

# Speaking Volumes

Marcia Krull, Editor

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John Mathys, President



## President's Message "At the Peak"

How important are Friends groups? They can literally make the difference between a budget increase and cut for their libraries. Since the beginning of the American library movement, Friends groups have been formed by citizens using their collective powers to do everything from running a book sale to ensuring that our American library legacy remains viable. By contributing as a library Friend, you can make a lasting difference for your library ([lovelibraries.org](http://lovelibraries.org)). Father Bob Larkin spearheaded the formation of the Friends of the Idyllwild Library in 1982. In 1984 the entire staff of the Library was laid off, but the Friends of the Library came through by raising funds to keep the library open for 20 hours a week. When the library moved to Lower Pine Crest, the Friends of the Library had a deck built, and in the following years, the Friends provided funding for more books and additional staff. Throughout, the Friends of the Library was accumulating funds in anticipation of a future library expansion. By the year 2000 the friends had \$50,000, which was matched by a grant from then Supervisor Jim Venable, which gave the Friends \$100,000 for the project. In 2010 Supervisor Jeff Stone approved financing to provide Idyllwild with a new library. However, the County was only going to cover the cost of having the library open 20 hours/week. Because the Friends had diligently accumulated funds for the new library, they were able to cover the costs to keep the library open for 40 hours per week. Fortunately, the County of Riverside soon saw the boon in library usage from having the library open for more hours and now provides funding for all the hours the library is open. The Friends of the Library now focuses on funding for more books, periodicals, laptop computers, digitizing the Town Crier, book racks, security cameras, and many more items and activities. Another focus of the Friends is to provide monthly programming at the library. As you can see, the Friends of the Library puts forth a lot of time and effort to support the Idyllwild Library and the community. The Friends of the Idyllwild Library is

always looking for new members to help support the library and work side by side with the librarian and the library staff to meet the community's needs. You can become a Friend through our website at <http://www.friendsofidyllwildlibrary.com> or by visiting the library and requesting a membership application. We look forward to partnering with you to help keep the Idyllwild Library thriving.

**John Mathys, President**

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

### Ecotourism, Ethnic Dance, & Travel with Nancy Pearlman

Date: Tue, June 12, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm

### The Color of Hay, Photography with Kathleen McLaughlin

Date: Tue, July 10, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm

### Citizen Science with Colin Barrows

Date: Mon, July 16, 2018

Time: 3:00 pm

### Karimu Foundation with Marianne Kent-Stoll

Date: Tue, August 14, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm

### Nature Deficit Disorder with Michele Ferrara

Date: Mon. August 20, 2018

Time: 3 p.m.

### Idyllwild Friends of the Library Board Meetings

Mondays: June 4, July 2, August 6 @ 9 a.m.

All are welcome!

Our programs are varied, inspiring, and reflective of the expertise of our presenters. Come join us and share their knowledge, talent, and enthusiasm!

Unless otherwise noted, all programs will be held in the Library Community Room.

## Story Time & Children's Events

"Reading Takes You Everywhere" is the theme for this summer's reading program. We plan to go just about everywhere this summer, too. Saturday, June 2, 2018, 1:00 p.m., we'll begin the summer lineup as Pacific Animal Productions introduces animals from around the world at the summer reading kick-off in the Community Room at the Idyllwild Library.

Our local children will receive a passport to adventure as special guest readers deliver stories from various countries and cultures during Monday story times. We have several special Saturday events scheduled as well: June 9 - Book Talk "The Cabin Elves of Idyllwild" with local author Bob Greenamyre; June 16 - Henna Workshop with Jen Hajj; July 14 - Dance Around the World with Teresa Smith. Also, we'll introduce our local youths to different ethnic tastes by helping them create delicious international dishes and treats every Wednesday morning for the "Cooking around the World" program. We conclude the summer with a magic show performed by "The Wacko Show."

Here is a review of some of the highlights of the children's programs during these past few months:

April - Caterpillars were adopted at the beginning of the month and then released about four weeks later during the Medieval Knights and Princesses story time. One of our special guests at story time was Cheyenne, a certified therapy dog, and her handler Michelle Hunt.



For Earth Day, Jen Hajj read traditional stories and sang folk songs about the earth. April ended with a celebration of "Día de los Libros y Día de los Niños" (A day to celebrate books and children) and a piñata.

May - Moms and special ladies were treated to a Spring Mother's Day Tea. We were pleased to welcome Captain Purvis of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department along with Jeri Sue Haney, Idyllwild BBVA Branch Manager to the "My Community Rocks" story time about community helpers. They did a wonderful job of reading to the children. Thank you to Wendy Hawkins-Watts for coordinating this story time, which was attended by three of the local preschools.

Second Saturday Children's events:

In April, we observed Poetry Month with "Haikus with Holly" presented by local poet Holly Parsons. In May, as a unique gift for Mother's Day, children made Fairy and Gnome miniature gardens.



Wednesday after school STEAM workshops included building and coding robots with Legos called MeeperBots, creating 3D objects with 3Doodler Pens using a special filament, and producing photographs with digital photography.



Reading certainly has taken us many places over the past few months. We look forward to more reading adventures that await us this summer.

**Susan Righetti, Children's Program Coordinator**

## A Wish List to Benefit the Library

Submitted by: Shannon Houlihan Ng  
Librarian & Branch Manager

Would you like to make an in-kind donation to the Library to meet a specific need? We keep an ongoing wish list of items including books, program supplies and capital improvements for donors who are interested in a more direct approach to giving. Through the generosity of the Friends of the Library and other donors just like you, we are able to make improvements throughout the library. Every gift changes our Library for the better.

Annual purchase of butterflies - Each year we center our Spring story times around the metamorphosis of butterflies here in the Library. This year was our fifth year and each year the number of interested children grows. ~\$60.00/yr.

Store Anything Shelves 55" from Lakeshore for toddler board book collection - We will be able to increase the space available for picture books after we find a more accessible bookcase for toddler board books. \$299.00

Amazon Wish List – Titles and other items are added as needed to the [Amazon Smile Wish List](#). These tend to be items that have limited interest but would be valuable additions to our library collection. Often they are books that are unavailable elsewhere. We also include supplies that may make our Library's 3D Printer more user friendly.

Baby Changing Stations x2 – Koala KB-200 Horizontal for Commercial Restrooms \$211.67 each. This is another often requested item. <https://www.prodryers.com/Baby-Changing-Stations-1983.htm>

Country books from MidAmerica Books for 2018 Summer Reading Program with the theme "Reading Takes You Everywhere" \$345.15

Children's computer station for AWE system (x2). We have received an AWE Learning System computer from Riverside County, but in order to make it available, we had to remove one of our Children's homework computers. This purchase would allow us to make the missing computer available again and add an additional AWE station. ~\$284.99 [Demco Tot Mate Mobile Computer Double Workstation](#)

All Community Read – It has been suggested by several members of our community that we create an all-Idyllwild read program. This involves outreach to select the title, purchasing fifty copies of the title, and creating programs to celebrate the book chosen. If funds are available, we can invite the author to come speak in the Library and encourage our local book clubs to participate in the All Community Read. ~\$3,500.00

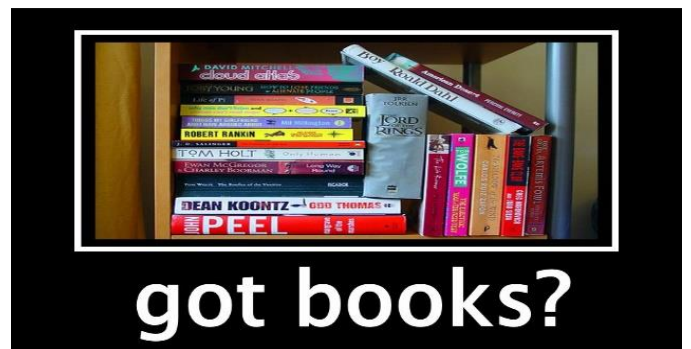
Construction possibilities. These are ideas that will need estimates and more conversation on the feasibility of successfully making these modifications. It's all about adding "smart" space.

- Evaluate modifying the computer bar near the fireplace to make it mobile enabling the fireplace space to be expanded for program use.
- Consider installation of movable shelving in the children's J section to increase shelf space for new books

Do you have ideas for more improvements or additions? Please share them with the Library staff.

## Friends of the Library Bookstore

Thank you to all who supported our Memorial Weekend Book Sale! Also, thank you to those of you who support our book store through your purchases and donations. Following our big sale and with summer visitors arriving, it is now time to replenish our shelves. We especially appreciate non-fiction and fiction donations. CDs and DVDs are still popular with our customers. We love receiving beautiful "coffee table" type books that are in good condition and then helping these books find new homes through our silent auctions. We do welcome large donations of books to the library\book store but please check with us, so we can accommodate your delivery. May your summer be filled with reading that inspires you, takes you on adventures, and brings you joy.



Mary Zimmerman, Bookstore Manager

## Membership Report

We are grateful for your memberships and donations that allow our programs to continue. Renewed individual members are Helen Atik and Norma Gibbs. Renewed family members are Calvin Gogerty & Jean Waggoner and Darlene & Jerry Beebe.

Welcome new individual members Barbara Reese and Lenore Sazer as well as new family members Donna Elliot & Neil Jenkins, Scott & Laura Eversole, and Holly Parsons & Les Gin. Steve Olson & Stephanie Yost joined on the business membership level.

This spring we restructured our annual membership categories to match our logo "Friends of the Idyllwild Library, the gem of our community" using the gem names sapphire, ruby, emerald, and diamond. Thank you to Rabbi Malka Drucker for your new membership at the sapphire level. Generous donations from Jim Fundin, Darlene & Jerry Beebe, Jean Stein, and Idyllwild Rotary Anns were joyfully received.

**Jeri John, Membership Chair**

## Amazon Smiles on our Library!

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Now **that's** something to smile about!



## Editor's End Notes

In our last newsletter, I highlighted some of the upcoming programs sponsored by the Friends of the Idyllwild Library, and I decided to do that again to encourage more of our membership to attend these outstanding presentations.

Our first program in June is **Ecotourism, Ethnic Dance, & Travel** with Nancy Pearlman. Nancy is an Idyllwild resident with impressive credentials. She is an award-winning broadcaster, journalist, environmentalist, college instructor, anthropologist, editor, producer, on-air personality, and outdoorswoman who has made safeguarding the earth's ecosystems both a vocation and an avocation. For forty-six years, she has given her time and energy to the environmental cause. She was selected by the United Nations Environment Programme as a Global 500 Laureate and has received many other honors. Since the 1970s when Ms. Pearlman coordinated the first Earth Day in Southern California, she has worked with and continues to be involved with hundreds of conservation organizations, serving as administrator, founder, member of advisory councils, participant, and member of boards of directors. She founded the Ecology Center of Southern California in 1972, Project Ecotourism in 1993, Earth Cultures in 2004, Humanity and the Planet in 2001, and "Nancy Pearlman, the Eco-Traveler" in 2007. She is Executive Producer and Host of the three-time EMMY-nominated environmental television series ECONews, and since 1984, she has presented her

programs weekly to more than 20 million homes via cable and broadcast television and over the Internet.

In addition to her environmental expertise, Nancy is a member of the Gypsy Folk Ensemble, performing and teaching ethnic world dance. She is also an accomplished athlete, completing the Western States 100-mile run, finishing the Ironman Triathlon, climbing more than 100 listed peaks in California, winning long-distance races such as the 1980 Regional Championship 50-mile race, and performing in equestrian events. I hope you will join us in welcoming Nancy (whom I am affectionately dubbing Wonder Woman) at her presentation, **June 12 -- 6 pm.**

On Tuesday, **July 10 at 6 p.m.**, we are pleased to present Kathleen Laraia McLaughlin, photographer and educator, with her presentation "The Color of



Hay: The Peasants of Maramures." Kathleen is an adjunct faculty member at Loyola Marymount University, where she teaches mainly darkroom and documentary photography. She also teaches art and society-related classes at the New

York film Academy in Burbank. Her thesis for her MFA in photography was on her year of living in a remote village in northern Romania, in a county called Maramures in Transylvania. Her presentation will focus on her experiences with this culture.

On Tuesday, **August 14 from 6 – 8 p.m.**, Marianne Kent-Stoll & Don Stoll will talk about the Karimu International Help Foundation, a small nonprofit organization run by volunteers – educators, business people, professionals, and other ordinary citizens – who have been moved by the opportunity to help Tanzanian villagers fulfill their ambition for a better life. They will discuss their work in Tanzania, including reconstructing a school with help from volunteers and local residents. Don and Marianne make annual visits to Tanzania with 15 – 35 volunteers who assist in projects such as the provision of clean water, education and training for midwives, professional development for teachers and nurses, donation of

clothing and medical supplies, and more. Come and be inspired!

Our program for Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup> features Michelle Ferrara Peterson, Program Director for Idyllwild's Astrocamp. Her topic is "Nature Deficit Disorder." Here is what she has to say about her work at Astrocamp: "Guided Discoveries allows me to share my love of science with children and to infuse them with the excitement of learning. There are so many kids who need to know that it is OK to think science is cool and to want to pursue a life in the sciences, especially young girls. It is all about the kids we see every day, but it is also about the relationships we create with like-minded people we work with at Guided Discoveries."

Encouraged by her parents to "go on adventures" (code for "get out of the house"), Michelle spent her childhood playing in woods, rivers and lakes, discovering new things about the outdoors every day.

Michelle came to work at Astrocamp for what she thought would be six weeks in 1997, but she ended up staying through 2002, serving as Instructor and Assistant Program Director. Michelle moved to Oregon and worked at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry as the School Partnership Manager. She returned to Astrocamp in 2010 as the Astrocamp Program Director.

She earned a Bachelor of Science in fisheries and wildlife, with a minor in physics. She holds certifications CPR, First Aid, lifeguarding, NAUI diving and has her private pilot license, and has worked at more than a half-dozen camps in a variety of capacities. Come share Michelle's passion for the outdoors on Monday, **August 20<sup>th</sup> from 3 – 5 p.m.**

Our Friends of the Idyllwild Library Events Committee works diligently and creatively to provide a variety of programs for the community to enjoy. Since new programs may be added, or to see any updates to the current schedule, please check in with the Friends' website at <http://www.friendsofityllwildlibrary.com/>

We hope you will attend the programs that interest you, and we welcome suggestions for future program ideas!

**Marcia Krull, Editor**

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