

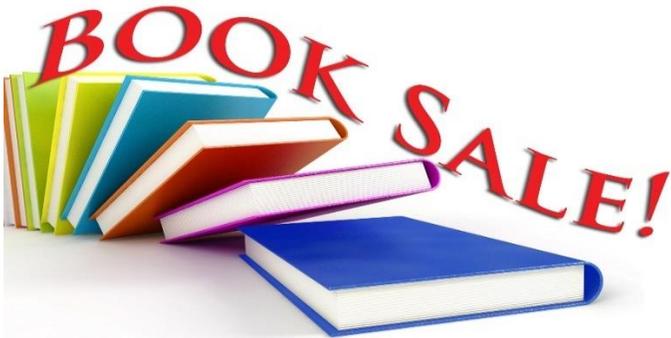
Friends ^{of the} Idyllwild Library

Speaking Volumes

Marcia Krull, Editor

Fall 2017

Edwin Hansen, President



Saturday, September 2nd, 10 am to 3 pm
In front of the library
All books 25 cents each!
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Upcoming Events Sponsored by the Friends of the Idyllwild Library

Besides our Labor Day Book Sale, there are several great programs scheduled for the next few months. Here is a listing of those currently on the calendar:

“Cahuilla History & Legacy in the San Jacintos”
Gerald Clarke is a sculptor, installation, and conceptual artist from the Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians. His work often reflects on and questions current issues in Native America and the United States, as well as his personal life.
Tuesday, September 26 @ 6 pm

“Cleopatra’s Rumba”
This is the first of a series of six classes on Eastern Influences in Western Music presented by **Diane Mitchell**. Each class will be generously illustrated by audio and video examples, and supplemented by suggestions for further exploration. (More information on p. 5)
Thursday, September 28 from 3 – 6 pm.

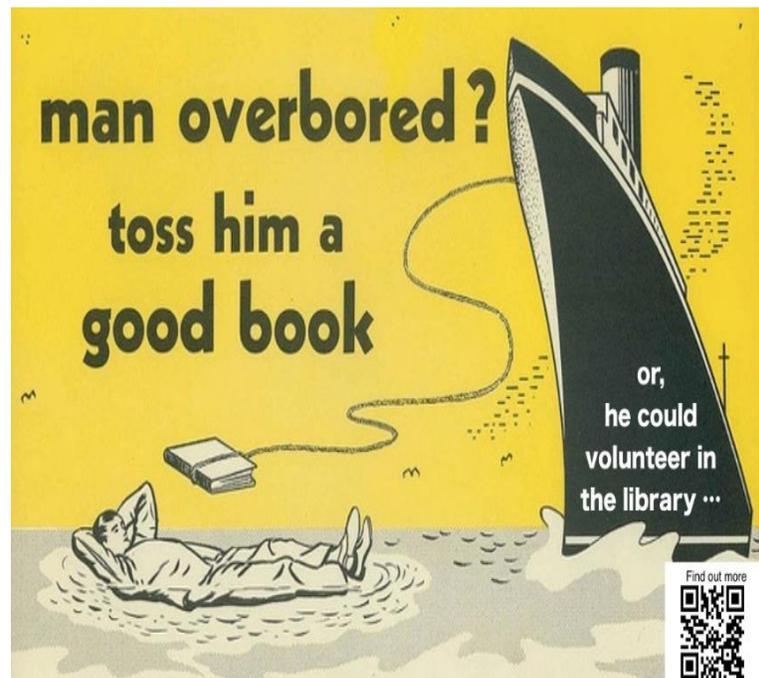
Friends of the Idyllwild Library Annual Meeting
Join us for a summary of this year’s accomplishments and election of officers for next year. Meeting will be followed by a music program with **Change Required**, local country/rock band.
Saturday, October 7 @ 2 pm.

Please note: Unless otherwise indicated, all events will be held in the Idyllwild Library Community Room.

Perry Dyke, Program Chair

Library Volunteers

The library is looking for help with reshelving books, computer work, and children’s events. There is also a growing need for volunteers to specialize in graphic arts, retail experience and social media that could help enhance the existing program.



For more information about becoming a library volunteer, contact library staff at (951) 659-2300 or Warren Monroe, Volunteer Coordinator, at wmonroe@earthlink.net. We need you!



In Memoriam

We lost a dear friend on May 25th when Jean Lewis Reid passed away. A long-time, dedicated member of the Friends of the Idyllwild Library, she inspired the Friends, Suzanne Bischof, Perry Dyke, Doris Ferguson, Marilyn Kemple, and many others to donate gifts to the Idyllwild Library in her memory. There are two new additions to the Library's collection of Leo Politi prints, "Three Little Girls in Pink" and "Dancers" join the Politi prints already part of the collection. Stop by the Library to see them and to remember our dear friend, Jean.

Membership Report

We would like to welcome new Life members Marilyn & Michael Larkin. Thank you to Theresa & Paul Hert, Elanie Moore, Joan McCullough, Tricia & John Carratello, Linda & Larry Turner, Amy Fogerson & Kent Weishaus, and Sue Ibrahim & Jim Wymer for renewing your memberships.

We also appreciate generous donations from Susan Nickerson & Stephen Hobbs, Barbara & Clifford Woolfolk, Diann Coate, Nancy Beddingfield & Paul Leverenz, Peggy & Bob Ferguson, Pete & Suzy Capparelli, Earl & Peggy Parker, Michael Boyer, Christine Siems, Faith Rendell, and Marsha Lytle. These donations, as well as those from the Idyllwild community helped us purchase our 3-D printer, laptop computers, and other items to support our library programs.

If by chance your membership has expired, please renew. You can renew by mail, in person, or online at our website! Please give us your email address if you have one. We **promise** not to share it with anyone. You will receive our full-color digital

newsletter and save postage funds that the Friends can use to further assist our wonderful library!

A new membership option available on the website is to consider a monthly recurring donation to the Friends of the Library through Paypal. It is simple and safe! You can sign up on our website www.friendsofityllwildlibrary.com/

Please note that I am new to the position of Membership Chair and apologize for any errors I may have made with this first report. 😊

Jeri John, Membership Chair



President's Message "At the Peak"

The Board Members of the Friends of the Idyllwild Library were privileged to attend our first Retreat Meeting at the spacious home of member Jean Stein on Monday, August 7, 2017. We decided to hold the retreat away from the library so that we could focus on issues relevant to our mission in an atmosphere conducive to creative thinking without distractions, where we could combine Friends of the Library business with an enjoyable social gathering.

Past Board luminaries Adele Voell and Bonnie Doshier were invited to attend to provide a historical perspective on the role of the Friends. Unfortunately, Bonnie had injured herself in a fall and was unable to attend; however, Adele was able to come, and we were all delighted to see her again. Bonnie had been asked to provide a historical perspective on the Friends of the Library, and in her absence, Shannon read a letter sent by Bonnie and distributed "A Brief History" which summarized the many accomplishments of the Friends as we worked to build our library from its humble beginnings to the state-of-the-art facility that provides such comprehensive services to the community. Jean Reid's many scrapbooks were on display and provided a visual history of the Friends' involvement in our library's development. Legislation and Governmental Liaison Bob Ferguson was unable to attend, but Shannon shared a letter written by him that summarized the multiple steps taken between 1999 and the library's opening in the current location in October of 2012.

After reviewing the history of our goals and focus, Shannon contrasted former facilities with modern

library usage with emphasis on programs and technology. Shannon also focused on the challenges of the future for libraries. In breakout sessions, attendees rotated through four topics: finance, membership, volunteers and board responsibilities. Summary reports will be presented by the facilitators of the four groups in September. With business completed, we gathered for food and libations, concluding a very worthwhile and enjoyable business and social event. Thanks to all who were involved in planning this fine retreat!

Edwin Hansen, President

Friends of the Library Bookstore



Good reads - fiction, mystery, non-fiction, self-help, coffee table and children's books as well as media items are all available at low prices (10-25 cents). Next time you visit the library come and see what we have to offer. Our inventory changes frequently!

Mary Zimmerman, Bookstore Chair

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances, Income & Expenditures YTD as of July 31, 2017

- Year to date, Income exceeded Expenditures by \$2,564.38
- Membership income is up \$208.70 from the previous year to date
- Donation & Memorial income is up \$6,562.02 from the previous year to date
- Bookstore sales are up \$76.51 from the previous year to date
- Unrestricted income for the year is \$12,901.36, which is \$6,562.02 more from the previous year to date
- Unrestricted expenditures for the year are \$10,336.98 which is \$5,428.02 less than the previous year to date

Due to a particularly lengthy newsletter, the list of year to date expenditures has been omitted. The information is available at the library for anyone who wishes to see it.

Tricia Mathys, Treasurer

Story Time & Children's Events

It adds up! If you read just 15 minutes a day, in one year you will have read over 1,000,000 words!

Source: Statisticbrain.com

Our summer readers did just that and even surpassed what is stated above. We are very pleased that we had so many participate in the summer reading "Read by Design" program. We are delighted to announce our top summer readers along with the prizes they received:

Olivia Brown – Preschooler Top Reader

(Little Elliott Stuffed Elephant)

Dominic Rivera-Sandlin – Children's 1st Place Award

(Big Bear)

Candice Cook – Children's 2nd Place Award

(Spirograph and Sphinx Game)

Adam Smith – Top Teen Reader

(\$25 Barnes & Noble Gift Certificate and mood pillow)

Sally Salter – Top Adult Reader

(\$25 Artspresso gift certificate)

Gabriella Clark-Igoudin – Grand Prize

(Big Bear)

Natalie & Rory Lovette – Video Workshop

(Storygami game)

Congratulations to everyone who participated. All of the summer readers are winners and have the personal satisfaction that comes from accomplishing a lot of reading. Hopefully, summer reading has helped them to develop or continue their love of reading.

We kicked off the summer with a wonderful musical program "Singing Your Way to Reading" featuring Sandii Castleberry. In addition to Monday story times and Thursday STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) programs, children assisted in a Wednesday video production workshop, and on Fridays, we offered a Scratch Coding Club, which is a fun way to learn computer coding. Special Saturday events included "Anime Your Way" with Carlos Nieto, professional artist and cartoonist, and a "Henna Art" class with Jen Hajj.



We also want to thank all those who helped bring our community's children so many outstanding, wonderful programs this summer, which would not have been possible without their help. Volunteer story time readers, STEAM program leaders, and helpers included Tawny Harrington (Body Science and Lava Lamps), Sherri Domenigoni (Creature Teacher), Rachel Torrey (Numbers in Action and A Barrel of Monkeys), Postmaster Kelly (Post Office Field Trip and Postal Worker's Day), Sally Hedberg (Boats Floats, Geometric Art), Don Dietz (Geometric Art, Geology), Terryann Halloran (Color Science), Helen Hixon (STEAM programs: Engineering, 3-D Printing/Calder Mobiles, Towers, & Origami), Cindy Brenz from the Anza Branch (Book Art), Robert Righetti (Robots), Elanie Moore (Vibrating Colors), Carol Mendoza (Assistant, Story Book Walk), Jen Hajj (Henna Art), Karrie Morlan (Assistant), Donna Barber (Assistant), Barbara Longstreet (Assistant), Jan Van Zanten (Assistant), Deborah Garver (Assistant), and Wendy Watts (Video Workshop, Photographer).



In June, the Idyllwild Library joined the "Lemon Lily Festival" by creating a Story Book Walk based on Sherri Domenigoni's book The Lemon Lily Fairy. Amanda Allen, Park Naturalist with the Idyllwild Nature Center, was pleased to add this experience to the festival. Carol Mendoza, Donna Barber, and Susan Righetti worked diligently to bring the story to life on sixteen story boards embellished with floral arrangements. People were able to read the story boards posted at various points along the trail that began at the author's stand and wound its way along the trail to a panoramic overlook with views of Tahquitz Peak, Lily Rock, Marion Mountain, and the valley below. Children could dress up as elves, gnomes, and fairies and have their pictures taken with author Sherri Domenigoni. It was such a success that there are plans to present the Story Walk again at next year's festival.

We hope that you were able to join us for the Solar Eclipse Viewing Party on Monday, August 21, 2017, from 9 a.m. to noon. A solar scope generously provided by Joe Neu for the event allowed viewing of the eclipse. We also live streamed the eclipse via NASA. Solar eclipse glasses were provided for safe viewing by Dr. Larry Kawano. We also had several activity stations set up for the children to learn about the eclipse including: making a pin hole camera, craft of sun and moon, moon sand, planets coloring sheet, illumination activity with flashlight, and an extraterrestrial-themed snack.

There are many marvelous fall story times planned, such as Fire Prevention with the Idyllwild Fire Department along with special guest readers for other story times. We will be observing "Hispanic Heritage Month along with "Dia de los Muertos" with Spanish-themed crafts workshops again this year. Look for these events and be sure to let your family, friends, and neighbors know what is happening at the library.

Our goal is to bring library programs that will get children excited about reading and subsequently help them to develop excellent reading skills, ultimately benefiting them to become successful adults. We thank the Friends of the Library for their support in making these programs possible and touching the lives of many of our community's children who developed a love of reading from their visits to the library.

Susan Righetti, Children's Program Coordinator

Full STEAM Ahead at the Library **Submitted by Shannon Houlihan Ng,** **Librarian & Branch Manager**

STEAM has arrived at the Idyllwild Library!

There has been a movement in education for several years to incorporate the concepts of STEM into teaching and learning. What is STEM? The acronym represents the subject areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The goal is to educate students in the four subjects together versus teaching them as four different disciplines. Most importantly, it is to teach them together as applied science using real world problems and solutions.

It wasn't long until someone noticed an important piece was missing. "Creativity is the secret sauce to science, technology, engineering and math." (Ainissa Ramirez, Science Evangelist) and without it, "an education devoid of arts...is an empty, half-brained kind of education." (Howard Gardner, Harvard University education professor.) And so, STEAM was born.

It's not surprising that libraries immediately began providing opportunities for everyone to explore this new way of learning. Hands-on experiences and discovery learning are a natural fit for the services public libraries provide. In February, we tried something a bit different to encourage teens to visit the library. At the suggestion of a parent, we created STEAM Week Youth Camp during the Hemet USD's Winter break. There were creative STEAM projects for each day of the week including building robots, online coding, exploring borax crystals, book folding, and editing digital images. We borrowed a 3D printer from the Riverside County Library System to design and print small objects. *The response was overwhelming!* Not only did we have teens come to the library, we had adults and children who were fascinated by the hands-on experiences and wanted more. The 3D printer became the talk of the town. The newspaper did an article. I was asked to come talk about the technology at five different local organizations and, in turn, donations began arriving for the purchase our own 3D printer.

Our new printer arrived at the end of July. We are in the process of creating tutorials and guidelines to enable everyone in the community to use it. We have a very knowledgeable group of 3D printer enthusiasts to help, several of whom purchased their own printers after attending demonstrations here at the Library. They are learning the specifics of the AIO Zeus+ and testing its capabilities. Our goal is to provide free and open access to the printer, the online software used to design printable objects and to volunteers who can show the public how to use it all. The generosity of those donating to this project will allow us to provide free filament for a least a year. We will also be able to purchase other equipment and programming tools to expand STEAM at the Library beyond the 3D printer. Our list includes handheld 3D printing pens, laptop computers, microscopes, STEAM kits and more. Some of you may be asking "Why a 3D printer?" or "Where does all this technology fit into libraries?" It's not an unusual question since, for many, library is simply another definition for the word books. But consider this. Libraries have always done more than provide reading material. They promote opportunities for lifelong learning to everyone. Where else is it free to follow your interests and explore new possibilities? Lifelong learning begins at birth and never needs to end. Literacy is more than reading alone and interest is a powerful motivator. Our goals for the STEAM program here at the library are to encourage and promote an interest in discovery learning, to introduce the hands-on experience of STEAM, to promote the library's nonfiction collection and, mostly importantly, to

provide a safe place for creative questioning and problem solving for all ages. That's what libraries do. The Friends of the Idyllwild Library once again has stepped up to make innovation available to the community through the Idyllwild Library. I could not wish for a stronger, more effective or more generous group of Friends.

Please help us to thank the following generous contributors. Without their interest and support, this project would still be only a good idea.

- ♥ The Pine Cove Property Owners Association
- ♥ The Idyllwild Realtors Association
- ♥ Soroptimist International of Idyllwild
- ♥ Idyllwild Rotary
- ♥ Marsha Lytle
- ♥ The 3D Printer Interest Group (to be renamed something catchy in the near future)
 - Mark Daukas
 - Dan Dever
 - Mark Lonsburg
 - Ben Mettler

You are welcome to join this esteemed group. Simply donate to the Friends of the Idyllwild Library and mention this article.

For more information...

[What is STEM Education?](#)

[The Library as Incubator projects in technology](#)

[Making for STEM Success](#)

Editor's End Notes

I try to attend as many of the programs sponsored by the Friends as I can fit into my schedule. On August 8, I was privileged to hear Affairs of the Harp with Christian Chalifour, a tour de force of [beautiful harp music](#). (Click link for a sample, but give it a minute to load!) On August 28, Patti Hudson, Volunteer for the US Forest Service, presented the principles of Leave No Trace, to educate people about their recreational impact on nature and help them prevent and minimize such impacts. I missed the eclipse program because I was viewing it in Nebraska, but I heard that it was great! An upcoming program that I am excited about is Diane Mitchell's 6-part series on [Eastern Influences in Western Music](#). (Click link for a description.) Our annual meeting in October will feature music by Change Required. The Friends are privileged to be able to present such a variety of high quality speakers and entertainers, and we encourage all of you to come out and support these programs. They are truly a gift to the community!

Marcia Krull, Editor

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