

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

## Speaking Volumes

Marcia Krull, Editor

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Edwin Hansen, President

### Upcoming Events

Once again, the Friends of the Idyllwild Library have scheduled a variety of exciting programs for the enjoyment of our community. Here are some of the programs that the Friends are sponsoring during the upcoming months.

#### “Tales of a Nearly Normal Alaskan”

For those who live on the "Last Frontier" life is more than deep snow and wild animals. Sometimes it's poignant, humorous and just plain odd. **Storyteller Tom Cosgrove** provides a view of Alaska not often seen in Hollywood productions. A portrayal of personal experience, these family friendly tales explore Tom's "Nearly Normal" Alaskan life. Tom's stories encompass the breadth of his life. From natural childbirth, to wild animal encounters, to deadly cold water and many more unusual & interesting stories.

Date: Tuesday, December 6, 2016

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Place: Idyllwild Library Community Room

#### “Local Color Holiday Program”

Join Idyllwild Library as we celebrate the holiday season with "**Local Color**", our community's celebrity A Capela group. They will present a wonderful vocal extravaganza of holiday songs. Sponsored by the Friends of the Idyllwild Library. Light refreshments will be served.

Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2016

Time: 5-6 p.m.

Place: Idyllwild Library Community Room

#### “Karimu International Help Foundation”

Idyllwild Arts Academy Faculty Members **Marianne Kent-Stoll** and **Don Stoll** will give a presentation on the Karimu International Help Foundation, which they established to support a community in Tanzania.

Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Place: Idyllwild Library Community Room

#### “Shakespeare’s Take on Love”

Broadway award-winning actress and director **Jenny Egan** returns with another interactive program addressing the theme of love in the works of William Shakespeare. Her previous program on Shakespeare and Aging was very well received, and the Friends of the Idyllwild Library are pleased to have her return. Be prepared to get involved and have a great time!

Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: Idyllwild Library Community Room

#### “Desert Bighorn Sheep”

**Mark Jorgensen**, retired superintendent of the Anza-Borrego State Park, will share information about the elusive bighorn sheep, iconic symbol of the deserts of the southwest United States and northern Mexico.

Date: Wednesday, March 15, 2017

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Idyllwild Library Community Room

**Perry Dyke, Program Chair**

### Idyllwild Library

54401 Village Center Dr., P. O. Box 68  
(951) 659-2300

#### 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



## President's Message "At the Peak"

### School Libraries

Public and private school libraries are extremely valuable places where students, instructors, and staff have access to many types of books and a variety of other resources. The goal of school libraries is to serve as "learner-oriented laboratories which support, extend, and individualize the school's curriculum". (Morris, B. 2004. "Administering the School Library Media Center", Westport, CT, Libraries Unlimited – p. 32)

School libraries are extremely beneficial to students and have had a positive impact on educational achievement. Statistics show that students who utilize school libraries score higher on reading assessments regardless of their socio-economic status. Most students believe that the libraries have contributed to success in their educational pursuits. According to Kathleen D. Smith in "Building Student Learning through School Libraries", school library media centers in the 21<sup>st</sup> century can, and should be "hubs for increased student achievement and positive focused school reform." *Knowledge Quest*, v31 n1 suppl p45-49 Sep-Oct 2002.

School libraries offer a wide range of learning opportunities to many people. They are places for study, independent research, homework, and computer work. The school library is also a center for much information that is currently available. In the early 1960's, I would begin my day in the school library preparing for classes, reviewing for tests, and greeting friends. It was good preparation for a day of intensive study and work. Please support our school libraries - they will enrich you and enhance your learning experience.

**Edwin Hansen, President**

Happy Owlidays



### Children's Program – Story Time

We did it! We completed another year of story times and special events, and we are looking forward to the new year with many more wonderful story times and events for the children who visit the Idyllwild Library.

Some highlights of the final months of 2016:

- September - **Roald Dahl's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday** celebration was a big hit. The children received golden tickets upon entering the party. They made Mr. Twit's beards and BFG (Big Friendly Giant) party hats, received party bags containing Roald Dahl activity sheets, viewed "*Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*," and party-goers loved eating a slice of birthday cake.
- **Idyllwild Fire Department** helped us observe **National Fire Prevention Month** in October. **Chief Rietz** read several stories. The children dressed up in fire gear and toured a fire truck, an ambulance, and another emergency vehicle. They all got to take home fire hats.
- **Hispanic Heritage Month and Dia de los Muertos** was commemorated for several weeks at the library with **Hispanic-themed craft stations**, craft classes, and book displays. Patrons were able to come into the library at any time and make various crafts, such as piñatas, paper flowers, maracas, God's eyes, and several different skull masks. In addition, artist **Terryann Halloran** taught four **Dia de los Muertos craft classes**, which featured an air dry clay class, a memory box class, a jeweled-skeleton charm class, and a skull mask class. All of these cultural classes and Hispanic crafts workshops were well attended by patrons and visitors.



- **Trick-or-Treat at the Library** – As children stopped by the library, each one received a water bottle decorated with a bat, a Halloween comic book, popcorn, a selected book, and a treat bag containing pencil, stickers, bookmark, candy, and glow stick bracelet.

- November – **Loma Linda University's School of Public Health** presented an informative and entertaining asthma awareness puppet show and conducted free toddler asthma screenings.
- **Ann Bowers, Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Forest Service**, taught us all about squirrels.
- November 28 – **Sandii Castleberry** brings to the library her musical enrichment program "**Holiday Hoedown**" to kick off the holiday season. Of course, this program is for everyone's enjoyment.
- December 12 – Actor and local resident **Connor O'Farrell** will read some classic holiday stories along with **Rachel Torrey**.
- December 17 – **Santa's Workshop** will return this year. Children can make holiday cards and gifts to share with family and friends
- December 19 – **Mrs. Claus** is coming to the library. The children will be treated to a story, a magic show and face painting. Also, they'll enjoy making a craft and receive a wrapped book.
- During the month of **December**, find the **hidden holiday squirrel** and receive a candy cane.
- We are pleased to offer **Beginning Conversational Italian** during November and December taught by Lucia Bartoli and Luciana LoPresto for adults, children (10- to 12-years accompanied by an adult), and teens.

We are looking forward to these events in the New Year:

- January and February story times will include: Snow plow story time with a real snow plow, Chinese New Year, Ground Hog Day, a puppet show, Valentine's Day.
- **January 7 and 14 – Family Film Festival** (Saturday events)
- **February 4 – "Take Your Child to Library Day"** (Saturday event) featuring **Sandii Castleberry's Musical Spoon Workshop** (made possible by a grant from the Art Alliance of Idyllwild) and young adult author **Diane Diehl**.
- **February 21-25 – STEAM Week Camp** – activities (science, technology, engineering, arts, math)

**1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Update** – Eighty-two preschoolers have signed up for *1,000 Books Before Kindergarten*. Two preschoolers have already reached the goal of reading 1,000 books; several others are just about to accomplish their goals. Any child from birth until beginning kindergarten can participate. The simple and enjoyable act of sharing books helps your child learn pre-reading skills such as understanding the sounds letters make, developing a bigger vocabulary, and building background knowledge – all important skills that help prepare your child for learning to read. For more information about

this early literacy program, please ask any of the staff at the Idyllwild Library.

Year-end thank you to our story time readers and volunteers: Carol Mendoza, Karrie Morlan, Virginia Lumb, Rachel Torrey, Callie Wight, Andrea Charles, Holly O'Farrell, Mary McDonnell, Amanda Allen (Idyllwild Nature Center), Tawny Harrington, Tony White, Sally and Don Hedberg, Jen Hajj, Katie Burd, Wendy Watts, Ann Bowers, Conner O'Farrell, Deborah Garver, Terryann Halloran, Jan Van Zanten, Donna Barber, Andrea Charles, Idyllwild Town Hall staff, Bob Lewis, Brandi Harris, Prasad Peebles, and Mary Zimmerman (My apologies, if I failed to thank someone.)

Yes, we did it! However, these great programs would not have been possible without the support of the Friends of the Library. We wish to express our appreciation to the Friends of the Library for making it possible to bring these enriching programs to our community's children. Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.

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

## Membership Report

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!** If your New Year's resolution is to become a Life Member, then join that level now. It is so easy to renew, as we have a new website: [friendsofidyllwildlibrary.com](http://friendsofidyllwildlibrary.com). A gift membership is also a super gift for your friends and neighbors. It's also easy to become actively involved. Volunteers are always needed to help in the library, lend a hand with book sales and events, and help with children's programs. The Friends of the Idyllwild Library is non-profit and tax exempt.

Welcome to our new Life Member Jeri John, and new members Dorothy and Michael Brooks, Kathleen Kieferdorf, Barbara Mathahs, Nancy and Cal McIntosh, Helen and William (Cal) Knauer, and Ann Read. Jorgine and Barney Brause have changed their membership to Life members. We are pleased to have many renewed members: Becky and Jack Clark, Lois Denholm, Jo-Carroll Dennison, Janice Fast and Maureen Farrell, Barbara Jones, Jane and Daniel Levy, Susan Moore, Sarah and Robin Oates, Marlene and Tom Pierce, Karen Smith, and Joan White. A huge thank you to donors Joy Allgeier, Jane and Daniel Levy, and Ann Read! We hope to see you all at the upcoming programs.

**Roz Tilson, Membership Chair**



## Need a gift idea?

### How about a membership in the Friends of the Idyllwild Library?

There's a membership application showing the different levels of support on the last page of this newsletter!



IT'S A GOOD IDEA!

## Book Store Report

We've rearranged a few items in the bookstore, and now we have a shelf for fiction audiobooks (just below the Classics section) and a vintage section (just below the cookbooks) for books printed before 1960.

Please check out our December silent auction for gift quality items for the holidays.

**Gay Reeves, Book Sale Chair**

## Silent Auctions

Did you know that the Friends have a silent auction of donated books every month at the library? Books that are in good condition and have something extra in their appeal are put up for auction beginning on the first Tuesday of every month and ending on the third Tuesday of the month. Opening bids range between three and ten dollars and then it's up to the bidders. You can bid once or as many times as you wish, right up until the moment bidding closes. Come join the fun!

**Perry Dyke, Silent Auction Chair**

## Treasurer's Report

### Account Balances, Income & Expenditures YTD as of Oct 31, 2016

- The total balances in the checking and money market accounts are down by \$271.80 from September, bringing the total to \$67,994.02.
- Expenditures exceeded income by \$271.80 for October
- Membership income is down \$80 from where it was in October of last year
- Bookstore sales are down \$260.16 from where they were in October of last year
- Unrestricted income was \$530.72 which is \$189.19 less than this month last year.
- Unrestricted expenditures were \$802.52 which is \$322.39 less than this month last year.
- Year to date, expenditures exceeded income by \$10,914.69

### Year to date expenditures as of Oct 31st, 2016

Logan Creighton (4 Chaplains presentation), Duffy Hudson presentation for Friends Annual Meeting, Marc Black presentation, SRP Anime program, Constant Contact email software, Katya Williamson stipend, 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, four 1/8th page ads in the Town Crier, mailing supplies, magazine subscriptions, monthly digital Nook subscriptions (The Los Angeles Times, The New York Times, 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**



## What do the Friends of the Library do?

During the past year, the Friends of the Idyllwild Library have provided an incredible amount of support for our library. The following list shows a summary of their contributions from Oct. 2015 – Oct. 2016.

### Programming

- Provide ongoing Storytime volunteer readers, planning and craft supplies, including special guests and performers
  - Joe Gandelman's Ventriloquism Family Holiday Program
  - Roald Dahl's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration
- The American Broadway Musical: A History in 4 Acts with Randall Hatch
- Local Color Holiday performance in December
- Penelope Engard's Spoken Words series on "Autos of the Early 1900s" and "John & Jessie Fremont"
- Legacy Writers series with Katya Williamson
- Dia de Los Muertos Workshop Weeks for Hispanic Heritage Month and Halloween Trick or Treat at the Library
- Jenny Egan's "Shakespeare's Take on Aging"
- Duffy Hudson's performance of "Harry Houdini, His Life, His Magic"
- Marc Black's "History of the 50's and 60's Through the Lens of Popular Music"
- Support for PCT hikers with free books from the Friends' bookstore
- Monthly Speaker Series
  - Kurt Keuschner Palms to Pines San Jacinto Birding and Nature Trail
  - The Life Zones of the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains with Sharen Metz-Langdon
  - The Pacific Crest Trail with Paul & Alice Bodnar
  - The Story of Amazing Grace with Logan Creighton
  - Geology of the San Jacinto Mountains with Joe Migliore
  - The Journey of an Idyllwild Kid to the PGA Tour with the Steeles

### Building

- Reading benches refurbished
- Purchased three end panels and acrylic displays to use for display of new non-fiction materials and provide additional shelf space for media
- Maintenance of the 8 lilac bushes donated by Gary Parton of Alpenglow Lilac Gardens

### Collection & Services

- Program providing \$5.00 gift certificates to the Friends' bookstore for new babies in the community
- Funding for "Read for the Win!" 2016 Summer Reading Program
  - Incentives for Children and teen readers
  - Craft and Activity supplies for Storytimes
  - Video production costs for "Take Me Out to the Ballgame"
  - Special speaker for the teens – Carlos Nieto's "Anime Your Way"
  - Read for the Win Celebration with "The Wacko Show"
- Monthly donation of \$500.00 for the purchase of books and materials
- Continued subscriptions for 3 Nook eReaders to provide access to newspapers unavailable in hard copy
- Ongoing support of special Storytime supplies. Donated live butterflies in March so children could watch them grow, change, and be released
- Continuing several magazine subscriptions including, but not limited to Cricket, Consumer Reports, Science, and National Geographic
- Advertising in the Explore Idyllwild Guide and Map

### Fundraising

- Historical Town Crier digitization project in partnership with the Town Crier and the Idyllwild Historical Society
- Art Mixer at Higher Grounds
- Ongoing book sale in the Friends Bookstore
- Monthly Silent Auctions featuring high-quality books donated to the Friends
- Two successful Saturday outdoor book sales
- Internet sales of select donations

Prepared by **Shannon Houlihan Ng**,  
Librarian & Branch Manager

## Editor's End Notes

With so much information to include in this year-end edition of **Speaking Volumes**, there is no room for me to add much except for my sincere gratitude to all of you for being members of the Friends of the Idyllwild Library. Without your membership, we could not offer the outstanding support that helps our library provide so many programs and services to the Idyllwild community. Thank you all, and may you have a happy and healthy holiday season!

**Marcia Krull, Editor**

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