shelf. There are two crafting volunteers who help plan, design, and prepare the crafts for story time each week. The crew of story time volunteer readers is the best in the business, providing stories, music, and dance to match each week's fun theme.

Our newest volunteers are students from Idyllwild Arts Academy. They are helping the staff to check off several things from the “someday to-do” list such as readying the historical Town Crier newspapers for digital access and labeling board books so they can be shelved by subject to make it easier for little hands to find just the right counting or alphabet book. All these tasks and projects extend the ability of the library and its staff to provide the best service available to the community.

There is little doubt that those who volunteer at the Idyllwild Library should be the happiest people in Idyllwild. They truly know the value of giving, and we at the library know the value of having them here.

This is the list of suggested tasks we offer to volunteers, but it is by no means limited to these. We gratefully accept help in all its forms.

- Sort and shelve books and other materials
- Read shelves (put shelves in order)
- Donation review and processing
- Process new books
- Create signs, displays, bulletin boards and posters
- Assist with the Friends Book Store
- Assist with the Friends Silent Auctions
- Check lists for library holdings
- Help during programs (i.e. Story time, Summer Reading Program events, author talks, etc.)
- Co-Mentor YA/Teen Advisory group
- Series check for missing items – begin with YA/Teen
- Conduct school visits and library tours
- Repair library materials
- Clean DVDs and CDs.
- Light housekeeping (dusting shelves, cleaning computers, etc.)
- Special projects
- Other – any special skills or projects you would like to suggest.



Two Volunteer Opportunities

Opportunity #1

We are seeking a special person to serve as a coordinator for individuals who have volunteered to assist the library and/or the Friends of the Idyllwild Library (FOL).

The duties and responsibilities include the following:

- Assist in recruiting new volunteers to help with library tasks, programs, bookstore and book sales, silent auctions, social media, and outreach;
- Serve as first contact for new volunteers;
- Schedule volunteers for specific assignments;
- Maintain records of volunteer assignments, including documentation of hours served on a monthly and quarterly basis;
- Help plan and assist with volunteer appreciation events.

Desired qualifications include the following:

- A high-energy, positive “can-do” attitude;
- Demonstrated reliability, with the ability to work as part of a team as well as independently;
- Ability to be tactful and diplomatic and to form positive working relationships with the volunteers;
- Creative problem solving skills;
- Ability to work effectively with volunteers and acknowledge their work.

The ideal candidate would also have skills in using social media, although an alternative would be to recruit a volunteer with these skills!



Opportunity #2

The Friends of the Idyllwild Library are seeking a volunteer with specialized skills in graphic arts to assist with creating eye-catching flyers to advertise special programs and events. Skill in using social media would be an added bonus.

If you are interested in either of these positions and would like to take a more active role with the Friends of the Idyllwild Library, please contact Shannon Ng, Branch Librarian, at shannon.ng@rivlib.net.

We need you!

Book Store Report

We want to thank you for all your generous donations, which keep the Friends' store fully stocked with bargains. We especially can use donations of beautiful gift-quality books for our silent auction, as well as DVDs, CDs, and mysteries.

Here is a short list of items that we unfortunately cannot use:

--Badly damaged books, e.g., covers missing, loose pages, water damage, strong smell of cigarette smoke;

--Readers Digest Condensed books

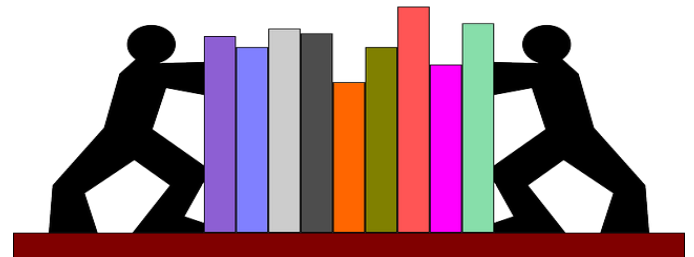
--Most popular magazines more than 6 months old--
e.g., National Geographic, Time, People, Readers Digest

--Movies and music missing artwork--e.g., VHS tapes without sleeves, CDs without inserts

--Non-commercial copies of movies and music--e.g., videos taped from TV

Thanks again for your donations. Keep them coming!

Gay Reeves, Book Sale Chair



Idyllwild Library

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Hours

Monday and Wednesday
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Tuesday
12 – 8 p.m.

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12 – 5 p.m.

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10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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Branch Manager: Shannon Houlihan Ng

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Membership Report

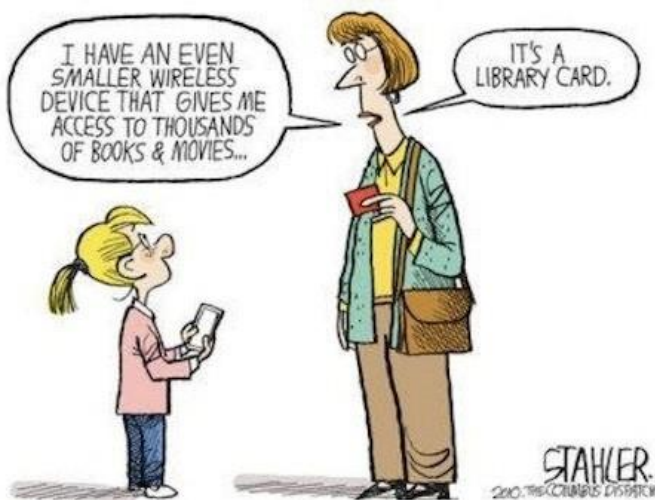
The Friends of the Idyllwild Library believe that libraries are most effective as public-based community centers that encourage literacy, promote the joy of reading, and provide the tools for informed decision-making. We want to thank you all profusely for supporting these goals with your memberships and making our library a vibrant center for lifelong learning and enrichment for residents of all ages and backgrounds.

We welcome our new members: Karl Allgeier, Sarah and Robin Oates, and Marilyn Van Herk, Eunyoung Cho and family, and Jeanette Schultejeann.

Note: Some “new” members are actually “old” members who have changed to a new membership category.

We also have many renewing members, for whom we are very grateful: Lois Denholm, Janice Fast and Maureen Farrell, Linda and Michael Fuller, Joan McCullough, Susan Moore, Marlene and Thomas Pierce, Jeanne and Jerry Buchanan, Tricia and John Carratello and Family, Amy Fogerson and Kent Weishaus, Theresa and Paul Hert, Sue Ibrahim and Jim Wymer, Judith and Russell Lawler, Kathy and Kenneth Luber, Virginia and Jack Mardesich, Diane and Donald Put, Karen Smith, and Business Member Wilder Cabins (Pat Litfin.)

As this year nears its end, we want to express our appreciation to all of you. Our membership is what makes us strong!



Editor's End Notes

Do you know that the Friends of the Idyllwild Library have purchased three Nooks for the use of our patrons? What is a Nook, you may ask? The Nook is an e-reader tablet developed by Barnes & Noble, based on the Android platform. The FOL bought three of them along with daily subscriptions to the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, and USA Today, in lieu of paper copies which take up too much space for a small library to maintain. The Friends continue to support the monthly subscriptions for these three newspapers.

The Idyllwild Town Crier and some magazines can also be put on the Nooks for patrons to read. Occasionally, when a patron needs a specific book, e.g., for a book club selection, that is not readily available in print but may be available in digital format, Shannon can download the book onto one of the Nooks. They are also good for literary classics which can be downloaded at no charge when a hard copy is difficult to get in a timely manner.

Nooks are available for use in the library by requesting them at the front desk. (Only under very special circumstances may a Nook be checked out.) Library staff can provide a brief orientation on how to use the Nook, though there is also an orientation available on the Nook itself. (Hit “Library” and then “Quick Guide” for the orientation.) Print on the Nook can be enlarged to make content accessible for visually impaired readers.

Besides newspapers, the Nook offers other content. For example, there is a daily crossword puzzle that can be completed on the Nook. It can also be used to access the Internet to find more information about topics in the newspapers, which frequently offer live links to related topics. If you would like to learn more about this relatively new technology, just ask at the front desk; the library assistants will be happy to help!

Marcia Krull, Editor



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