

# Friends <sup>of</sup> <sub>the</sub> Idyllwild Library

## Speaking Volumes

Marcia Krull, Editor

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### Upcoming Events

The Friends of the Idyllwild Library have been busy scheduling programs for the enjoyment and enlightenment of our community. Here are some of the upcoming programs that the Friends are sponsoring.

#### **"The Journey of an Idyllwild Kid to the PGA Tour"**

The story of how, after participating in local and Hemet-based youth sports for 6 or 7 years, a 13 year old decided to switch to golf in a town with no golf facilities. Follow the steps he took through high school and college that led to professional golf and finally, to the PGA Tour.

Presented by Kent & Jana Steele, parents of Brendan

Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Place: Idyllwild Library Community Room

#### **"From the Mountains to the Movies"**

Follow the acting career of one of our mountain's shining stars. Born in Alsace, France, she moved to Idyllwild at the age of four, and although she spent most of her adult life working in Los Angeles, she kept returning to Idyllwild, the place she has always called her home.

Presented by Michèle Marsh

Date: Tuesday, August 16, 2016

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Place: Idyllwild Library Community Room

#### **Friends of the Idyllwild Library Annual Meeting**

Featuring Duffy Hudson as Harry Houdini.

Date: Saturday, October 1, 2016

Time: 2 p.m.

Place: Rainbow Inn

(Detailed information will be provided in the September Friends of the Library Newsletter as well as on the Library's Facebook Page.)

**Perry Dyke, Program Chair**

★ **Memorial Day Book Sale!!** ★

★ **May 28th 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.** ★

★ **Outside in front of the Library** ★



### President's Message "At the Peak"

I really miss my Encyclopaedia Britannica. I miss its lofty position on my bedroom shelves, adjacent to a mixture of Shakespearean plays and sonnets, Harvard Classics, and other novels and reference books of lesser importance. In "Speculum Maius" (translated in 1244 as 'The Greater Mirror'), French scholar, Vincent de Beauvais, believed that what is read in an encyclopedia should be believed and imitated. He taught that the encyclopedia showed the world what it is and what it should become. It should be for the betterment of the world -- the edification of mankind. Another scholar, Ramon Llull, regarded the thirteenth century encyclopedia as "an instrument for the pursuit of truth." Francis Bacon's plan for the encyclopedia included a three-section structure:

1) "External Nature," (astronomy, meteorology, geography, species of minerals, vegetables, and animals; 2) "Man," (anatomy, physiology, structure of powers, and actions); and 3) "Man's Actions on Nature," (medicine, chemistry, visual arts, music, senses, emotion, architecture, transportation, printing, agriculture, navigation, arithmetic, and other subjects). From this time on, it was believed that "trivium" (grammar and logic) and "quadrivium" (geometry, arithmetic, astronomy, and music) were necessary ingredients in any encyclopedia. Louis Shores, editor of "Collier's Encyclopedia" (1962) considered the encyclopedia to be "one of the few generalizing influences in a world of 'overspecialization.'" H. G. Wells had a similar view -- these hallowed books should be a clarification and a synthesis of information. The result of such beliefs was the "Fifteenth Edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica which was meant to enhance the role of the encyclopedia in education and understanding not forgetting its role as a reference book. The encyclopedia provides coverage over a whole range of knowledge -- a comprehensive summary of that which is known on each topic considered. As I earlier stated, I sure miss my Encyclopaedia Britannica, cobwebs, dust, and all.

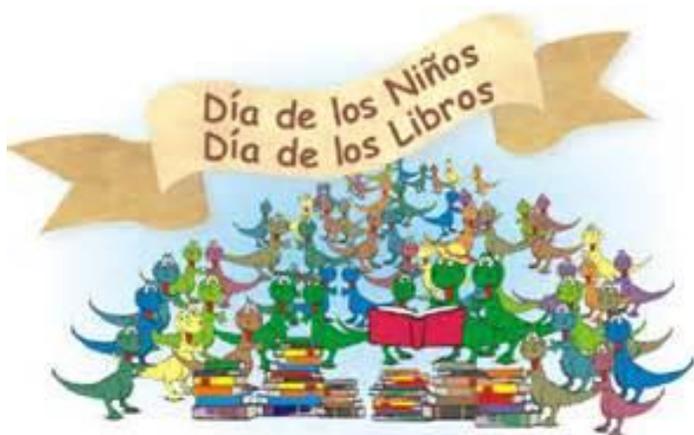
**Edwin Hansen, President**

## Children's Program – Story Time

"Reading Gives You Wings" is the theme of our latest bulletin board in the children's area. It depicts an opened book with numerous colorful butterflies emerging from the book. This display is meant to remind us that by just opening a book we can soar anywhere in our imaginations. This bulletin board also ties in nicely with our spring story times about caterpillars and butterflies. Children get to adopt and name a caterpillar and then watch their caterpillars transform into beautiful Painted Lady butterflies. They will be learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. Thanks to the Idyllwild Arts student volunteers for their incredible job of making the butterflies as well as Carol Mendoza for her assistance with the display. Please stop by and take a look at the bulletin board as well as our caterpillars and butterflies.



On Monday, April 25, children were read multi-cultural stories in observance of the twentieth anniversary of ***Día de los Libros y Día de los Niños (Day of the Book and Children's Day)***, commonly known as ***Día***. ***Día*** has become a tradition in many schools and libraries and emphasizes the importance of literacy for children from all linguistic and cultural backgrounds. We ended our story time celebration with a piñata. Check Idyllwild Library Facebook page for pictures of all the fun that was had at our ***Día*** story time.



In May, we were pleased to welcome dance specialist Holly O'Farrell for a special story time with the theme "Dancing for Joy." Holly was accompanied by Rachel Torrey. Everyone had lots of fun and a lively story time. Of course, every story time concludes with a take home craft project which reinforces the story time theme.

Summer Reading 2016 will be a celebration of sports and achievement with the theme: "Read for the Win." Summer reading is for children, teens, and adults. There will be plenty of activities, reading programs, incentives, and crafts. The Summer Reading Kickoff event will be a "Bike Rodeo," to be held at the Idyllwild Community Center on Sunday, June 5, 2016, 2 to 4 p.m., with Mary Metcalf-Collier and Brendan Collier of Hub Cyclery. Participants will receive courtesy bicycle and helmet safety inspections as well as minor repairs to bikes. An obstacle course will help kids gain confidence on their bikes. Complimentary water bottles and bike bottle cages and snacks will be provided.

Everyone is in for a special treat for our summer reading Monday story times, which will consist of "Let's Play Baseball," "Native American Lore and Games," "Animal Olympics," "Kung Fu and Martial Arts Stories," and "Survivor Skills."

Due to our success with last year's children's summer video project, this summer we will be making a video to "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." The children will be learning and signing the lyrics of the song in "American Sign Language." This event will take place June 7, 8, and 9, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Other special events this summer include the following:

**Saturday, June 11, 2-4 p.m.** – Anime Drawing Workshop for all ages

**Tuesday, July 5, 5 p.m.** – Cycling with Mary Metcalf Collier, the first woman to finish the 2,745-mile "Tour Divide," will present a discussion and film about a woman's biking adventure on the Trans-American Highway.

**Thursday "Game-on" Events for teens and families**

June 23, 3-5 p.m. – Cupcake Checkers

June 30, 3-5 p.m. – Giant Jenga

July 7, 3-5 p.m. – Life-Sized Candy Land Game

**Fridays, July 8, 15, 22, 29, 12-3 p.m.**

**Teen Writing Workshop** with Emily Heebner  
(co-sponsored with Art Alliance of Idyllwild)

As you can see there will be plenty happening at the library this summer. We invite all of you to participate and to encourage friends, family, and neighbors to be a part of what's happening at Idyllwild Library.

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

## Membership Report

Today we want to thank all of you for your support of our wonderful library and staff. There are an increasing number of programs for all ages and for all interests, with corresponding increased costs, so thanks for your contributions. Our library has ever growing usage and we want to keep this going!

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Friends member Bill Hart, and we send our condolences to his widow Ruth.

A happy welcome to our new members Susan Judkins, Reba Wilson, and Betty Wilcox. We appreciate the renewal of Business Members Valerie and Alex Virtue of Alex Virtue, Inc. Thanks to our renewing individual members Sue Anderson, Helen Atik, Corinne Brown, Dan Dever, Susan Harper, Ileana Lee, Elanie Moore, Gay Reeves, Jo Shinkle, and Callie Wight.

It's always a pleasure to thank renewing family members Summer and Ed Brown, Dore Capitani and Trish Tuley, Maureen and Richard Dodson, Ron & Marcia Krull, Shanna and Dave Robb, Patricia and Richard Schwartz, Jean Waggoner & Cal Gogerty, Sallie L. Warwick and Family, and the Zorn Family of Shannah, Jon, Sam and Owen. We appreciate the donations by the Dodsons, Rebecca Wilson, and the Zorn Family as well.

**Roz Tilson, Membership Chair**

## Treasurer's Report

Account Balances, Income & Expenditures YTD as of April 30th, 2016:

The total balances in the checking and money market accounts are down \$6,648.29, bringing the total to \$72,619.69. Membership income is up \$125 from where it was this time last year. Bookstore sales are down \$549.18 from where they were this time last year. Unrestricted income was \$3,139.08 which is \$1,353.35 less than this time last year. Unrestricted expenditures were \$9,611.32, which is \$2,682.64 more than this time last year. Year to date, expenditures exceeded Income by \$6,472.24

Year to date expenditures as of April 30th, 2016:

Friends of the Library made a payment for the NewsBank service in the amount of \$6,974.52. This is a service that will digitize past issues of the Town Crier to make them available to the public through the library.

End panel accessories for the non-fiction stacks, letterhead and envelopes, Logan Creighton (Amazing

Grace presentation), Penelope Engard presentations, book club books, children's supplies, Explore Idyllwild Map, 100 Friends tote bags, postage, two 1/8th page ads in the Town Crier, monthly digital Nook subscriptions (The Los Angeles Times, The New York Times, USA Today).

**Tricia Mathys, Treasurer**

## Book Store Report

The Friends of the Idyllwild Library will be hosting their annual Memorial Day Book Sale on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in front of the library. This is a one-day sale, so come early for the best selection!



**Gay Reeves, Book Sale Chair**

## Idyllwild Library

54401 Village Center Dr., P. O. Box 68  
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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

**Library Assistants:** Colleen Tell, Susan Righetti, and Yumi See

## Discovering Leo Politi

Submitted by Shannon Houlihan Ng,  
Librarian & Branch Manager

We have had a “new” discovery at the library. Well, maybe we should call it a rediscovery. Clearing storage spaces and re-evaluating the materials we keep in the library is an on-going process. While doing our February pre-spring cleaning, we rediscovered what I thought was a print by children’s author & illustrator, Leo Politi. I remembered finding it in a corner of the old library and putting it between two pieces of poster board to protect it during the move but I didn’t remember where it had been stored once the move was completed. I was surprised to find it again stored on edge behind my desk with several other very large pieces including the original large scale design plan for the new library. This time we looked more closely and found that we had an original in our hands.



This is not the first time I’ve had the privilege of appreciating Mr. Politi’s art. My children and I were frequent visitors to the Smiley Library in Redlands where a mural in the Children’s Room depicts children of yesteryear reading, drawing and sailing a toy sailboat. I was very familiar with his Caldecott Medal winning children’s picture book, ***Song of the Swallows***, and several of his other books for children. Our family had visited Olvera Street and seen the beautiful mural “The Blessing of the Animals.” He is an icon in Southern California for his portrayals of children and Los Angeles culture.

The Idyllwild Library has a history of appreciating the artist and author as well. There are three pieces of original art hanging in the Children’s area. A fourth, showing two burros on a small hill, is visible as visitors come to the Information Desk. After chatting with his daughter, Suzanne Bischof, a longtime permanent resident, I began to do a little research about how the art arrived here. Suzanne told me that the burros had been here long before she arrived in Idyllwild in 1984. Historical Friends of the Idyllwild Library minutes noted that Margaret Montgomery, also a long-time Idyllwild resident and teacher for the USC-ISOMATA Summer Program, donated the burros to Idyllwild Branch in 1977. I found that in 2008, the library hosted a celebration of the 100th anniversary of Leo Politi’s birth by featuring an art display and conversations with Suzanne and her brother Paul sharing their memories of their creative father.

Now, we have a fifth piece of original art displayed in the Community Room. The children, their pets, the butterflies and the books, represented in black and white, reflect the innocence frequently portrayed in Leo Politi’s art. On behalf of the Library and the community, we would like to thank the Friends for having this piece framed for display. We would also like to thank those who donated this painting and the others but we haven’t been able to accurately identify who they are. If you know more of this story and would like to share it, please let us know. For more information on Leo Politi, check out the following websites.

[The Official Web Site for artist Leo Politi](#)  
[Leo Politi 2008 Centennial](#)  
[Leo Politi: Artist of the Angels by Ann Stalcup](#)  
[Leo Politi Facebook Page](#)

These are books in the Idyllwild Library by Leo Politi. There are many more in the Online Shared Catalog at [Riverside County Library Catalog](#).

## Leo Politi

Politi, Leo, 1908-1996. *Bunker Hill, Los Angeles: reminiscences of bygone days*. Palm Desert, Calif.: Desert-Southwest, Inc., 1964.

Politi, Leo, 1908-1996. *Emmet*. Los Angeles: J. Paul Getty Museum, c2009.

Politi, Leo, 1908-1996. *Juanita*. Los Angeles: J. Paul Getty Museum, c2009.

Politi, Leo, 1908-1996. *Pedro: the angel of Olvera Street*. Los Angeles: J. Paul Getty Museum, c2009.

Politi, Leo, 1908-1996. *Redlands impressions*. Redlands, Calif. (300 E. State St., Redlands 92373): Moore Historical Foundation, c1983.

Politi, Leo, 1908-1996. *Song of the swallows*. New York: C. Scribner's Sons, c1949.

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## Editor's End Notes

I have always had a fascination with languages, and discovered that I possessed an aptitude for learning them when, in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, I was invited to participate in a 5-year course of study in French, culminating in an opportunity to earn college credit by passing the Advanced Placement (AP) exam in that subject. After one year of focusing on vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation, French literature was added to the curriculum, and I made my first acquaintance with *Le Petit Prince* (The Little Prince) by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry. I was hooked! I read children's books in French, learned French songs, and looked forward to the day when I could visit France to try out my newly acquired language skills.

Following graduation from high school, I continued to study French literature at the university, and while it was not my major course of study, I ended up with enough credits to earn a double major. I had hoped to spend my junior year in France, but circumstances were such that I waited almost 25 years before setting foot on French soil. A lot of forgetting can take place in 25 years, but I tried out my now-rusty French everywhere I went and was heartened to receive compliments from shopkeepers, bus drivers, and tour directors. I am sure I made numerous grammatical errors, but my pronunciation remained good, and the people with whom I spoke were very forgiving.

So what does all this have to do with our library? Well, the other day when I was exploring the Riverside County Library website (<http://www.rivlib.info/>), I happened to click on the eResources link and discovered a link to not one, but two language learning programs! Mango Languages is an online language-learning system teaching actual conversation skills for 71 languages, including Pirate, which I had to click on to see what it was all about! I learned that "Blow me down, the ship's becalmed!" means "Oh my gosh, the ship isn't moving!" The other program is Pronunciator, which is a fun and free way to learn any of 80 languages, including 5 Chinese dialects and several languages that I had never heard of before! Users can register to track their progress or can just enter a library card number to get instant access to either of the programs. Students who have a microphone attached to their computer can hear the correct pronunciation and repeat it back to check whether they are saying the phrases correctly. Sadly, I discovered that my computer does not have a microphone built in, so I will be purchasing one in the near future! I want to be sure that my "Arr, me hearty!" will not shame me in case I encounter an unexpected band of pirates here on the hill!



**Marcia Krull, Editor**

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