

Speaking Volumes

Marcia Krull, Editor

Winter 2018

John Mathys, President



Upcoming Events Sponsored by the Friends of the Idyllwild Library

Local Color Holiday Program

Date: Wed., December 5, 2018

Time: 5:00 pm

Place: Idyllwild Library Community Room

Winter Book Sale

Date: Sat., December 8, 2018

Time: 10 am – 3 pm

Place: Idyllwild Library Community Room

Butterfly Secrets Revealed with Bruce Watts

Date: Tues., December 11

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: Idyllwild Library Community Room

Pockets with Darien Martus

Date: Tues., January 15, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: Idyllwild Library Community Room

Idyllwild Friends of the Library Board Meetings

Mondays: Dec. 3, Jan. 7, Feb. 4, Mar. 4 @ 9 a.m.

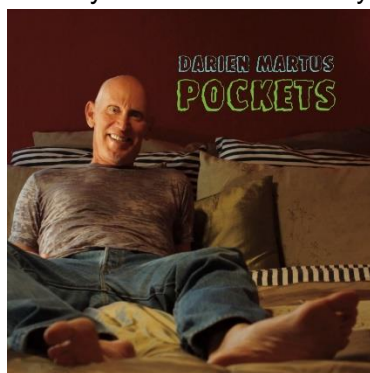
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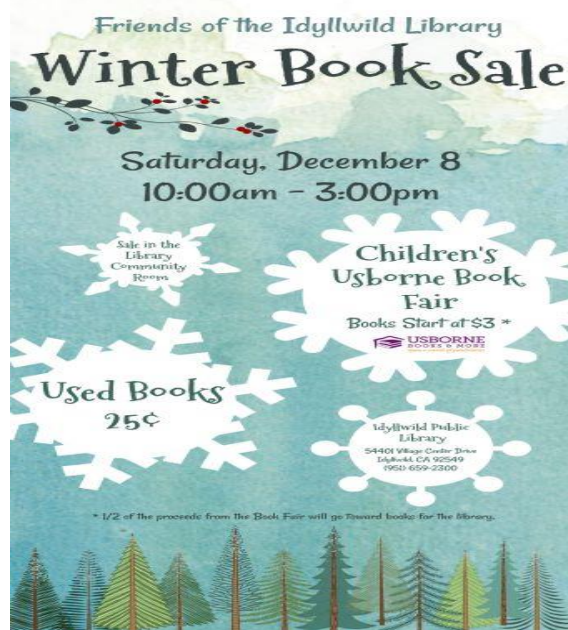
Friends of the Library Booth at Harvest Festival!

Program Highlights

The FOL (Friends of the Library) Events Committee is in the process of scheduling a wide variety of programs for 2019, including preparations for celebrating our library's 100th anniversary! Stay tuned for more information on this momentous event! In the meantime, we are pleased to announce the return of Darien Martus, who performed Waldenwild for us last April and will be performing his piano program, Pockets, in January. Pockets is a one-man, one-piano



musical about pockets: what we carry around in them and how that gives us clues about who we are! The recording of Pockets charted at #1 Amazon Hot New Release in Folk Rock in the summer of 2014. Pockets ran for 6 weeks at the Hudson Theatre in Hollywood in the fall of 2014 to great acclaim. Come join the fun!





President's Message "At the Peak"

Greetings Friends!

As we near the end of the year, I find myself, once again, reflecting on our Friends of the Library year. I have to say that this has been a fantastic year and one of the best organizations I have ever been a part of, and because of all of you, it is truly a Community group! We have an incredible group of volunteers, a thoughtful, dedicated and responsible Board, very generous donor support, and the best Library Staff anywhere! Thank you ALL!

We have had some great fundraising events:

- Ongoing book sale in the Friends Bookstore in the new Library
- Monthly Silent Auctions featuring high-quality books donated to the Friends
- Three successful Saturday book sales for Memorial Day and Labor Day and the Holidays.
- Sponsored an Usborne book sale of children's books for the Holidays.
- Internet sales of select donations

Some of our building projects include:

- Maintenance of the 8 lilac bushes donated by Gary Parton of Alpenglow Lilac Gardens
- Purchase of light-blocking drapes for the Community Room and the Fireplace Lounge
- Purchase of sound system with two large speakers, 2 lapel mics and 2 handheld mics

Twice monthly speaker series on a variety of topics:

Nature & Science Program Series

- Eagle Count with Ann Bowers
- Earthquakes and the Anza Gap with Joe Migliore
- Alpacas Made Simple with Julie Roy
- Hiking in the Coachella Valley with Philip Ferranti
- Nature Deficit Disorder with Michelle Ferrara Peterson
- From Sand Dunes to Snowy Peaks: Adventures in Land Conservation with Jennifer Prado
- Citizen Science with Colin Barrows

Arts & Culture Program Series

- Waldenwild with Darien Martus
- Haiku with Holly
- From the Mountains to the Movies with Michèle Marsh

- The Color of Hay with Kathleen Laraia McLaughlin
- Ecotourism, Ethnic Dance & Travel Around the World with Nancy Pearlman
- Project Edeline with Edeline Felizor
- Kariumu International Help Foundation presentation by the Kent Stolls
- The Story Factory: a storytelling workshop with Tom Cosgrove
- Paracho Guitars with David Pelham
- Local Color Holiday performance in December

The Friends of the Library is a great way to support your library. We are always looking for folks who would be willing to serve on the board. Please give this leadership opportunity some thought! A great organization always needs fresh ideas and perspective. Besides that, it's grand fun!

John Mathys, President

Membership Report

Your membership fees and donations are the reasons our programs not only continue-- they thrive! Thank you for your abiding support! We are hoping you might send a donation during this holiday season. Our thank yous for donations this quarter go to Perry Dyke, Kathryn Baele, Nancy Beddingfield & Paul Leverenz, Arthur Connor, Peggy & Ned Roberts, and Ronald & Judith Shenkman.

Welcome new members Kathryn Baele, Dona Kardashian, Linda Moody, Diane Mitchell, Robin Roberts, and Gary Parton. Renewed individual memberships are Jennifer Gee, Ileana Lee, Nancy Beggs, Arthur Connor, Elaine Hoggan, Nobuko Christenson, and Karrie Morlan. Those who renewed family memberships include Yvonne Poirier & Bob Smead, Cal & Helen Knauer, Valerie & Bob Cox, Kathleen Kieferdorf, Janice Fast & Maureen Farrell, and Becky & Jack Clark.

A membership option available on our website to consider doing is a monthly recurring donation to the Friends of the Library through Paypal. I use this method, and it is simple and safe. You can sign up on www.friendsofidyllwildlibrary.com. We ask for your email so that we can send you the digital version of our quarterly newsletters, which saves paper and money. We promise not to share your email. Enjoy this wonderful season! We are thankful for you.

Jeri John, Membership Chair

Story Time & Children's Events

"Oh, magic hour, when a child first knows she can read printed words!" ...A Tree Grows in Brooklyn

How wonderful it is to be a part of the lives of so many of our local children who visit the library. In addition to helping these children develop an appreciation for reading, the library attempts to assist them in building social and emotional skills through story times and other children's activities which support language and literacy development from their earliest years.

One of our early childhood literacy programs that works toward this goal is the "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" reading program. The purpose of this program is to develop listening comprehension which comes before reading comprehension. You must hear a word before you can say it or read and write it. Parents and caregivers are laying a foundation of security and a love for reading when they read to and with their children.

Some of our recent fall story times were as follows: "Fire Prevention Month" with the Idyllwild Fire Protection District and Chief Reitz, who read to the children and taught them about fire safety along with his crew. The children loved meeting the firemen and touring the big fire truck and ambulance. Tawny Harrington played several flutes during "What a Hoot!" story time all about owls. Our newest story time reader, Nicola Watts, read for both "Fall Leaves Falling" about autumn and for "Halloween" story times. Jen Hajj treated us to a fun story time about the antics of squirrels. The Harry Potter Halloween Party was well attended. Trick-or-Treaters were treated to free books, popcorn, hot cider, Hogwarts Shrinky-Dinks, and a Platform 9 ¾ photo-op with Harry Potter props.



We also observed Dia de los Muertos with a Memory Box Workshop.



"The Wacko Show," which was rescheduled to November 19, was originally scheduled for our summer reading program finale, but was cancelled due to the Cranston Fire. Ramon Medallin, Wacko, was a big hit with his interactive magic show to over eighty attendees.



We have resumed our STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) workshops on the second Wednesday of each month. In October, the children learned about static electricity through a number of experiments; in November they experimented with MeeperBOTS (a combination of Legos and robots); and in December, we will be making faux stained glass, in which they will be learning about art elements of line, form, and space.

In December, the library is hosting a cultural story time with Rabbi/Author Malka Drucker as she reads from her book "Grandma's Latkes." Everyone will be looking forward to another Season's Reading Story time with

Rachel Torrey. Mrs. Claus will also be visiting the library Monday, December 19, 2018. The local preschools have been invited to join us for this special story time which includes face painting, crafts, and snacks. Check in to learn about the many other enriching children's programs planned for 2019.

It has been a great year at the library. Sharing these wonderful programs throughout the year with the children of Idyllwild has been very gratifying. Hopefully, they will remember their experiences of visiting the library and recall it as a place that helped them learn to become successful readers.

Best wishes to all of you for a happy holiday season and for the new year.

Susan Righetti, Children's Program Coordinator

Don't Judge a Book by its Cover What is a Human Library?

In celebration of Human Rights Day on December 10th, many libraries will be committed to making their Human Libraries available to their communities. Human Rights Day was established to honor the day the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#) was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly. Over ten years ago, a group of young people chose to create a Living Library in an effort to counter the violence they experienced based on discrimination. Their goal was to encourage tolerance by bringing people together to share their unique experiences and challenge stereotypes. More than 2,000 Human Library events have been hosted in 84 countries since its inception. It continues to grow as a worldwide movement and libraries have become a prominent promoter of events featuring the Human Library.

Are you wondering what it is? In a nutshell, it's an event where volunteers become human "books" and tell their stories to library patrons who "check them out." Each volunteer "book" chooses his personal story and gives it a title. On the day of the event, library patrons are encouraged to sign up to check out a human book and spend twenty minutes or so listening to their story. They have the opportunity to ask questions and share their own experiences on the book's "title." They may be able to "read" (have a conversation with) an immigrant, a LGBTQ

individual, a Muslim, an artist, a senior over 100 years old, or any of a number of possibilities. The goal is to experience someone else's situation and to confront prejudice and stereotypes.

Idyllwild as a community is full of human books that each of us would like the chance to "read." Next year, as part of the Idyllwild Library's Centennial, there will be a Human Library event to celebrate our mountain neighbors. Suggestions for human books to invite include hillbillies, Olympians, hidden treasures who many of us know but are unfamiliar with their stories before they came to the hill and those whose stories may involve preconceived ideas of who they are because of their life experiences, race, gender or social status. If you have a story to share or know of someone who does, please let us know through the Friends of the Idyllwild Library or the staff. We are especially looking for those who have library stories to share. We are looking forward to making this a landmark event to celebrate our history and our diversity. We're looking forward to hearing from you and, of course, "checking you out" here at the Library.

<http://humanlibrary.org/> - The Human Library™ is designed to build a positive framework for conversations that can challenge stereotypes and prejudices through dialogue.

[The Human Library](#) - The short video is about The Human Library project. Amnesty International Slovakia uses this method of non-formal education to break stereotypes and prejudice and encourage understanding among the youth.

["Check Out" Human Books At The Human Library!](#) - The Human Library is not your typical library. Yes, there are stories waiting to be shared, but not in the way that you're used to.



Shannon Houlihan Ng, Librarian & Branch Manager

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances, Income & Expenditures YTD as of Sept 30, 2018

- Membership income is up \$823.20 from where it was YTD in Sept of last year.
- Bookstore sales are up \$881.44 from where they were YTD in Sept of last year.
- Unrestricted income was \$11,272.88 which is \$3,704.07 less than this time last year.
- Unrestricted expenditures were \$9,368.78 which is \$9,381.22 less than this time last year.
- Income exceeded Expenditures by \$1,904.10
- The total balance in the checking and money market accounts is \$73,524.43

Year to date expenditures as of Sept 30, 2018

Magazine subscriptions, books, digital subscriptions, Katya Williamson – Home on the Hill writing workshop, children's Summer Reading Program, supplies and events, Jean Reid memorial plate, 2 laptop computers, STEAM supplies, letterhead, Town Crier 2017 binding, butterflies, TV screen and related equipment, Town Crier advertising, Explore Idy Map, lilac watering, Constant Contact yearly subscription, Tom Cosgrove, Project Edeline, The Wacko Show (SRP), Dream Shapers (SRP), Marc Black - programming, All Staff Day t-shirts, microphone equipment for community room, postage, Sandii Castleberry - programming, computer software

Tricia Mathys, Treasurer



Mural on library building honoring firefighters

Editor's End Notes

Have you ever heard of Little Free Libraries? Here's what one might look like! Basically, it is a box of books, posted in a visible and accessible spot, where



passersby can stop and browse the books within. If they find something they like, they can take it home. If they have a book to donate, they can leave it there.

Todd Bol built the first Little Free Library in 2009, a front-yard bookshelf with a small door, using the wood from his old garage door. He hoped that the whimsical structure would build conversation and community by encouraging neighbors to share books that were dear to them. Soon, the idea spread, and in the past nine years, volunteers have built more than 75,000 dollhouse-sized libraries in 88 countries. (From The Giant Impact of Tiny Libraries at recharge@motherjones.com)

In 2015, Shannon did a survey that revealed the locations of 7 Little Free Libraries in the greater Idyllwild area; however, the LFL website (<https://littlefreelibrary.org/>) only identifies two current locations. I am putting out an invitation to the Hill communities to email me with any known locations of currently operating Little Free Libraries, and I promise to post the results in the next FOL newsletter in March 2019. My email address is mkrull@roadrunner.com.

Another resource for those with an interest in Little Free Libraries is a book called The Little Free Library Book: Take a Book, Return a Book by Margret Aldrich, available at our own Idyllwild Library. Don't look for it this week, though; I have it checked out!

I wish all of you a happy and healthy holiday season and encourage you to take advantage of all the wonderful resources that our library provides to the community year round. Our town may be small, but we have a GREAT library!

Marcia Krull, Editor

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