

# Speaking Volumes

Marcia Krull, Editor

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John Mathys, President



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

Please note that all events will be held in the Idyllwild Library Community Room

### “On Call in the Arctic” book talk with Dr. Thomas Sims

Date: Sat, March 16 Time: 1pm – 4pm

### Our Amazing Deserts – The Diversity of Life with Sharen Metz

Date: Mon, March 18 Time: 3pm – 5pm

### Guided Autobiography (GAB) with Helle Brisson

Dates: Wednesdays, March 20, April 3, 17, May 1, 15, 29 Time: 10am – 12pm

### Idyllwild Friends of the Library Board Meetings

Dates: Mon, April 1, May 6, June 3 Time: 9:00 am

### Fire Followers with Bruce Watts

#### Wildflowers that bloom following a fire

Date: Tue, April 9 Time: 6pm – 8pm

### Birds with Robin Roberts

Date: Tue, May 14 Time: 6pm – 8pm

### Repair Cafe

Date: Mon, May 20 Time: 1pm – 5pm

### Life – One Song at a Time with Marc Black

Date: Mon, June 3, 2019 Time: 3pm – 5pm

## Memorial Day Book Sale

May 25, 2019 10 am to 3 pm

In front of the library

All books 25 cents each!

Come support your library!



## President’s Message “At the Peak”

Greetings Friends!

I would like to start with a little history of the Friends of the Library. The history of the Friends of libraries began in the 18th century, when book collections often were established and maintained through efforts of citizens groups. Our Friends of the Idyllwild Library began on June 3rd, 1999 and received the 501(c)(3) incorporation to be a non-profit on October 14th, 1999. Our Friends of the Idyllwild Library began because there were needs of the community that could be better served through the library. In the last issue of our newsletter, I listed a few of the many accomplishments that we were able to do and help with, only through the contributions, memberships, volunteers, and great library staff that help make our library in Idyllwild as dynamic as it is today. As you go to the library, just look at the calendar of events; there is not a day that goes by that there isn't something going on in the library. The friends are a group of people who value the library and want it to thrive in our community. We are always looking for ways to get the word out for all the things going on in the library. We are also on the lookout for informative and fun programs for the library. Because of financial challenges that the library and the Friends encounter, we continue to seek donations and memberships. These donations help keep up all the programming and needs of the library. If you feel inclined to help our local library, please go to <http://www.friendsofidyllwildlibrary.com> and click on Recurring Donation options, or for a single donation, please go to the donations page which can be found on the menu. Thank you!

John Mathys, President

## Membership Report

"The most important asset of any library goes home at night – the library staff." -Timothy Healy

We are fortunate indeed to have knowledgeable, helpful, and caring library staff. Friends of the Idyllwild Library is ready to support them whenever possible, especially for items the county does not provide. Your membership fees and donations make these purchases possible. We thank you for your generous natures!

Welcome new individual members Steven A. Greisen and Bruce Watts, as well as new family members Dena & Jimmie Hyland. Thank you for renewing your individual memberships Ann Read, Penelope Smrz, Sue Novosad, and Antoinette Berthelotte. Renewing family memberships are Robin & Sarah Oates, Laurie & Red Corbett, Susan & Bill Judkins, Ron & Marcia Krull, Bill Sperling & Charlie Anthony, and Joan McGovern-White. Thank you, Robin & William Rhoads for your generous sapphire membership.

We always appreciate donations and thank Ann Read and Steven A. Greisen for theirs. Personally, I do a small monthly recurring donation through PayPal, simple and safe. You can sign up on [www.friendsofityllwildlibrary.com](http://www.friendsofityllwildlibrary.com).

**Jeri John, Membership Chair**

## Story Time & Children's Events

### Why I Love the Library:

***Almost too many reasons to count! The programs, staff, resources including items for sale. The library is one of the community's treasures!***

~ Holly, Idyllwild Library Adult Patron

***Because I like doing story time and making crafts for mom.***

~ Eli, Idyllwild Library Preschool Patron

***I love the library because I am starting to enjoy reading books more, and it is a nice quiet place to study.***

~ James, Idyllwild Library Teen Patron

The above quotes are just a sampling of love letters written to the library during the month of

February, which was Library Lovers' Month. Patrons were asked to write down why they love the Idyllwild Library. We were pleasantly surprised to receive so many wonderful expressions of appreciation.



**We love our library!**

One of our goals at the library is to meet the reading and educational needs of all our community members – adults, teens, and children. The following paragraphs highlight some of the programs we offered our community's youth during the first few months of 2019.

We kicked off the new year with a snow plow story time. Snow plow drivers Tim Devine and Jody Posey with Riverside County Transportation Department taught the children about snow plows and showed the children two snow plows up close. Other story time themes children have enjoyed this year include polar bears, crows/ravens, Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day, Dr. Seuss' Birthday, wind/kites, St. Patrick's Day, and spring.

In February, we observed "Take Your Child to Library Day." We were so grateful to have "Fire Dog Mike" along with his handler Paul Riggi, who taught the children about fire safety. "Fire Dog Mike" demonstrated "Stop, Drop, and Roll" to the delight of all those in attendance. Also, during the open house, children and parents viewed the many resources offered by the library, including the on-line resources available through Riverside County Library System. There was also a display of Caldecott Award and Newbery Award winning books. Children participated in a library

scavenger hunt, which was designed to help them navigate their way around the library. They also designed and created bookmarks.

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) workshops are held the second Wednesday of the month. There was an entire week of STEAM workshops during the Presidents' Break. The workshops have included Amazing Mazes (engineering), a Lego table, Book Folding Art (using the metric system), Ozobots (color coding and robots), an interactive projector system, and building straws (engineering). For Pi ( $\pi$ ) Day children learn about  $\pi$  and create a city scape on graph paper representing  $\pi$ .

The Children's Film Festival (March 6 and March 9, Wednesday and Saturday) treated children and parents to a number of film shorts and free popcorn.

Caterpillars make a return in April. Children adopt and name a caterpillar and watch it go through its chrysalis stage as it becomes a butterfly. Earth Day and Día de los Libros y Niños (Day of the Book and Child) are celebrated in April as well.

## DÍA del LIBRO



We are busy preparing for the upcoming summer reading program. This year's theme is "It's Showtime at your Library." Watch for more information about the upcoming summer story times and events.

Please feel free to join us for any of the children's programs. We look forward to bringing more reading events to the children of our community. Of course, a big thank you always needs to be extended to the many volunteers and to the Friends of the Library for making so many programs possible as well as making our library a beloved place in our community.

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

## Treasurer's Report

### **Account Balances, Income & Expenditures** **YTD as of Dec. 31, 2018**

- Membership income was up \$596.43 from where it was YTD in December of last year.
- Bookstore sales were up \$39.19 from where they were YTD in December of last year.
- Unrestricted income was \$14,909.93 which is \$5,196.64 less than this time last year.
- Unrestricted expenditures were \$16,766.43 which is \$1,983.57 less than this time last year.
- Expenditures exceeded income by \$1,857.10
- The total balance in the checking and money market accounts is \$69,461.22

### **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 (SRP), 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, tote bags and mugs for new logo, sublimation printer, ink and paper, Bruce Watts presentation, All Ways Entertainment & Kids Parties, Martoons Signs – window art, pencils

**Tricia Mathys, Treasurer**

**IDYLLWILD LIBRARY  
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ANNIVERSARY!**  
*and we need your help!*



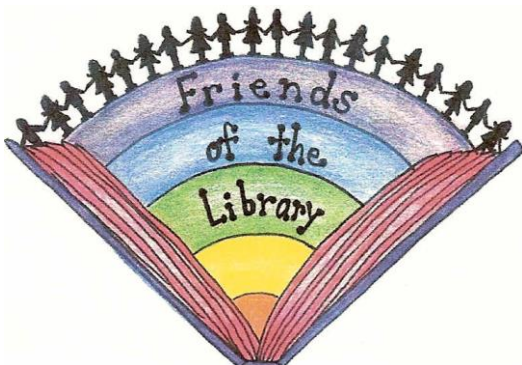
The Idyllwild Library Centennial celebration is fast approaching. Our library will be 100 years old in 2020, and we have a year-long celebration planned for the entire community beginning in July of this year!

We need your help locating old photos, stories, and memories of our library. If you or any of your family members have items to share with the Centennial Planning Committee, please send them to Joye Schmiedt or Susan Judkins **or** leave them at the Library Desk in an envelope with our names on it. Items will be returned to you.

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Susan Judkins, email [sgcorley@gmail.com](mailto:sgcorley@gmail.com)  
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We look forward to hearing from you!  
*IDYLLWILD LIBRARY CENTENNIAL  
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**Fixing for the Future at a  
Repair Café**

Submitted by: **Shannon Houlihan Ng**  
Librarian & Branch Manager

In my closet at home, I have a secret stash of slightly broken, “I’m sure I can fix it” stuff. It’s a bit of a secret since all the random pieces look like trash. Once in a while, I’ll pull out a small lamp that needs a new cord or a wind chime that needs to be re-strung and work on them. Much of the time I find that the task is not as simple as I expected. Sometimes I’m successful in fixing the item; sometimes I’m not. I get frustrated and I throw an item and its associated pieces in the trash but, more often, when I’m not successful, I put it back in the secret closet stash.

These items remind me of lost and broken toys from books I read as a kid. I’m unable to toss out **The Velveteen Rabbit** because his ear is torn or the **Steadfast Tin Soldier** because he only has one leg. For the same reason, I can’t get rid of the small lamp I used near my sewing machine or, an even bigger challenge, the weather center we gave my Mom for Christmas a few years ago.

I’m thinking Becky Clark, of the Town Crier, might have the same issues or probably, she recognized there are bigger issues to consider. She generously purchased a manual from the Repair Café Foundation of Amsterdam called **Repair Café – Toss it? No way! Organize your own Repair Café** and donated it to the library in hopes that we would start one. The idea is genius. Far too many things get thrown away unnecessarily when people with practical knowledge are readily available to fix them. The goal is to promote a more sustainable society where repair expertise is valued and passed on and where raw materials are used responsibly. My response to Becky? “Let’s Do It!”

The library is a wonderful partner for this movement to keep broken items out of landfills and learn about the lost art of repair. Where else can you learn a new skill and promote reduce, reuse and recycle at no charge? The library already provides hands-on opportunities to try a bit of engineering and technology. What better place to share this knowledge?

On May 20<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, the Library and the Friends of the Idyllwild Library will hold a Repair Café event specializing in small electric appliances. Items needing repair such as toasters, electric can openers, hand blenders, vacuum cleaners and lamps are welcome. These are items that are frequently not well made and break because they are heavily used. Plan to fix your item yourself with the help of two experienced repair guys and a large assortment of tools. There will be access to online repair manuals and videos. Everyone will learn something about the way things work and be able to share what they learn with others.

Look for possible future Repair Café events on bicycles, toys, furniture, clothing and more. I have an old 1950s radio and record player console that I'd love to learn to fix. This is going to be fun!



## Library Jokes!

What is the tallest building in the world? The library, because it has the most stories.

What did the frog say when he landed on a book? Reddit! reddit! reddit!

A blonde lady walks into a library one day. She is wearing a short, short skirt and you can smell her perfume from a mile away. She is carrying with her an extremely large book. She walks up to the librarian's desk, slams the book down and shouts, "This is the worst book I ever read! "There are no pictures, the words are too small, and it's so gosh darned big!" The librarian slowly looks up at the blonde and says, "So you're the one who stole our phone book!"

source: <http://www.jokes4us.com/peoplejokes/librarianjokes.html>

## Editor's End Notes

### Update on Little Free Libraries

In the last FOL Newsletter, I wrote about Little Free Libraries where you are invited to take a book and/or leave a book. I invited our membership to send me the locations of any local LFLs that they knew about. I received two responses and I'd like to thank the members who submitted them. Annamarie Padula reported that there is one located between the Mountain Center Post Office and the Mountain Center Café. Another FOL member indicated that there is a Little Free Library at the beginning of Doubleview (after Middleridge Dr.), on the right under a carport. It is on the left side of the street, on a stump to the right of the carport.

Unfortunately, the Little Free Library website (<https://littlefreelibrary.org/>) only identifies two "current" locations and I have not been able to confirm if those two still exist. One is listed on the 23000 block of Pine Needles Lane and the other on Rim Rock Rd. in Fern Valley. If anyone is interested in creating a Little Free Library, not only does our library have a book with instructions, but you can also find information on how to build a Little Free Library (including plans and blueprints) at <https://littlefreelibrary.org>. What a great idea to provide free books within our neighborhoods!



Marcia Krull, Editor

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