

Friends ^{of} _{the} Idyllwild Library

Speaking Volumes

Marcia Krull, Editor

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Edwin Hansen, President



Labor Day Book Sale!

If you are looking for GREAT bargains on books, don't forget to attend the Friends of the Idyllwild Library Labor Day book sale! It will be held September 5th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in front of the library. All books will be 25 cents!

We are still looking for donations of coffee table books for our silent auctions as well as children's picture books, music CD's, and DVD's.

Perry Dyke, Book Sale Chair

FOL Annual Meeting

The Friends of the Idyllwild Library will be having their annual meeting on Saturday, September 26th, at 2 p.m. at the Rainbow Inn, 54420 South Circle Drive. After a very brief business meeting, we will offer a free presentation to the community in which Logan Creighton will give a presentation on the Life of Thomas Jefferson, not as a lecture, but by "becoming" Thomas Jefferson before our very eyes!

Please join us for this unique presentation. Refreshments will be served!



President's Message "At the Peak"

The following diverse selection of books has one important thing in common. After reading the list, can you figure out what it is?

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| Alice in Wonderland | Lewis Carroll |
| American Psycho | Brett Easton Ellis |
| Animal Farm | George Orwell |
| Brave New World | Aldous Huxley |
| Candide | Voltaire |
| Canterbury Tales | Geoffrey Chaucer |
| Catch - 22 | Joseph Heller |
| The DaVinci Code | Dan Brown |
| The Diary of Anne Frank | Anne Frank |
| The Gulag Archipelago | Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn |
| The Grapes of Wrath | John Steinbeck |
| The Holy Bible | |
| Lady Chatterley's Lover | D. H. Lawrence |
| Lolita | Vladimir Nabokov |
| Mein Kampf | Adolf Hitler |
| The Metamorphosis | Franz Kafka |
| The Perks of Being a Wallflower | Stephen Chbosky |
| The Quran | |
| The Satanic Verses | Salman Rushdie |
| Slaughterhouse-Five | Kurt Vonnegut |
| Things Fall Apart | Chinua Achebe |
| Tropic of Cancer | Henry Miller |
| Tropic of Capricorn | Henry Miller |
| Ulysses | James Joyce |
| Uncle Tom's Cabin | Harriet Beecher Stowe |

I am sure that you have figured it out. At some time in history and in some arbitrary country, all of these books have been banned. Banned books? What is the definition of a "banned book"? First, let's discuss the difference between a "book challenge" and a "book ban". The American Library Association states, "A challenge is an attempt to remove or restrict materials, based upon the objections of a person or group. A banning is the removal of those materials. Challenges do not simply involve a person expressing a point of view; rather, they are an attempt to remove material from the curriculum or library, thereby restricting the access of others. As such, they are a threat to freedom of speech and choice."

Books are challenged to "protect" people – especially children, the vulnerable, and the under-informed – from difficult information and ideas. Even though most books are challenged with so-called "honorable" intentions, most challenges are not successful. In the 1950's and early 1960's, plagued by McCarthyism, the banning of "left-wing" or "liberal" books was prevalent. I remember this period. My high school English classes had to make some reading material optional instead of mandatory. Although James Joyce's *Ulysses* was highly recommended reading, it was not considered mandatory. Naturally, I couldn't wait to read it and see the movie, too!

Since the 1960's, books dealing with sexual themes and sexual variations have been protected by the First Amendment. Traditional moralists still object to books dealing with controversial and sexual subjects and racial tensions. Some contemporary books have been labeled anti-American, anti-Christian, anti-Semitic, and simply "filthy". Fortunately, the Courts ruled in "The Board of Education Island Trees Union Free School District vs. Pico" that books may not be removed if the decision to do so is motivated by disapproval of the viewpoint expressed in the book." There are people who think that book banning is a thing of the past. But in 2013 alone there were at least 307 attempts to ban books from our libraries, including bans on the "Twilight" and "Harry Potter" series. They were labeled as "unchristian sorcery." The First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America guarantees our right to free speech. We have the right to read books that some call too violent, too sexually explicit, hateful and/or offensive. Some people feel that all censorship is un-American and just plain wrong. Most Americans are somewhere in the middle -- we should feel free to read whatever we choose, and rarely is censorship necessary. Age appropriateness is important in determining what children read in earlier years. As adults we should be able to make our own decisions.

What are your ideas on this subject? Responsible opinions based on facts are always welcome. Never underestimate the "power of the public library!"

Edwin Hansen, President



Membership Update

Do you love to read? Is it wonderful and convenient to have access to new books, newspapers, CD's, and periodicals? Have you used the library's computers and enjoyed the programs? **These are greatly due to the Friends' members. Thank you!** We are fortunate to have so many new and renewed members supporting our library. New Patron Members: Jean A. Stein and Pamela Williams; new Life Members: Faith Rendell and Cheryl Sautter-Konyn; and Donors: Peggy Holsclaw, Norma B. Gibbs, and Kathryn E. Goddard; new Family members: the Eunyoung Cho family. Many Thanks and Welcome!

The renewing members include Summer and Ed Brown, Kathleen Bryson, Jeanne and Jerry Buchanan, Betsey and Bob Clopine, Nobuko Christenson, Daniel Dever, Carolyn Etheridge, Jennifer Gee, Karin and Richard Greenwood, Ruth and Bill Hart, Theresa and Paul Hert, Marcia and Ron Krull, Ileana and C. Robert Lee, Renee and Brian Lodge, Thelma Lucjak, Carol Mendoza, Raphael and Joseph Plunkett, Anne and Don Polkingharn, Diane and Donald Put, Gay Reeves, Karen Smith, Jean Waggoner and Cal Gogerty, Josh Whitney, and Callie Wight. We appreciate all of you!

We hope to see you at our upcoming programs and at the annual meeting.

Roz Tilson, Membership Chair

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

Library Assistants: Colleen Tell, Susan

Righetti, and one position to be filled in Sept.

Children's Program – Story Time Summer Reading Recap

The summer reading 2015 program is now a memory, but what great memories were made this summer with the **“Read to the Rhythm”** program. We want to thank all of our special summer guests: Anna Ancheta and Local Color, Marshall Hawkins and Bob Boss, Sherri Domenigoni, Katie Burd, Rachel Torrey and Tony White, Tawny Harrington, and Karrie Morlan, as well as teen program guests Saph and Romi.

The total number of books read this summer by 109 children was 2,130. The following children were recognized for their summer reading achievements:

Most Books Read

0-4 year-olds:

Eva and Olivia Snell, Evelyn Teel, Kimi Hansen

5-11 year-olds:

Alyssa Holland, Megan Russo, Bethany Holland

12-17 year-olds:

Kilo Reynosa, Abby See, Alaina and Danika Beggs

Weekly Drawing Winners

Gift Bag (0-4 year-olds)

Jack Williamson, Griffin Lynn, Ethan Tiso, Adam White, Archer Scott

Back Pack filled with goodies (5-11 year-olds)

Megan Russo, River McIntyre, Isaac Atilanto, Griffin Kretsinger, Bailey Easley

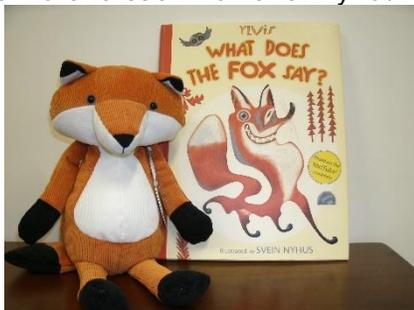
\$10 Barnes & Noble Card and Guitar Pick Necklace (12-17 year-olds)

Jhon Evans, Abby See, Danika Beggs, Alaina Beggs, Kilo Reynosa

Jack Williamson and Alyssa Holland were awarded the end of summer grand prizes. **“What Does the Fox Say?”** video participant winner was Christian Lynn. Emily Hill and Alyssa Holland each won a family four-pack of tickets to the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus.

The children were entertained by Donna of All-Ways Entertainment with a magic show at the end of summer

“We Will Rock You!” party. One of the highlights of the party was the debut of this summer’s music video project based on Ylvis’ **“What Does the Fox Say?”** Look for this video soon on the Idyllwild Library Facebook page, and see for yourselves the fun time



the children had making masks and dancing for this video.

We also wish to acknowledge our many summer volunteers, who helped with story time and the making of the video: LuAnn Drury, Tawny Harrington, Don and Sally Hedberg, Carol Mendoza, Karrie Morlan, John Ng, Molly Ng, Rachel Torrey, Jan Van Zanten, Wendy Watts, and Callie Wight.

As the last lazy days of summer wind down, story times for August have included “A Day in the Mountains,” when children were treated to stories and songs around a pretend campfire; “A Day in the Jungle,” with local author Susan Swanson, who shared her book **Jungle Adventures** about life in the jungles of Papua, New Guinea; “A Day at the Beach,” when children made sandcastle sand; “Dinosaur Days,” when the kids dug for dinosaur eggs; and “School Days” which included fun stories about the first day of school.



Face Painting at Children's Story Time Summer Activities

On September 14, the theme is “Grandparents’ Day.” If you are a grandparent or parent, be sure to bring your grandchild or children, so they can listen to stories read by Grammy Mary and Papa Jim Zimmerman. Our autumn stories will include learning about fall, apples and pumpkins. In order to bring awareness to Fire Safety Month, we again plan to have the Idyllwild Fire Department visit the library on October 5.

Please mark your calendars! December 19, 1-3 p.m., our children’s holiday special event this year will be “The Nutcracker” presented by Luce Puppets. On Monday, December 21, Mrs. Claus will be visiting our story time.

We have had another wonderful summer and are looking forward to some great story times and events ahead. Continue to check the library’s Facebook page for further information.



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

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances, Income & Expenditures
Year to Date as of July 31st

The total balances in the checking and money market accounts are at \$77,252.73, which includes the balance in the building fund of \$43,521.88. Compared to this time last year, Membership income is up \$120, and Bookstore Sales are down by \$1,042.03; however, donations are up \$903.24. YTD unrestricted income is \$8,385.43, which is up \$67.55 from where it was this time last year. YTD expenditures are at \$4,316.83, which means income has exceeded expenditures by \$4,068.60.

Friends of the Idyllwild Library cumulative Expenditures as of July 31st, 2015:

Professional PA System	\$449.39
Children's and Summer Reading Programming	\$1,387.55
Movie license	\$164.80
Library catalog book additions (*\$500 monthly is allocated for this purpose)	\$602.99*
Grounds keeping	\$380.00
Programming	\$1,146.84
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Penelope EngardNancy SindelarKatya Williamson	
Advertising (Town Crier)	\$260.97
Supplies	\$244.24
Monthly Digital Subscriptions (\$47.97/mo for USA Today, The Los Angeles Times, The New York Times)	\$335.79

Tricia Mathys, Treasurer

A Tour of the Front Page – Part 2

By Shannon Houlihan Ng, Librarian & Branch Manager

In the last issue of *Speaking Volumes*, I provided an introduction to some of the free services available on the Riverside County Library Homepage (rivlib.info), to reinforce the idea that libraries are not just places to check out books. I mentioned Zinio for Libraries (offering free digital subscription to approximately 130 magazines) and California Online Voter Registration and related links.

There are many useful links on the home page, and I would like to highlight a few more of them for you.

Is it time for you or yours to take a driver's test? Look for this icon to sample tests for cars, motorcycles and commercial vehicles. The Driver's Handbooks are also available here in English and Spanish. There are links to applying for a Driver's Permit and renewing your California Driver's License directly through the **Department of Motor Vehicles**. This free feature could make standing in line at the DMV a little less daunting.



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You'll notice that I didn't share anything of the icons leading to reading activities. There are too many to share this time. More free services and information are available by clicking on the menu at the top of the page. These links lead to riches untold. Go exploring and see what treasures you uncover!

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WE WANT YOU!

The Friends of the Idyllwild Library are seeking a volunteer to assume the position of Hospitality Chair. Joy Woodman, who has held the position for several years, has provided a description of the duties and responsibilities.

Basically, the Hospitality Chair is responsible for managing the refreshments for Friends of the Library events. For smaller events, such as presentations by writers, actors, researchers, etc., we provide hot or cold beverages (depending on weather) and purchased cookies or other snack items. For the two big yearly events (our Annual Meeting and the Holiday program), we try to make the refreshment table more colorful with pretty napkins and trays of homemade cookies or bars. FOL Members volunteer to bake for these occasions, and the Hospitality Chair purchases additional goodies as well as fruit juices, iced tea, coffee, or whatever is dictated by time of day and weather.

In addition to managing the food and beverages for our programs, the Hospitality Chair needs to check and maintain supplies such as hot and cold cups, paper plates, napkins, and serving trays. If supplies run low, the Hospitality Chair is given the authority to purchase what is needed. (All purchased food, beverage, and supply expenses are reimbursed!)

The position is not too demanding in terms of time, but it does require someone who can attend the events or designate someone else as a substitute if necessary. If you are interested and would like to take a more active role with the Friends of the Idyllwild Library, **we want you!**

Upcoming Events

Here are some of the upcoming programs that are scheduled for this fall. The complete calendar of events is available at the library or by visiting the link for our branch library at

<http://rivlib.info/riverside-county-library-system/IDL> and then clicking on the link for [Calendar of Events](#).

The current month's activities will be displayed, and you can easily check activities for subsequent months. You can also click on links within the calendar to get more detailed information.

- Sept. 5 Friends of the Library Book Sale 10 am-3pm
- Sept. 7 Library closed for Labor Day
- Sept. 14 Friends of the Library Meeting 9 am
- Sept. 18 Library closed for staff training
- Sept. 21 Penelope Engard: The World of Fabergé 4-5:30 pm
- Sept. 22 Author Susan Lake: Designing a World Imagined 5-7 pm
- Sept. 26 Friends of the Library Annual Meeting 2 pm
- Oct. 5 Friends of the Library Meeting 9 am
- Dec. 2 Annual Holiday Program with Local Color

Editor's End Notes

Gratitude is a theme I tend to come back to again and again. I suppose that is because there are always things to be thankful for! On behalf of the Friends of the Idyllwild Library Board, I would like to express our gratitude to Riverside County Supervisor Chuck Washington for making the decision to cover the funds that allow us to keep our library open additional days and hours each week. For the past two years, the Friends of the Idyllwild Library have paid for these additional hours out of the reserves remaining in our building fund; however, those funds were diminishing, and eventually, we would no longer be able to support the expense. The agreement to cover those costs for the next year guarantees that our Library will be open 6 days/40 hours each week for another year. Isn't that something to be thankful for?

Also, I would like to remind our members that if you are currently receiving the Friends of the Library newsletter by USPS mail, and if you have a valid email address that you are willing to share, you could help us save \$.49 for each mailed copy of the newsletter. That comes to almost \$200 a year that could be spent on library materials and programs. Some of you have already "made the switch", but we are still printing about 90 copies of each quarterly newsletter. Not only would it save money, but you would also benefit by receiving the newsletter with beautiful colored photos and with live links to information. If you are willing to make the switch as well, just email me (mkrull@roadrunner.com) with your name and email address. Many thanks!!

Marcia Krull, Editor

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