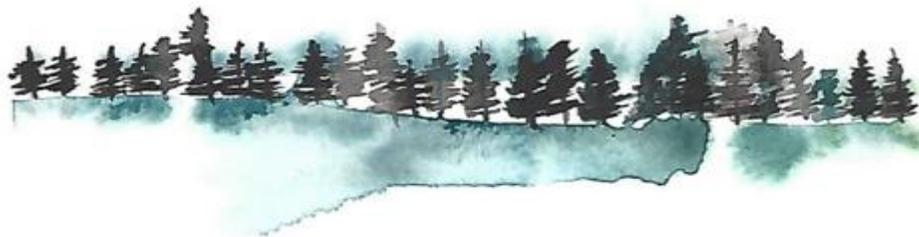


# Speaking Volumes

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Winter 2019

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## Upcoming Events Sponsored by Friends of the Idyllwild Library

### Idyllwild Friends of the Library Board Meetings

Dates: Dec. 2, Jan. 6, Feb. 3, Mar. 2 at 9 a.m.

### Local Color Holiday Performance & Sing-a-Long

Wed. Dec. 4 Time: 4 – 6 p.m.

### Idyllwild Reads Kickoff\*

#### – Celebrating Local Authors Open House

Tues. Jan. 7 Time: 4 – 8 p.m.

\* See article on p. 4 about Idyllwild Reads

### Rocking Your Business with Julie Roy

Tues. Jan. 21 Time: 6 – 7:30 p.m.

For more information on upcoming programs, check our branch calendar at [www.rivlib.net](http://www.rivlib.net) or the Friends' webpage at <http://www.friendsofityllwildlibrary.com> or go to the Library's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/IdyllwildLibrary/>

To find the most up to date activity information each month, visit the library and look for Colleen's monthly printed calendar and Susan's monthly children's calendar or check out Yumi's posts and events on Facebook.



## President's Message "At the Peak"

Have you ever gone to the library and can't find the book that you want or looked on the Riverside county library website and you still cannot find the book that you want? There is great news! You can use the FREE Zip Books program to have it ordered and sent to you. Zip Books allows you to request a book

and have it mailed directly to your address through Amazon. Once purchased and delivered, it will be recorded as checked out to you by the library. When you're done, you'll bring it back for library staff to check in as a brand new library book.

A Zip Book in print form must be:

- an item not already owned by your local/home branch (the branch at which you're submitting the request)
- in stock on Amazon Prime,
- cost \$50.00 or less before taxes (\$75 or less if in a language other than English)
- published at least six months ago,
- not out of print, and
- not a "bestseller" (if in doubt, check the New York Times Bestseller list) unless you are ordering a Large Print or audiobook edition, in which case bestsellers are permitted.

Audiobooks on CD are eligible if they are:

- an item not already owned by your local/home branch (the branch at which you're submitting the request)
- in stock on Amazon Prime,
- cost \$75.00 or less,
- published at least six months ago, and
- not out of print.

DVDS, music CDs, digital audiobooks (e.g. mp3 or iTunes), and e-books (including Kindle books) are not eligible to be requested through the Zip Books program.

We expect to fulfill the vast majority of Zip requests, but success is not guaranteed. Approval will depend on available funds, the availability of the item on Amazon, and our evaluation of the title as being suitable for addition to the library collections. Please check the Amazon.com site beforehand to make

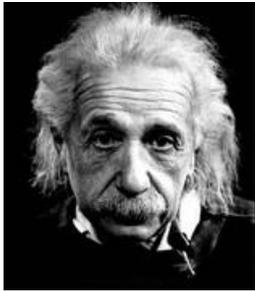
sure the item is available. We will contact you if we are unable to fulfill the request or if it does not meet the criteria. (Information provided by Riverside County Library)

**John Mathys, President**

## Membership Report

***The only thing that you absolutely have to know is the location of the library.***

***--Albert Einstein***



We happily welcome new memberships to the Friends of the Idyllwild Library. Thank you to Dottie Goldfarb for her individual membership and Eric Camburn for his new family membership.

Renewing at the individual level are Nobuko Christenson, Nancy Beggs, Arthur Connor, Elaine Hoggan, Elanie Moore, Ileana Lee, Kathleen Kieferdorf, and Richard Collins. Thank you to Kathryn & Frank Baele, Yvonne Poirier & Bob Smead, Cal & Helen Knauer, John and Tricia Carratello, Karrie Morlan, Jack & Becky Clark, Robin & Sarah Oates, and Janice Fast & Mo Farrell for renewing your family memberships. Our gratitude to Tom & Karen Higgins for renewing your sapphire membership.

We humbly thank the following people for their generous donations: Ronald & Judith Shenkman, Melissa Montgomery-Lynch, Adele Voell, Kathleen Kieferdorf, and Arthur Connor.

Editor's Note: Thanks also to board members Jeri John and Jeanne Buchanan for their recurring donations! If you would like to sign up for a recurring monthly donation, you may do so on the FOL web page at <http://www.friendsofityllwildlibrary.com/>.

Your memberships and contributions help our library thrive. Thank you!

**Jeri John, Membership Chair**

## Children's Programs

**"Connecting to Our Community Through the Library"**

Life is about connections. Beginning with our family and friends we learn and grow. These connections help us thrive and flourish. The library helps us to

develop new skills and to continue our learning throughout our lives by making available many resources for learning and providing a place to connect to our community. Here are some of the ways our library's children's programs have connected with our surrounding community this fall:

In September, story time was held at the Idyllwild Community Garden and Education Center in order to celebrate a beautiful first day of autumn. Helen Hixon read some great fall stories and led a tour through the gardens. The following week the Idyllwild Fire Protection District came to story time in order to teach the children about fire safety and what to do in an emergency. They had a fun time exploring the big fire engine and ambulance.

This year we again hosted "Trick-or-Treat" at the library with the theme "Halloween Around the World." We treated the children to candies from around the world and fresh popped popcorn, hot apple cider, water bottles, treat bags with pencils and bookmarks, an old movie, as well as a display of similar Halloween-type celebrations from around the world. Thank you to volunteers Donna Barber and Kim Hudson for helping with this event.

The following day, after-schoolers decorated *calaveras* (sugar skulls) to observe *Día de los Muertos* (*Day of the Dead*). Thank you to Terryann Halloran for hand-making all of the clay skulls. Everyone sampled a traditional Mexican bread of *Pan de Muertos*.



On November 25, Amanda Castro, the Malki Museum Director, shares the well-known Cahuilla folktale "Menill: The Moon Maiden." In addition, Amanda will teach everyone how to weave a round reed basket. We appreciate Amanda driving up from the reservation in Cabazon to present this special story time.

Family Game Day takes place on Saturday, November 30. Everyone is welcomed to enjoy various types of board games and puzzles throughout the day. We always serve fresh popcorn, too!

Mrs. Claus will stop by the library on December 16 with stories, a magic show, face painting, gifts, crafts, and snacks. The local area preschools are invited to attend this story time as well. During the month of December, the holiday squirrel will again appear every day at the library but in a different location, and once the squirrel is located, the finder receives a free candy cane. In addition, there will be a "Frozen" party and other fun holiday story times about reindeer and cookies.

We have been learning a lot and having a good time during **STEAM Wednesdays** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics). In October the home-schoolers and after-schoolers conducted pumpkin experiments and learned about the density of the various parts of a pumpkin. They also made exploding pumpkin volcanos. In November, the children were taught the science of making butter and why popcorn pops -- very yummy experiments. In December, we'll be creating beautiful botanical oil Mason jar lamps with fragrant essential oils.

Again, this year there will be a gift-wrapping station from December 16 to 24; paper, tape, scissors, ribbons, etc. will be provided. The Community Room with its many tables is a great place to wrap your gifts.

In appreciation of Native American Heritage month, please come in to view the beautiful Maricopa Indian pottery display. This exhibit has been generously loaned to the library from one of our Idyllwild neighbors, Gary Parton.



The library is the heart of our community and we want to continue nurturing our community connections through the library by providing a wide array of resources. The Friends of the Library deserves a thank you for making programs available for our community to thrive and flourish.



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

## Treasurer's Report

### **Account Balances, Income & Expenditures YTD as of Sept. 30, 2019**

- Membership income was up \$1136.92 from where it was YTD in September of last year.
- Bookstore sales were down \$353.12 from where they were YTD in September of last year.
- Unrestricted income was \$15,008.95 which is \$3,736.07 more than this time last year.
- Unrestricted expenditures were \$11,888.182,591.40 more than this time last year.
- Income exceeded Expenditures by \$3,120.77
- The total balance in the checking and money market accounts is \$73,102.01

### **Year to date expenditures as of Sept. 30, 2019**

Magazine subscriptions, books, digital subscriptions, children's supplies, butterflies, Summer Reading Program, Harpist, Town Crier advertising, letterhead, mugs, t-shirts, coasters, other promotional materials, flash drives, lilac watering, Helle Brisson Pearson - Guided Autobiography, newsletter postage, E-newspapers, Centennial expenses, new shelves for bookstore, Beth Pratt, stamps, cutting dies for children's department, Explore Idyllwild Map, printing costs, Centennial library cards, calligraphy classes.

**Tricia Mathys, Treasurer**

## **Last Minute Shopping? Your library bookstore has it all!**

Everyone on your gift list has room for at least one more book or a piece of our new merchandise line!

We have:

- Beautiful gift quality books on a variety of subjects.
- Books for as little as 10 cents (need a stocking stuffer?)
- Hard cover books for \$1.
- CDs, audiobooks, VHS tapes, Sci-fi, young adult, large print, vintage, classics, fiction and non-fiction.

**And the books on the SALE shelves are only 25 cents each!**

Don't know what to cook for the holidays, for company, or for potluck parties? We have beautiful cookbooks – vegetarian, fancy hostess recipes, baking, vegetables,

and we have even taken several cookbooks and bundled them together for extra savings! (And we have diet books for after the holidays.)

AND check out the new, hot off the presses **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY COOKBOOK** featuring yummy, favorite recipes submitted by Idyllwild Library patrons.

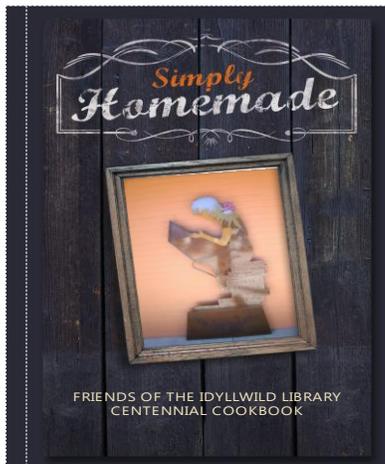
Have you been in to see our new merchandise section? For those you want to gift with something useful and unique, we have beautiful clocks, keepsake boxes, coasters, mugs, t-shirts (children and adult sizes) book bags, and a variety of mugs. So be sure to stop in and see how easy it is to finish your Christmas shopping!

**Mary Zimmerman, FOL Bookstore Coordinator**

## Coming Soon! Idyllwild Library Centennial Cookbook!

The Friends of the Idyllwild Library Centennial Cookbook will be arriving soon – just in time for holiday gifts! This beautiful cookbook contains 150 delightful recipes submitted from members and friends of our community. Cookbooks will be available for sale and pickup in the Friends Store at the Idyllwild Library in early December. Cookbooks are just \$10 each!

Reserve your copies now by completing an order form available in the library or by sending an email to Susan Judkins ([sgcorley@gmail.com](mailto:sgcorley@gmail.com)). Please be sure to include your contact information (name, email, and phone number). Include your address if you need your copies shipped. Shipping charges will be extra, depending on the number of copies that you purchase, so picking up your copies at the library will be best.



We will notify you when the cookbooks arrive. You can pick up your copies at the Idyllwild Library, and put your payment (cash or check) in the cash box in the Friends Bookstore. Checks should be payable to the Friends of the Idyllwild Library. Thank you for supporting this fund-raising effort!

## Idyllwild Reads! You get to choose the books!

Idyllwild READS ... a lot! Help us choose Idyllwild's favorite books ... Nominate your favorite books!!

As part of the Idyllwild Library Centennial Celebration, the Friends of the Library and the Idyllwild Community Fund are sponsoring *Idyllwild Reads*, a community-wide event in which you get to participate by nominating your favorite books for a vote which will determine a book that the whole community is invited to read.

Starting with "Celebrating Local Authors", an open house on January 7, 2020, Idyllwild readers will have the opportunity to complete our Idyllwild Reads Ballot. There are three voting categories: Favorite book, Favorite Teen\Young Adult book, and Favorite Children's book. You can submit more than one ballot if you cannot decide on one favorite book.

Ballots will be available at the library, in the Town Crier, and on social media accounts for the library and The Friends of the Library. **The submission deadline is February 4, 2020.** All signed ballots will be entered in a drawing in the category for which the ballot is submitted.

Once the ballots are counted, we will publish a list of the top reads in each category. During February the library staff will accumulate multiple copies of the most popular book in each category, (depending on availability.) We will then encourage all Idyllwild readers to read the favorite book in the category (or categories) of their choice. Then in April, we will hold a community discussion of the favorite book and the favorite teen\young adult book. There will also be a children's story time featuring the favorite children's book.

Once the "winners" in each category have been selected, plan to attend one or more of the following events:

Idyllwild Reads – **Adult Discussion & Speaker**

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 6 – 8 p.m.

Idyllwild Reads--**Children's Discussion & Speaker**

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 1:30 – 3 p.m.

Idyllwild Reads – **Teen Discussion & Speaker**

Saturday March 14, 2020 6 – 8 p.m.

So...start thinking back on all the books you have read so you can decide on your favorites. We are excited to see what IDYLLWILD READS!

## New Horizons for a Lifelong Learner

Submitted by: Shannon Houlihan Ng  
Librarian & Branch Manager

One of the most enjoyable things about working in a library is the discovery of opportunities for lifelong learning that open up to you. This year has been exceptionally exciting for learning new things.

In the spring, I was given the opportunity to train as a Youth Mental Health First Aide Trainer and bring that knowledge back to the staff of Riverside County Library System (RCLS). This training is designed for adults who work directly with youth. It introduces participants to the unique risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems in adolescents. Think of it as first aid/CPR for mental health issues in teens and young adults. I've been an adult trainer for MHFA for three years and know that early intervention is the key to recovery and that recovery is always possible, but I was surprised to learn that many mental health challenge symptoms, including those for depression and anxiety, often first manifest in a person's early teens. I learned a lot about identifying, understanding and responding to signs of mental illnesses in adolescents. I'll be sharing it in classes this winter. If you are interested in attending a training here at the library, let me know.

Over the summer, another opportunity I never expected opened up. The Ramona Band of Cahuilla Indians in Anza is creating a library for their tribe and called to ask if there was anyone who might be able to help with some questions they had. I offered to visit their growing library and see what I could do. I've have had the chance to open new libraries and move old ones throughout my career as a librarian but a Native American library, a Cahuilla library, that I haven't had the chance to do. That request has turned into an amazing educational experience. While doing some research on what indigenous libraries are and how they serve their special populations, I visited the [Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Library](#) in Sequim, Washington. *I was visiting family and, as usual, I visit local libraries when I travel. I know that sounds a bit nuts but it's what I do. Most librarians do!* As luck would have it, I chose to visit a library that has received the 2014 Institutional Excellence Award from the Guardians of Culture, Memory and Lifeways International Awards Program, through the [Association of Tribal Archives,](#)

[Libraries and Museums \(ATALM\)](#) and was only one of two Native American tribal libraries to ever receive the [National Medal for Museum and Library Service](#). That bit of serendipity evolved into a grant from ATALM to attend their annual conference at the Pechanga Resort & Casino in Temecula last month. With a professional development grant from RCLS, I was able to attend the three-day conference without driving home each evening. It was an eye-opening experience. It was one of the most well-run, informative and authentic conferences I have ever attended. When I use the term authentic, I mean true to their vision of service. I found new tools, new partnerships and a new understanding of the culture and needs of indigenous peoples. One of the most significant takeaways was the number of cultural protocols that limit access to artifacts and materials owned by various tribes. It rocked my world a bit since my focus is always to promote safe and full access to everyone. There are very valid reasons and concerns to limit access to tribal materials. It's a very different view of library service.

I am very grateful for the opportunity to expand my horizons and be able to offer new partnerships and services to Idyllwild Library. It's been a wonderful year for learning. I'm anxious to see what next year will bring.

### Editor's End Notes

One of the eye-opening documents that Shannon prepares each December for the Friends and other library patrons is an annual listing of the Friends' accomplishments during the passing year. This year's document, which includes many of the activities pertaining to the celebration of our 100th anniversary, is two full pages, single-spaced, which makes it impractical to include in the newsletter. However, our president and web master, John Mathys, can send an emailed copy through Constant Contact as well as putting a copy on the Friends website: <http://www.friendsofIdyllwildlibrary.com/>. Printed copies will be available in the library for those without internet access. From the wide range of programs offered to children and adults, to funding additions to the library's collection, to fundraising and outreach and beyond, the Friends Board plays a vital role which could not be realized without the contributions that our members make through their dues and donations. We thank you all and wish you the very best during this holiday season!

Marcia Krull, Editor

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