

Friends ^{of} _{the} Idyllwild Library

Speaking Volumes

Marcia Krull, Editor

September 2016

Edwin Hansen, President

Upcoming Events

The Friends of the Idyllwild Library have scheduled a number of exciting programs this fall for the enjoyment and enlightenment of our community. Here are some of the upcoming programs that the Friends are sponsoring.

“Shakespeare’s Take on Aging”

The delights and terrors of aging are well documented in the plays and sonnets of William Shakespeare. Explore the adjustments his characters make to aging as you examine your own thoughts about the process. An interactive seminar facilitated by Jenny Egan, Broadway award-winning actress and director. Assistant Director with the NY Shakespeare Festival, Master Teacher of Acting at SMU, and faculty member of the Columbia University Graduate School of the Arts, Ms. Egan promises to elucidate and enlighten!

Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Place: Idyllwild Library Community Room

“A History of the 1950’s & 60’s Through Popular Song”

Join performer and recording artist Marc Black for a presentation and discussion of music during a unique period in history.

Date: Monday, September 26, 2016

Time: 1-3 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 (54420 S Circle Dr.)

(Detailed information is provided in this issue of the Friends of the Library Newsletter as well as on the Library’s Facebook Page.)

“The Four Chaplains”

Logan Creighton brings to life the story of four United States Army chaplains who gave their lives to save other civilian and military personnel as the troop ship SS Dorchester sank on February 3, 1943, during World War II. They helped other soldiers board lifeboats and gave up their own life jackets when the supply ran out.

The chaplains joined arms, said prayers, and sang hymns as they went down with the ship. Performed by local resident Logan Creighton, well-known historical presenter and seasoned performer of many significant roles.

Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2016

Time: 3- 4:30 p.m.

Place: Idyllwild Library Community Room



“Minerals and Mining in the San Jacinto and Santa Rosa Mountains”

A brief history of mining in our local mountains presented by Heidi Hoggan, Lands, Special Uses and Mineral Administrator for the USDA Forest Service.

Date: Wednesday, November 16, 2016

Time: 3 – 4:30 p.m.

Place: Idyllwild Library Community Room

Perry Dyke, Program Chair

Labor Day Weekend Book Sale!!

September 3rd
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Outside in front of Library
All items 25 cents!
Great bargains, great finds.





President's Message "At the Peak"

The Friends of the Idyllwild Library are very fortunate and happy to sponsor a large variety of programs at our library this year. Programs so far this year have included "The Palms to Pines Birding and Nature Trail," "Life Zones, Deserts to Mountains," "Hiking the Pacific Crest Trail," the historical beginning of the famous hymn, "Amazing Grace," "Journey of an Idyllwild Kid to the PGA Tour", and others. Coming up at our annual meeting on October 1st at 2 p.m. at the Rainbow Inn, we are excited to present our esteemed friend, Duffy Hudson, returning in "The Life and Magic of Harry Houdini."



Duffy Hudson is an actor, director, writer, teacher and filmmaker. After graduating from college, he moved to New York City where he attended the Circle in the Square Theater School, on Broadway. He studied with several great directors including Michael Kahn, Nikos Psacharopoulos, Nakita Mikhalkov, Sandra Seacat, and Larry Moss.

He has performed in hundreds of plays, both on and off Broadway, and has directed more than three-

hundred theatrical pieces, including workshop productions with Brooke Shields, The Three Sisters with Jessica Lange, Don Johnson and Tatum O'Neal, and Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf with Marlo Thomas. Duffy founded several theatre companies, including "I Comici Confidenti," in New York City. He has performed in numerous commercials and has several feature film credits to his name as well. He has taught drama at the professional and collegiate levels, combining experience with talent. His "one man shows" include "Edgar Allan Poe," "Albert Einstein," "George Burns," "Doctor Seuss," and Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol", all of which have been presented here in Idyllwild. In October, he will present the life story of "Harry Houdini" at our Annual Meeting.

American illusionist and stunt performer, Harry Houdini, was born in Budapest, Hungary on March 24, 1874, with the name Ehrich Weisz. He had five siblings and was the son of a rabbi. Weisz came to the United States in 1878 and moved to Appleton, Wisconsin, where his father took a job at the Zion Reform Congregation. The family name was changed to Weiss. After Rabbi Weiss lost his tenure at Zion, the family moved to New York City. As a child, Ehrich made his public debut as a nine-year old trapeze artist, calling himself, "Ehrich, the Prince of the Air." He was also a cross-country runner and a professional magician. At this time, he started calling himself "Harry Houdini," after the Frenchman Jean Eugène Robert-Houdin.

Houdini began his magic career in 1891 while performing in local sideshows and 'dime museums.' Soon after that he began experimenting with escape acts. Within months, he was performing at the top vaudeville houses in the country. In 1900, Houdini toured Scotland, England, Germany, France, the Netherlands, and Russia, where he challenged local police to restrain him with shackles and lock him in their jails, from which he readily escaped. Throughout his extensive career in magic and disappearing, Houdini never claimed to have any supernatural powers. For most of his career, Houdini was a headline act in vaudeville, and for many years, he was the highest-paid performer in American vaudeville.

I truly hope that all of you can attend this afternoon performance where **Duffy Hudson** will transform himself into Harry Houdini. You will not regret it!

Edwin Hansen, President

Children's Program – Story Time

As we transition from summer to fall, we want to reflect on the "Read for the Win" Summer Reading Program (June 1 to July 18) at the Idyllwild Library, which was a lot of fun and enjoyed by many of our local children as well as numerous visitors. Check the Idyllwild Library's Facebook page for photographs and videos of our summer events and story times for children: <https://www.facebook.com/IdyllwildLibrary>

We want to thank all of those who participated in the summer reading program and wish to recognize the following people who gave their time and energy to help make it such a success:

- **Hub Cyclery, Brendan Collier** and his crew for their bike safety course at our summer reading kick-off event.
- **"Anime Your Way"** with master cartoonist **Carlos Nieto** was a big hit and attendees learned step-by-step how to create their favorite characters.
- If you haven't seen this summer's video production of **"Take Me Out to the Ballgame,"** it can be viewed on the Idyllwild Library's Facebook page. A big thank you to **Wendy Watts** for coordinating this project along with the large staff of people who made this video production possible.
- **Rachel Torrey** for her "Let's Play Baseball" story time as well as her assistance with the baseball video and other events.
- **Mary McDonnell**, Idyllwild School Preschool Teacher had the children very involved with Native American lore and authentic Native American games.
- We were so pleased that **Amanda Allen**, Idyllwild Nature Center Interpreter, visited for a special story time about local animals and their various adaptations to the San Jacinto Mountains.
- **Tawny Harrington** and the ninjas (**Kilo and Mecino Harrington**) entertained the attendees with a staff demonstration and meditative flute songs.
- It was wonderful to have **Tony White** visit the library again this summer. His advice about wilderness survival was both practical and entertaining.
- Our end of summer party with comedian **Ramon Medellin's Abraca Wacko Magic Show** involved a lot of audience participation.
- For the summer evening programs we want to thank **Kent and Jana Steele** for their presentation of "Journey of an Idyllwild Kid to the PGA Tour" and **Mary Metcalf** for sharing her cycling experiences.

Our Thursday afternoon family events (Cupcake Checkers, Giant Jenga, and Super-sized Candy Land)

were very successful. A big thank you to those volunteers who helped with these events as well as other summer activities: **Carol Mendoza, Gail Spiegel, Karrie Morlan, Abby See, Sage See, Don and Sally Hedberg, Robert Righetti, and Erin Righetti.**



Most importantly, all of these events brought many children and their parents into the library and encouraged a lot of summer reading.

On Tuesday, September 13, we'll celebrate **Roald Dahl's 100th birthday.** One of the world's most recognizable children's story tellers, Dahl has written more than twenty-one books for children. We will create a fun and educational event at the library about Roald Dahl for everyone to enjoy. In addition, some of the fall story times will include "The Signs of Autumn" with singer **Katie Burd**, and "It's Apple Pickin' Time," "Whooo's There?" (about owls), "Down on the Farm," "Pumpkin Patch," and "Teddy Bear Day." Once again in October, we plan to have the Idyllwild Fire Department visit the library in order to observe Fire Prevention month.

We are pleased to welcome our newest volunteer story time reader: vocalist, songwriter, and graphic artist **Jen Hajj.** She is a very talented story time teller and has worked for the Salt Lake City Zoo's school outreach program. Thank you, Jen, for joining our story time team.

Don't forget about some of our other children's special events and activities at the library, i.e. the early literacy program "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" as well as the "Friends of the Library \$5 Gift Certificate" for local area newborns and their parents to redeem at the FOL Bookstore. Be sure to tell friends and family about these entertaining and informative programs and look for upcoming activities and events as well.

Thank you Friends of the Library for your continuing support of the many children's programs we bring to our local community.

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

Gift Certificates for Newborns

We want to remind you about the ongoing \$5 Gift Certificate program, which is available to parents of Idyllwild area newborns. The certificate is redeemable at the Friends of the Library Bookstore and can be used to purchase any book or media in the bookstore. Our hope is that this program will encourage parents to read to their children at an early age. Also, children who see their parents reading are more apt to become readers themselves. This program is another wonderful way the Friends of the Library encourage parents to read to their children. So, if you know of any newborns (up to one-year of age), please be sure to inform the parents about this program.

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances, Income & Expenditures YTD as of July 31, 2016:

The total balances in the checking and money market accounts are up by \$58.75, bringing the total to \$72,169.97. Income exceeded Expenditures by \$58.75 in July. Membership income is up \$20 from where it was in July of last year. Bookstore sales are up \$85.88 from where they were in July of last year. The Friends of the Library made \$48 from the Art Mingle book sales held at Higher Grounds Coffee Shop in cooperation with the Art Alliance of Idyllwild. Unrestricted income was \$1,133.60, which is \$140.98 more than this month last year. Unrestricted expenditures were \$1,074.85, which is \$594.97 more than this month last year. Year to date, expenditures exceeded Income by \$6,738.74

Year to date expenditures as of July 31, 2016:

Duffy Hudson presentation for Friends Annual Meeting, SRP Anime program, Constant Contact email software, Katya Williamson stipend, end panel accessories, Serving with a Purpose Volunteer Conference, earbuds for library patrons, Summer Reading Programming and Supplies, The Wacko Show, 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, lilac maintenance, Explore Idyllwild Map, 100 Friends tote bags, postage, three 1/8th page ads in the Town Crier, monthly digital Nook subscriptions (The Los Angeles Times, The New York Times, and USA Today). Additionally, The 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.

Tricia Mathys, Treasurer

Membership Report

The Friends of the Library welcome everyone to join our non-profit, tax-exempt group that tries to make the Idyllwild Library become a richer experience for the entire community. We will have a fascinating enactment of Harry Houdini by actor Duffy Hudson on Saturday, October 1st, at 2:00 p.m., following a short annual meeting. This will be at the charming Rainbow Inn. We hope you will come! Refreshments will be served.

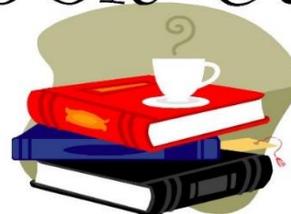
Welcome to our Life Member Carol Mendoza, and welcome back to our renewing members Trudy Adler and family, Suzanne Avalon, the Michael F. Boyer family, Kathleen Bryson, Nobuko Christensen, Jennifer Gee, Karin and Richard Greenwood, Mary and John Kracha, Ileana Lee, Thelma Lucjak, Barbara and Dave Pelham, Raphael and Joseph Plunkett, and Gay Reeves. We also thank the Plunketts and the Boyers for their donations. You all help make the wonderful library programs possible and keep those shelves filled with new items.

Roz Tilson, Membership Chair

Book Store Report

Our Labor Day Weekend sale will be on Saturday, September 3, from 10 am to 3 pm. Weather permitting, we'll have our tables set up outside on the sidewalk. We'll have a wide selection of fiction and nonfiction, and all items will be 25 cents! You can also shop at our bookstore inside the library, which will be fully stocked at our regular low prices. We hope to see you there!

Book Sale



Gay Reeves, Book Sale Chair

Touching History II

Submitted by Shannon Houlihan Ng,
Librarian & Branch Manager

In the Spring 2016 issue of Speaking Volumes, I had the opportunity to introduce the partnership between the Idyllwild Library, the Idyllwild Area Historical Society and the Idyllwild Town Crier that would bring issues of the Historical Town Crier online at the Library. The project is progressing. We just received the return of our first shipment back from NewsBank and they have put up most of the 1960s for us to peruse. Bob Smith from the IAHS and I have already answered several unanswerable questions we have been holding on to until those dates were available. Personally, I've found it very difficult not to sit and read the paper when I should be doing other things. This purchase has opened a window to the past that is very difficult not to fall through.

You are invited to come to the Library and use the public computers to travel into Idyllwild's past by simply clicking a link on the desktop. The years 1947 through 1966 are available now with more to come shortly. We are sending the next ten years, the 1970s, to NewsBank to begin digitization this month. You can expect to see those years by the end of this year.

To make matters more difficult for those who lack the discipline not to sit in front of the computer reading the paper, we now have access for anyone who holds a Riverside County Library card. Patrons can sign in to the Historical Town Crier database from home, on the road with their laptops or tablets or even from your smartphone. Click on this unique URL for remote access:

<http://infoweb.newsbank.com/signin/IdyllwildBranchLibrary>. Enter your library card number and then click on this link [Selected America's Historical Newspapers](#) to reach our custom collection of the Town Crier from America's Historical Newspapers.

Join us in watching this online collection grow. You can also join us in thanking those community members who made this acquisition possible. Their names will be listed at the top right corner of every search page. Digitizing our local paper is an important community project and those donors who make this a reality have the foresight to provide this resource to current and future Idyllwild area residents.

If you would like to join them, donations are being gratefully accepted. Send your gift along with a note to earmark it for the Historical Town Crier Online Collection.

Idyllwild Library

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Monday and Wednesday

10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Tuesday

12 – 8 p.m.

Thursday and Friday

12 – 5 p.m.

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10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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Branch Manager: Shannon Houlihan Ng
Library Assistants: Colleen Tell, Susan Righetti, and Yumi See

Editor's End Notes

I don't know how many of you enjoyed watching the Olympics on television in recent weeks, but even I, a notorious shunner of the "boob tube", got caught up in the athletic excellence of the games. Even our library's summer reading program had an Olympic theme: Read for the Win. So when I saw the cartoon below, I had to include it in the spirit of the games. I don't know about you, but I think that all readers are winners. Visit your library today and exercise your brain!



Marcia Krull, Editor

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