

# FRIENDS OF THE IDYLLWILD LIBRARY

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## Speaking Volumes

Marcia Krull, Editor

Spring 2018

John Mathys, President

### Upcoming Events Sponsored by the Friends of the Idyllwild Library

#### **Owls with Kurt Leuschner**

Date: Tue, March 13, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: Idyllwild Library Community Room

#### **The Art of Gerald Clarke**

Date: Mon, March 19, 2018

Time: 3:00 pm

Place: Idyllwild Library Community Room

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

Date: Mon Apr 2, 2018

Time: 9:00 am

Place: Idyllwild Library Community Room

#### **Waldenwild with Darien Martus**

Date: Tue, April 10, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: Idyllwild Library Community Room

#### **Earthquakes and the Anza Gap with Joe Migliori**

Date: Mon, April 16, 2018

Time: 3:00 pm

Place: Idyllwild Library Community Room

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

Date: Mon May 7, 2018

Time: 9:00 am

Place: Idyllwild Library Community Room

#### **Paracho Guitars with Dave Pelham**

Date: Tue, May 8, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: Idyllwild Library Community Room

**Many thanks to the FOL Events Committee for  
planning such a wonderful variety of programs!**

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



#### The Libraries of Today

While our Libraries have an abundance of books, magazines, newspapers, and movies for patrons to borrow and use, a library user can now borrow books, audio books, and magazines without ever leaving home. There are two new apps that anyone can install on their phones or pads that make it possible to download content which, if available, can be used immediately.

The first app I would like to write about is Libby. This App allows you to search for any book in the library system and, if available, to download it for a 2-week rental. You can also download audio books and listen to them on any speakers wherever you are, including in your car. If you belong to different county libraries, such as Riverside County Library, L.A. County Library, and San Diego County Library, Libby allows you to search through all of the library systems to find the item you are looking for. Libby also keeps track of what page you are on between different devices, so if you read on your pad and you then switch to your phone, you would be reading at the same location where you left off. <https://meet.libbyapp.com/>

The second app is called RBDigital. RBDigital brings thousands of exclusive Recorded Books audiobook titles, as well as audiobook and eBook content from all major publishers, together with the world's most popular library-facing magazine service—all in one mobile app. Libraries can now combine audiobooks, magazines, and eBook titles in one collection, offering the most comprehensive content—over 60,000 audiobooks, 4,000 magazines, and 250,000 eBooks! <http://rbdigital.rbdigital.com/>

Give these apps a try and enjoy a new side of our library system.

**John Mathys, President**

## Fifth Annual Idyllwild Children's Film Festival

Submitted by: Shannon Houlihan Ng  
Librarian & Branch Manager

On March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at 2:00 pm in the Idyllwild Library Community Room, there will be a special celebration of animation and short films for children. This is the fifth year that the Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema (IIFC) and the Friends of the Idyllwild Library will sponsor our very own children's film festival. The films provided by the IIFC are shown on a Saturday afternoon for the enjoyment of all. This year we have seven new films and a few of our favorites from previous years to share. The audience will be treated to four animations and three live action films that will appeal to both young and old alike.

The animated films are especially wonderful this year. ***The Fox and the Whale*** tells the tale of a curious fox who goes in search of an elusive whale in a journey of pursuit, longing and discovery. Idyllwild's favorite 10-foot tall orange monster, and her adorable friend Fluffle in a new short animation ***Lilly Hits the Road*** return to the ICFF. They have been abducted by aliens and an epic adventure ensues as they try desperately to return home in the nick of time. ***The Pirate Cruncher*** leads a band of pirates on an adventure when they meet an old fiddler with a map leading to treasure. As they set out across the sea they learn that the treasure is guarded by a monster called the Pirate Cruncher and that not everything is what it seems. ***E-Delivery*** is something different for older children and will be shown later in the day. Imagine if you could order your perfect baby brother or sister from a company like Amazon or E-Bay.

The short films include adventure, teasing, and a mystery. ***Neil Wade: Superhero Aide*** has an interesting tongue-in-cheek view of his job while a Dad in ***FuN?*** finds the perfect father-son project but finds it's more than he bargained for. Jr. does his best to help. Then get set for a time-traveling adventure with an eager 12-year-old boy and his friends. They race to secretly travel back in time in hopes of unraveling the mystery surrounding his mother's untimely death before the rightful owner of the machine realizes it's gone missing in ***The Tree House Time Machine***.

Obviously, these films would be fun for everyone, so you are all invited to join us at the ICFF. As an added bonus, this year there are two awards being offered at the Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema specially geared towards children. All audience members are invited to vote for their favorite child actor and for the best film at the Idyllwild Children's Film Festival. Come for the films and the popcorn and join us in celebrating five years of sharing amazing films appropriate for younger audiences.



## Treasurer's Report

### Account Balances, Income & Expenditures year to date as of December 31, 2017

- Year to date, Income exceeded Expenditures by \$5,546.49
- Membership income is up \$808.70 from the previous year to date
- Donation & Memorial income is up \$6,456.19 from the previous year to date
- Bookstore sales are up \$337.21 from the previous year to date
- Unrestricted income for the year is \$20,059.09, which is \$7,946.64 more from the previous year to date
- Unrestricted expenditures for the year are \$14,512.60 which is \$6,431.75 less than the previous year to date

### Year to date expenditures as of December 31, 2017

Mrs. Clause story time, Local Color, Jenny Egan, Jean Reid memorial bench, stamps, Jean Reid memorial plate, Diane Mitchell series, Politi prints framing, 3D Printer Package, Ramon Medellin - The Wacko Show, Change Required performance for annual meeting, Tom Cosgrove – Storyteller. Security cameras and installation (from Building Fund), Constant Contact renewal, Town Crier ads, lilac watering, supplies, Logan Creighton – Amazing Grace presentation), Explore Idyllwild Map, Sandii Castleberry – June children's program, magazine subscriptions, postage, Nook subscriptions, Living Color (December Program), Illinois Library Association (SRP), Katya Williamson – writing workshops, children's supplies, books.

Tricia Mathys, Treasurer

## Story Time & Children's Events

*"To the world you may be one person; but  
to one person you may be the world."*

~ Dr. Seuss

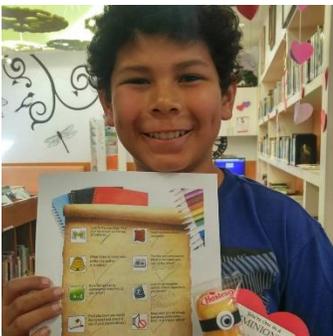
Each time a child walks through the doors of the library, we can make a difference in his/her life. Through the generous support of Friends of the Library for our children's programs, hopefully, we are able open a world of imagination, creativity, and exploration to the children of our community.

January story times were all about snow. The children got to create snow, meet Jodie Posey, a snowplow driver, and explore a big snowplow. (All thanks to the Riverside County Department of Transportation.)



Janie Lancaster presented a Wednesday after school program about her book, ***Opal and the Secret Code***, which was featured in the Town Crier.

Although February was a short month, it was packed with lots of great programming. We had a special Saturday event ***Take Your Child to the Library***, which featured lots of fun activities. We displayed



Caldecott and Newbery award winning books. There were also displays about the programs the library offers, and a display of the many e-resources that are available through the Riverside County Library System.

Children (such as Michael in the photo above) enjoyed a library scavenger hunt. We had a book drawing for three children's books. Mayor Max made an appearance that day as well.

During the President's Week school break, we offered STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) Workshops. Workshops included Ozobots, Sewing, Snap Circuits, 3Doodler, and Meccano. Thank you to our great volunteers (Dan, Helen, Ben, Karrie, Donna, and Bob) for bringing their expertise and making these programs possible. Also, thank you Riverside County Library System for providing these kits for our use through the Maker in Motion grant.

In February – "Library Lovers Month" – we challenged our readers to identify three well-known (unusable) books that had been shredded and placed in a jar. The object was to guess what book it used to be. Readers wrote their names, telephone numbers, and their guesses on the backside of their check-out receipts to try to win a prize. The more times they checked out books, the more chances they had to win a prize.

On Saturday, March 10, the library is once again looking forward to hosting the Children's Film Festival. Look for the return of the caterpillars and butterflies this spring as well.

In addition to our regular monthly programs, we are planning the summer reading program. This year's theme is "Reading Takes You Everywhere." We plan to travel around the world and explore a different country each week. Look for more information as summer draws near.

Be sure to check the Idyllwild Library's Facebook page and Instagram for postings of what's happening at the library.

Susan Righetti, Children's Program Coordinator

## Friends of the Library Bookstore



News from the Friends of the Library Bookstore! Did you know that we have vintage books for sale??? These are books published before 1960! Some are in sets. These books are located on the bottom left hand shelves of the center island in the bookstore. Come in and look around and see what treasures you can find!

Mary Zimmerman, Bookstore Chair



## Membership Report

When thinking of libraries, our first image may be of books. And yes, libraries have plenty of those! Our modern library offers a plethora of resources including ongoing children's programs, special holiday events, adult programs, crafts and activities set up for patrons to do independently, loads of magazines, computers and other digital media (including the 3-D printer), and personal assistance in research and readers' advisory by our librarian and employees.

The Friends of the Idyllwild Library (FOL) board took a thoughtful look at our logo (mountain and book), realizing it gives an outdated image. Our library is the gem of our community. All are welcome here. We loved the image of trees as our logo, created by Jennifer Cass, because our community is surrounded by forests. We hope you enjoy our new brand! FOL has restructured the different membership categories to address our revenue issues. You will notice these differences when I send out renewal reminders. We have deleted the "Life Member" designations so that all our memberships will now be yearly. We have many life members, including sustaining, patron, and benefactor, and FOL will still recognize your "Life" status. We always encourage donations to ensure our excellent programs continue.

Welcome and thank you to new members Michael Blurton, Rebecca Vasconcellos, Eileen Gates, Antoinette Berthelotte, R. Bruce Denney Family, Gary Weber, Patricia Eagle-Schnetzer, and Mark & Sally Salter. Thank you, new business member Daphne Palmer Landscape Design. We are appreciative of our renewing members Tim Wurtz, Lois Denholm, Janice Fast & Mo Farrell, Robin & Sarah Oates, Mary Jo Shinkle, Joan McGovern-White, Anne & Don Polkingharn, Dick Dorisse & Morry Copeland, John & Janice Dawson, Charlotte Anthony, Marcia & Ron Krull, and Nick & Sue Novosad.

Our new life members are Daniel & Jane Levy, Mark Boettger, Mary & Jim Zimmerman and Richard & Susie Hampson. Marjorie Kossler renewed as a patron life member. Donations from Michael Boyer, Dick & Jan Goldberg (in honor of Karen Visel), and Jeri John were put to good use right away. Thank you all for your generosity.

**Jeri John, Membership Chair**

## Editor's End Notes

Did you know that the Friends of the Idyllwild Library sponsor two programs each month as a gift to the community? The programs are usually scheduled on the second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. and the third Monday of the month at 3 p.m. A brief outline of upcoming events is shown on p. 1 of this newsletter, but you can also check current schedules on our website: [www. http://www.friendsofidyllwildlibrary.com/](http://www.friendsofidyllwildlibrary.com/)

I decided to use my allocated space in this newsletter to provide a few details about upcoming programs sponsored by the Friends. However, I must briefly mention an outstanding program that was presented in mid-February, when we had a standing room only crowd for local resident Michèle Marsh's program, "From the Mountains to the Movies and Back Again." Michèle, who moved from France to Idyllwild with her parents at the age of four, provided a photo and video history of her early years in Idyllwild, followed by an illustrious career in theater, movies, and television, with perhaps her best-known role as the daughter Hodel in



the film version of *Fiddler on the Roof*. She wowed the audience with her narrative that included history, romance, humor, and fame, not to mention a taste of the charisma that contributed to her successful career.

I don't have detailed information yet about all of the programs that we will be presenting during the coming months, but here are previews of several of them.

### **March 13: Owls and other Crepuscular Birds of the Southwest**

There are many types of birds that come out dusk and are active during the night: Owls, Nightjars, Nighthawks and others that you probably are not aware of. In this illustrated lecture Kurt Leuschner, Professor of Natural Resources at College of the Desert, will give an overview of all the Southwest's Creatures of the Night. We'll throw in some bats and bugs too!

### **March 19: The Art of Gerald Clarke**

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.

### **April 10: Waldenwild with Darien Martus**

“Waldenwild” is an album by Idyllwild singer/composer Darien Martus. The album is a collection of 17 songs with words taken directly from



Henry David Thoreau’s “Walden”. The album was listed in the first-round nominees for Best Folk Album in the 2018 Grammy Awards and charted at #5 on Amazon Hot New Releases in Folk. Darien will perform all the songs from Waldenwild and give brief comments about each. Following the performance there will be a Q&A discussion with the audience with special focus on the similarities between Walden and Idyllwild.

Darien is a long-time resident of Idyllwild and the recipient of numerous awards including The Bay Area Drama Critics Award for Outstanding Musical Score, five Desert Theatre League Awards, and University of Redlands Composer of the Year.

**April 16: Earthquakes and the Anza Gap** will be offered by Joe Migliori, who presented a well-received program on Plate Tectonics for the Friends last year. The Anza Gap occupies a 12-mile space within the San Jacinto Fault zone, where fault lines course between Hemet and Idyllwild. The area has been tranquil for 200 years, though researchers at UCR suggest that this area is ripe to produce a damaging earthquake.

Joe’s interest in geology has led him to believe that “an indispensable part of appreciating our natural history involves interpreting geology as a dynamic and “living” process which has a fundamental

influence on the local environment.” As a volunteer and docent, Joe gives talks and leads nature walks and interpretive hikes in and around the Coachella Valley on behalf of several conservation organizations

### **May 8: Paracho Guitars with Dave Pelham**

Another local resident who will be sharing his talents with us is Dave Pelham, who is perhaps best known as an educator and guitar builder, though he is also a mountain bike rider, an artist, a pilot, and an inspiration to many within our community and far beyond its borders. In his presentation for the Friends, Dave will be discussing the Mexican town of Paracho, which was his inspiration in building his first guitar in 1975.



Paracho, a town in Michoacán, Mexico, is known for its master guitar builders and for its annual guitar festival, Feira de La Guitarra. Dave has been to the guitar festival more than a dozen times, and this year, he arranged for two young guitar players from Paracho to travel to Idyllwild to perform at Lowman Concert Hall at Idyllwild Arts. The two were selected from guitarists aged 15 – 17 who achieved high acclaim at the Paracho guitar festival competition.

All programs are held in the Idyllwild Library Community Room unless otherwise noted. I hope you will mark your calendars for any programs which are of interest to you. And let our events committee know if there is a program that you would like to present or attend!

**Marcia Krull, Editor**

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