

Friends ^{of} _{the} Idyllwild Library

Speaking Volumes

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Ed Hansen, President



President's Message "At the Peak"

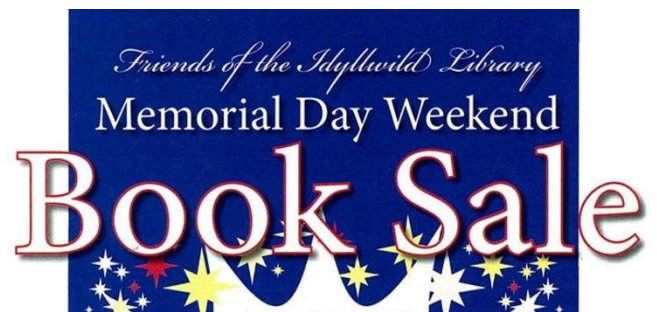
People occasionally ask me, "Who are the 'Friends of the Library'?" Have you ever been asked this question? **We** are the Friends of the Library. We are members of a non-profit group of individuals dedicated to supporting the library in its many endeavors. Most of the time we are simply referred to as the "Friends" or by the abbreviation FOL. To some people we are pro-library, free-spending advocates of a treasured American institution. Whenever people talk about the "Friends of the Library", it is a capitalized word. It is not only capitalized, there are quotation marks around it. We are the "Friends", more specifically, the "Friends of the Library". What an honor! We ardently raise money throughout the year with new and continuing memberships, book sales, and auctions, and we spend it all on the library. Many of the "Friends" are retired. Some of us are old enough to remember World War II, reel-to-reel tape recorders, and LP recordings. We have really witnessed the evolution of the library.

How are libraries benefited by the "Friends"? Sally Reed, director of United for Libraries, has written extensively about the subject. She states that they benefit by "the expansion of their resources to serve the general public." "Friends" give their time, energy, and financial support to the library. Most "Friends" prioritize their roles for serving the library and focus on the most important issues first. What are these priorities? They are promotion and marketing, advocacy, funding and decorating new buildings, taking care of building repairs, purchasing necessary accessories, considering budget and salary increases, creating a library foundation, creating a volunteer workforce, and recruitment of new members. American libraries need friends and our organization is an excellent way to meet that need. In "Answers to Ten Key Questions" about libraries, Miriam Pollack states that the relationship established with the "Friends" has "similar rewards

to those gained through personal friendships. The relationship requires the same kind of effort as with personal friends." The "Friends of the Library" offer a special opportunity to establish a consistent, ongoing, and personal relationship with the community.

Please keep visiting our library this summer. You will never regret it.

Edwin Hansen, President



Memorial Day Book Sale!

We are busily preparing for the Memorial Day Weekend sale to be held May 23rd from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. outside the library and in the Community Room. We will have an especially large collection of movies in the VHS format, which will be located in the Community Room. As always, thank you very much for your donations and please keep them coming. The store is currently low on music CDs, DVDs and children's picture books.

Gay Reeves, Book Sale Chair

Hillbilly Games

Are you a long-time Idyllwild resident? Are you a trivia buff? Put your local knowledge of Idyllwild history to the test with round 2 of the Hillbilly Games, and learn about the online Newsbank Idyllwild Historical Town Crier source available at the library. Join us on May 28th at 4 p.m. in the Community Room! All are welcome to participate. Prizes will be awarded, and light refreshments will be served.

Children's Program – Story Time Spring 2015 Report

“Read! Grow!” is the spring theme of the children's area bulletin board. Be sure to stop by and see our wonderful blooming “book flowers” created by Carol Mendoza and Susan Righetti. The more you read the more you know, so Read! and Grow! Studies demonstrate that the more children are exposed to reading at an early age, the more successful they can be in school. This foundation in literacy will serve them well as they mature and grow into adults.



Recently the library staff hosted a volunteer appreciation event honoring all of the wonderful volunteers who unselfishly give of their time in order to help make our library a great asset to our community. We would like to take time in this article to once again thank these dedicated volunteers who spend many hours in order to bring a wonderful children's program to our library either by reading or creating craft projects that enhance our weekly themes. These volunteers are leaving a lasting imprint on a future generation of readers as well as their parents. Regular story time volunteers this past year include Katie Burd, Luann Drury, Sally Hedberg, Virginia Lumb, Carol Mendoza, Karrie Morlan, Rachel Torrey, Jan Van Zanten, Mary Zimmerman, and our newest reader Callie Wight. Of course, we need to express our gratitude to the numerous special guest readers as well.

Our latest story time programs have included celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday with the “Read Across America” program, “Let's Go Fly a Kite,” “St. Patrick's Day” (where the children learned an Irish jig), “The Colors of Spring,” “Earth Day” (an introduction to recycling and its importance), “Día de los Libros y Día de los Niños” [Day of the Book and Day of the Children] (when the children danced to “La Gallina Josefina” and enjoyed a piñata), “Once Upon a Cloud” (weather stories), “Bugs, Bugs, and More Bugs” (for which the children made bug jars and also watched lady bugs change from the larva and pupa stages into adults in our Lady Bug Land Habitat.)

In April, we were once again part of the In-n-Out reading incentive program. For every five books read, children (ages 4 through 12) received a certificate for a free hamburger or cheeseburger. We distributed approximately 150 certificates to our busy, busy readers.

A community outreach program took place during spring break. The Town Hall program sponsored a career week and invited a library representative to come and speak about, “A Day in the Life of a Librarian.” It was a fun time sharing a flannel board story about Melvil Dewey (inventor of the Dewey Decimal system of library classification), reading several funny books about the library, and ending with a Bingo library game. The children received a complimentary book and bookmark.

During the summer reading program, the theme will be “Read to the Rhythm.” Remember summer visitors are welcomed to participate in all of our summer activities. Look for the summer reading flyer to learn about all of the upcoming events.

In closing, we would like to share this quote about the importance of volunteers: “Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.” Anonymous

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

Idyllwild Library

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Hours

Monday and Wednesday

10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Tuesday

12 – 8 p.m.

Thursday and Friday

12 – 5 p.m.

Saturday

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Closed Sunday

Branch Manager: Shannon Houlihan Ng

Assistants: Gayla Young, Colleen Tell, and
Susan Righetti

Pure Awesome Volunteers!

The weather was a bit rainy and gloomy on April 24th when we celebrated our volunteers with an intimate get-together sharing a few stories, handing out certificates, small gifts to the volunteers with the most hours, and acknowledgements of our sincere appreciation for all that they do for us. Of course we stepped it up a notch with a beautiful yummy cake made by Colleen and fresh coffee thanks to Warren!



Volunteer Appreciation Celebration
2014—2015

Our caring volunteers are an integral part of the library's operation from shelving materials, tidying and dusting the shelves, preparing art projects for Children's Story Time and Summer Reading programs, reading at Story Time, looking up a never-ending supply of donations in our database and supplying data for possible new items to be added to our collection, maintaining the Friends of the Library bookstore, cleaning DVDs, assisting the staff with special projects, and so much more! Without their dedication, commitment, skills, and great sense of humor our library would not be able to fulfill its mission to provide Idyllwild with a true sense of community. Their diverse backgrounds and skills play vital roles in helping to make a real difference in the Idyllwild Library. Great big kudos and thanks go out to each of our ***pure awesome volunteers!***

Gayla Young, Volunteer Coordinator

Membership Update

How thrilling it is to have so many new and renewing members in the Friends. Our Idyllwild Library is experiencing large increases in daily usage by the community, and there are many new programs and activities for children, teens and adults. Thank you all for providing the increasing amounts of funds needed

to support these expanding needs.

A grand welcome goes to our new members; we are delighted to have new family members the Michael Boyer family and Maureen and Richard Dodson and new individual members Kathleen Bryson, Carolyn Etheridge, and Callie Wight.

Our recently renewed memberships include family members Darleen and Jerry Beebe, Janet and Martin Jones, Shannon Ng and Michael Mills, Puri and Juan Ruiz-Anchia, Pat and Richard Schwartz, Jacquelin and Jason Siff, Colette and Pascal Simon, the Sallie Warwick family, and the Jon Zorn family

Renewing individual members are Sue Anderson, Helen Atik, Arthur Connor, Jayne Davis, Daniel Dever, Anne Huffstutlar, and Elaine Lockhart.

Thank you also for a generous donation by Charlotte Anthony.

Roz Tilson, Membership Chair

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances, Income & Expenditures
Year to Date as of May 1st

The total balances in the checking and money market accounts are at \$75,442.55, which includes the balance in the building fund of \$43,521.88. Compared to this time last year, Membership income is down \$145. Bookstore sales are down by \$200; however, donations are up \$838. YTD unrestricted income is \$4,513.34, which is up \$539 from where it was this time last year. YTD expenditures are at \$2,454.92, which means income has exceed expenditures by \$2,058.42.

Friends of the Idyllwild Library Purchases as of May 15th, 2015:

Professional PA System	\$449.39
Children's and Summer Reading Programming	\$481.98
Movie license	\$164.84
Library catalog book additions	\$310.74*
(*\$500 monthly is allocated for this purpose)	
Grounds keeping	\$180
Programming	\$1,050
• Penelope Engard	
• Nancy Sindelar	
• Katya Williamson	
Advertising (Town Crier)	\$170
Supplies	\$80.64
Monthly Digital Subscriptions	\$287.82

Tricia Mathys, Treasurer

Summer Reading Program 2015

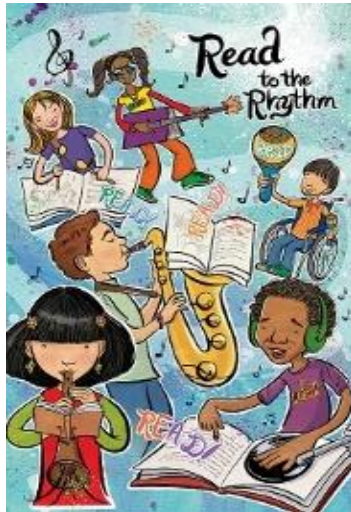
Read to the Rhythm

June 20, 2015 to July 31, 2015

We're going to have a rockin' good time at the library this summer as we "Read to the Rhythm," which is this year's summer reading theme. We will kick off the summer reading program on Saturday, June 20, with Anna Ancheta and Local Color, who will be singing and teaching songs relating to literature. The following Saturday, June 26, we are delighted to welcome Marshall Hawkins for an inspiring jazz music program. Both events will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Monday story times all begin at 10:30 a.m., and everyone will be entertained by Wendy Watts with a special introductory song. Of course, each story time incorporates a theme-related craft as well as a light snack.

The following musically themed story times have been scheduled:



June 22 "The Lemon Lily Fairy"

Author Sherri (Stange) Domenigoni will create a summer thunder storm for a fantasy-themed story time in the library.

June 29 "Rhyming Songs and Fun Dances"

Join musician and teacher Katie Burd as she leads the group with musical instruments (including our new boomwhackers.)

July 6 "Life is a Dance ~ Get Down"

Rachel Torrey and special guest Tony White plan a lively time of dance using dance streamers.

July 13 "Rhythm and Whoooo's"

Tawny Harrington & her son Mecino will perform on guitar and various flutes creating sounds of nature.

July 20 "Friendship ~ All Around"

Karrie Morlan will take everyone on a musical journey so they may experience diverse music from around the world.

July 27 "We Will Rock You" Awards Party

This summer, our branch has been selected as a test site for a new on-line summer reading registration program. All readers will keep track of their reading as well as their participation in various library activities on line. On-line reading logs will be due July 23.

Some special Tuesday teen events have also been scheduled:

July 7 Teen Drum Circle (including our new Boomwhackers) with Romi and Saph; 5 - 8 p.m.

July 14 Rockin' Rally Domino Run 5 - 8 p.m.

July 21 Marble Boogie ~ Roller coaster structures will be built and let the marble races begin! 5 - 8 p.m.

This summer we are going to create a musical video adventure with our own production based on Ylvis' "What Does the Fox Say?" for children and teens. This event will take place on Thursdays, 10 a.m. to noon, June 25, July 2, 9, 16. This musical video will debut at the "We Will Rock You!" awards party.

On Tuesday, June 30, 5 to 7:30 p.m., Instrument Petting Zoo – If you have always wanted to play an instrument but don't know which you would like, come and try out a few. This event is sponsored by our summer music non-profit partner Musica!

In addition there are some pending summer programs which we are waiting to confirm. Therefore please stay tuned for possible changes in this schedule.

The adult summer reading program will run from July 1 to July 31.

Join us for some musical and literary fun this summer as we "Read to the Rhythm."

Susan Righetti, Children's Program Coordinator

Idyllic Visions: Views of Our Mountains

By Erin O'Neill

Guild members of the Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild ventured into new territory with our "panorama project". Inspired by the Rogue Art Quilters' 19-piece "Along the Rogue", fourteen of us stepped up to the challenge of creating personal vistas of our beloved San Jacinto Mountains with the goal of entering the venerable, respected and very competitive Road to California Quilt Show in Ontario, California in 2012. As seen from a vista point in Fern Valley, Idyllwild, a series of photographs of the famous 180-degree ridgeline (spanning from northeast of Suicide Rock around to and beyond Tahquitz Mountain toward the southwest) were melded together into a panorama by photographer Robert Ross-Clunis. This resulting panorama was divided into 14 sections, one for each quilter who in turn each drew lots for the section they would create. The original panoramic photograph is on display above this fabulous fabric-art series. It was a

year-long project with frequent communication and mutuality.

These brave, dedicated quilters, in the order of the quilt sequence, are Deanna Collins, Patti Blackman, Stormy Liston, Annamarie Padula, Joyce Cummings, Dawn Miller, Agnes Wilkerson & Donna Price, Ella Jean Morgan, Erin O'Neill, Carmen Curiel-Terrazas, Penny Bottomly, Sally Tena, Pat Hughes and Vivian Camp. They worked long hours at learning and mastering the virtuosity required for art quilting and then acquiring the long list of materials, fabrics, threads, paints and new skills necessary to bring the beauty and finesse of each vision to this enterprise.

The quilters had minimal guidelines with the only unifying elements stipulated being the overall finished size, the manner of finishing edges, and a faithful representation of the ridgeline in order for the works to flow from one to another. One glance dramatically illustrates the incredible imaginations and talents brought into these interconnected pieces of fabric art. The wildlife of this mountain is vividly depicted from bunnies to coyotes, birds to deer, and the rich, botanical life of the forest, the water courses and the village.

The result is a unified piece of art stretching 25 feet in length. This year-long endeavor brought varied approaches and techniques to art-quilting (fabrics, appliqués, paints & inks, thread-play, collage and more), diverse interpretations, changing times of day, weather and seasons of the year, native wildlife, local pastimes, and the values and ideals of what we hold dear in the small, artistic mountain town of Idyllwild, California. It hangs at present in the Community Room of the Idyllwild Library. This project deserves all the attention it gets and it truly represents the joy of living in our San Jacinto Mountains.



Photo credit: Jenny Kirchner

Editor's Note: To see a larger version of the image above, hold the CTRL key and click on the picture (for PC users.)

A Tour of the Front Page – Part 1

By Shannon Houlihan Ng, Librarian & Branch Manager

I recently had a conversation with a long-time patron and discovered that many people, even those who spend a lot of time at the library and even more time reading, haven't been properly introduced to the Riverside County Library Homepage and all that it has to offer. I've mentioned in earlier articles that libraries are no longer simply a place to check out books. They

are community centers. As such, your library offers a variety of free services that you may not be aware of. The main page rivlib.info has several to explore. Here are some examples of what's there for you.

Zinio for Libraries is a subscription available to the Inland Library System from the California State Library. ILS and RCLS subscribe to a customized library collection of approximately 130 magazine titles. You, as the patron, can create an online personal library collection account that will store those issues you check out and will remind you when the next issue arrives. You are able to check out as many new issues as you want – and keep them in your viewing account as long as you want - no late fees. These issues arrive at the same time or earlier than those on the newsstand. Imagine reading the current issue of *Everyday with Rachel Ray*, *Bloomberg Business Week*, *Smithsonian* or *Taste of Home* without ever leaving home. Hold CTRL and click on the icon, and create an account to see if your favorites are there.



Also on the front page are several services we often don't remember we need until a deadline approaches. Do you need to register to vote or change your registration? CTRL/Click on the icon and get the job done. You will be connected to a **California Online Voter Registration** Form and several useful links from the California Secretary of State.



[Stay tuned for even more resources in Part 2 which will appear in the Fall newsletter!]

Editor's End Notes

Some of us grew up in the pre-digital age, when libraries were places where we could go to check out books and do research in the Reference section. Now, not only do libraries offer a much wider range of services, but we don't even have to visit the library building in order to access many of them! On a recent cruise to Alaska, the cruise ship had its own beautiful library as well as a trained librarian. I browsed the shelves and was impressed with the materials available to passengers. I used the ship's WiFi to download audio books as well as Kindle books onto my iPad. Best of all, I discovered that the library provided a quiet, comfortable place to hang out while on board! Hurray for libraries!



Marcia Krull, Editor

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