

Speaking Volumes

Marcia Krull, Editor

Spring 2020

John Mathys, President



Upcoming Events Sponsored by Friends of the Idyllwild Library

Note: Unless otherwise specified, all events are in the Idyllwild Library Community Room

Idyllwild Friends of the Library Board Meetings

Dates: Apr. 6, May 4, June 1, at 9 a.m.

Intimate Idyllwild with Trish Tuley

Date: Tuesday, March 24

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

I Believe in Unicorns with Michele Marsh

Date: Saturday, April 25 and Sunday, April 26

Time: 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Place: First Church of Christ, Scientist, Idyllwild, CA

Gray Whales of the San Ignacio Lagoon with Marcia Krull

Date: Tuesday, May 12

Time: 6:00 – 8:00pm

Strange Death of Vincent Van Gogh with Arthur Tobias

Date: Monday, May 18

Time: 3:00 – 5:00pm

For more information on upcoming programs, check our branch calendar at 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"

As I venture through the resources of our local library, I am constantly surprised by the available resources that we can use. I recently came across genealogy resources that look to be a great help if you are researching your own genealogy. About 30 years ago I became very inquisitive of who I am and where I came from. I started to research my family tree but was unable to get very far because of the limited resources that were available to me at that time. I have recently come across the Ancestry® Library Edition at our Idyllwild Library. It is a system that is offered through the library that will allow you access to an enormous amount of data, so you can find your family tree. Below is a summary from their website that tells about what the system can do.

Ancestry® Library Edition, distributed exclusively by ProQuest and powered by Ancestry.com, delivers billions of records in census data, vital records, directories, photos, and more. Ancestry Library Edition brings the world's most popular consumer online genealogy resource to your library. It's an unprecedented online collection of individuals from North America, the United Kingdom, Europe, Australia, and more.

Answers await everyone—whether professional or hobbyist, expert or novice, genealogist or historian—inside the more than 7,000 available databases. Here, you can unlock the story of you with sources like censuses, vital records, immigration records, family histories, military records, court and legal documents, directories, photos, maps, and more.

And, with ongoing updates and new content always being added, you'll keep coming back to discover more. Popular and recently added collections include:

U.S. collections deliver hundreds of millions of names from sources such as federal and U.S. censuses; birth, death, and marriage records including the Social Security Death Index; and U.S. border crossing and trans-ocean ship records.

Canadian collections provide nearly 60 million records from the Census of Canada, and key vital records, such as the Drouin Collection (1621-1967), which includes nearly 30 million baptisms, marriage, and burial records from Quebec.

U.K. collections offer censuses for England, Wales, Isle of Man, Channel Islands, and Scotland, with nearly 200 million records: Births and Baptisms (1834-1906), Marriage Licenses (1521-1869), Deaths and Burials (1834-1934), and Poor Law Records (1840-1938) in London, and more.

Other international collections continue to grow with more than 46 million records from German censuses, vital records, emigration indexes, ship lists, phone directories, and more; Chinese surnames in the large and growing Jiapu Collection of Chinese lineage books; Jewish family history records from Eastern Europe and Russia; and more.

Military collections deliver over 150 million records containing information often not found elsewhere and includes records from the colonial to the Vietnam era.

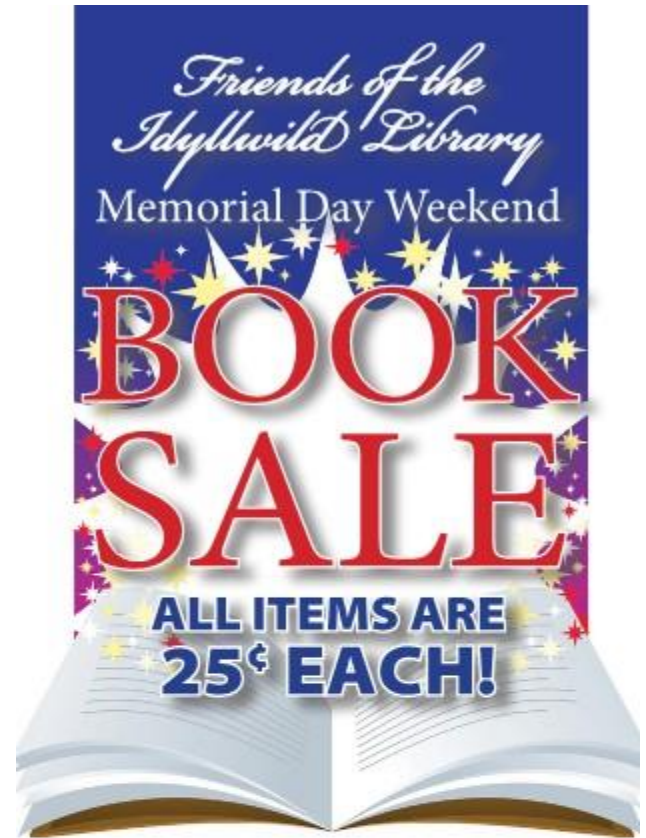
Multimedia collections deliver millions of files ranging from family and gravestone photos to postcards and newsreels.

All this, plus an intuitive search interface, detailed search indexes, and helpful Learning Center tools, makes Ancestry Library Edition an indispensable resource for any library serving genealogists and historians. Try Ancestry Library Edition in your library.

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John Mathys, President



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Membership Report

“Libraries raised me.” --Ray Bradbury

Like many of us, I have strong childhood memories of entering the town library with awe and anticipation every Saturday when my mother would take me to the Carlsbad Library. I would check out two books, the maximum allowed, and spend that week reading and rereading. As an adult I still have books I love so much that I reread them every five years or so. And I still enter our little library with awe and anticipation!

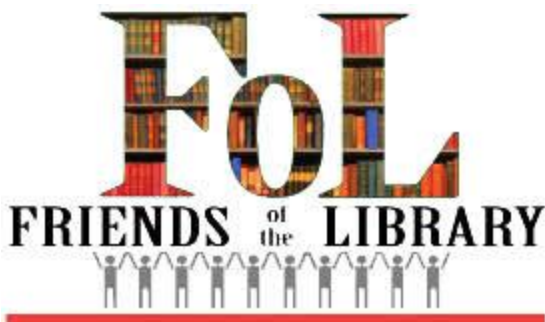
Welcome to new members. Marilyn Leih and Barbara & Jim Larsh joined us at the sapphire level. Thank you to Pamela Mayfield for her individual membership. Maritha & Donald Lamp, Rush Strong, and Michele Marsh & Peter Szabadi all have new family memberships.

We very much appreciate the renewals of your memberships. Robin & William Rhoades and Susan & Bill Judkins renewed their sapphire levels. Thank you to Dona Kardashian and Dan Dever for renewing individual levels, and Sally & Mark Salter, Antoinette Berthelotte, Bill Sperling & Charlotte Anthony, Puri & Juan Ruiz-Anchia, and Laurie & Red Corbett renewed at family levels. We appreciate the business level membership from Bob & Val Cox. Nancy Borchers' generous renewal at the diamond level was lovely.

Condolences to Chris Siems for the death of her husband, Earl. Chris & Earl have been supporters of our library. Their nephew Lyle and his wife Barbara sent a donation in Earl's memory.

A membership option available on our website is the monthly recurring donation to Friends through www.friendsofidyllwildlibrary.com. Jeanne Buchanan and I use this simple, safe method.

Jeri John, Membership Chair



Children's Programs

Happy New Year! 2020!

The year 2020 is a big year because of its interesting numeric value. At the Idyllwild Library, 2020 is also a very significant year – since we are celebrating our centennial. Here are “20” activities and events the children have observed so far this year as well as what will be coming up this spring as we move forward through this special year of 2020:

1. In January, we listened to some great story times about winter, mittens, Groundhog Day, and Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day, which had the children jumping for joy.
2. The afterschool January STEAM program (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) was about the symmetry of snowflakes.
3. On Saturday, February 1, we kicked off the month with “Take Your Child to Library Day.”
4. **Mayor Max** was a big hit and greeted many library visitors, who received Mayor Max calendars as they came to the library for “Take Your Child to Library Day.”



5. Children's author **Chanté McCoy** read her book **Blue Bear and Snow Toad**. We appreciated Chanté coming to “Take Your Child to Library Day.”
6. Participants of “Take Your Child to Library Day” also were able to join in many other activities, i.e. library scavenger hunts, learning about the many Idyllwild Library and Riverside County Library resources, voting for their favorite book for the “Idyllwild Reads” program, learning about author Michael Morpurgo, making a valentine and bookmark, and entering to win a book and candy in the February display drawing.
7. **Guess Who?** is an ongoing challenge in the Children's area. There are “20” well-known characters from children's books in silhouette on the display board. Please stop by and take the

challenge and see if you can identify all “20” characters. Challenge forms and answers are at the front desk.

8. **STEAM Week** was held February 18-22, 2020. Shannon and Yumi trained the children on the library’s virtual reality system, Thomas demonstrated 3D printing, Susan taught the children how to use 3Doodlers, Yumi and Donna showed how to download the app for robotic cars called MeeperBOTS. Children personalized their MeeperBots with Legos and then drove them through obstacle courses.
9. March will be a very busy month. We’ll begin the month with a STEAM “Building Straws” program with an emphasis on engineering. Children will also enjoy the Interactive Cube Projection System. April’s STEAM program will be about the weather and clouds.
10. We’ll celebrate Dr. Seuss’ March birthday with a special story time with Miss Rachel. Dr. Seuss’ books were among the top Idyllwild Reads children’s favorites.
11. Wednesday, March 11, at 1:30 p.m., we are pleased to have **Sally Salter** lead a discussion of **Charlotte’s Web**, which was selected as the favorite Idyllwild Reads children’s book.
12. On Saturday, March 14, 1-3 p.m., the **Children’s Film Festival** will once again take place at the library. Please join us for some great short children’s films and FREE popcorn.
13. Also, on March 14, 6:00 p.m., Maygen Sandrini will lead a teen discussion on S.E. Hinton’s book **The Outsiders**, chosen as the favorite teen book for the Idyllwild Reads program. There will be a pizza party during this event. Village Market is kindly providing the pizzas.
14. The **In-n-Out Reading Program** takes place **March 7 to April 18, 2020**. For every five-books read, In-n-Out generously awards a free hamburger to children ages 4 to 12.
15. We are pleased to welcome two new story time readers: **Vickie Shiptech** and **Sheri McClain**; both of these ladies bring many years of teaching experience.
16. On April 6, **Bob Greenamy** will read his book **Cabin Elves of Idyllwild**. This book was also a top favorite children’s book in the Idyllwild Reads program.
17. Children’s author **Michael Morpurgo’s** play **I Believe in Unicorns** will be performed by Michelle Marsh on April 25 and 26.
18. On Saturday, May 9, 1-3 p.m., we’ll be making wind chimes, which could make a great gift for mom for Mother’s Day.
19. **My Community Rocks** story time takes place Monday, May 11, 10:30 a.m. **Captain Purvis**,

Riverside County Sheriff, along with **Idyllwild Fire Department’s Fire Chief Mark Lamont** will read stories to the children. In addition, the **Idyllwild Rotary Club** will be there to assist with snacks. This is going to be a great opportunity for children to learn about some of our wonderful community helpers. Thank you to Wendy Watts for coordinating this event.

20. **Summer Reading 2020** is already in the planning stages. This year’s theme is **Dig Deeper: Read, Discover, Investigate – A Night at the Museum**. Look for more information coming soon.

2020 is already so full of many special events at the library. The children’s events listed above are just a few of the many activities planned. We have so much to look forward during the next 20 days, 20 months, 20 years. 2020 is going to be an extraordinary year at the library. Happy 2020 to everyone.

Susan Righetti, Children’s Program Coordinator

Idyllwild Reads! **HEAR YE! HEAR YE!** The results of the balloting are in!

What a response! More than 175 ballots were submitted! Thank You to all who participated! The wide variety of books that were voted for points to a very diversified reading population. Below is the list of the final favorite book(s) in each category. At the library you can pick up a copy of the entire list of books voted for in each category.

Throughout 2020 we plan to focus on and provide programs related to many of the books and authors that received votes. As noted below we are starting with recognizing the front runners in each category.

Favorite book: Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens and To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee will be featured in a discussion about the authors of these books. (They both are the subject of some controversy.) The discussion date is Tuesday, March 10 at 6 PM at the library.

Favorite Teen\Young Adult book: The Outsiders by S. E. Hinton will be discussed on Saturday, March 14 at the library. Pizza will be served. The facilitator is Maygen Sandrini. The time is TBA.

Favorite Children’s Book (ages 0-9): Anything by Dr. Seuss! We will celebrate Dr. Seuss’ birthday at Storytime on Monday, March 9 at 10:30 AM. Be sure and get an opportunity ticket for the

amazing Friends of the Library Dr. Seuss quilt. Tickets are available at the library front desk.

Charlotte's Web by E. B. White will be the focus of a celebration on Wednesday March 11 at 1:30 PM at the library.

We have not yet set the date for the celebration of The Cabin Elves of Idyllwild by **local author** Bob Greenamyler. Watch for updates!

In October there will be a "Wild Rumpus" celebrating Maurice Sendak's popular book Where the Wild Things Are.

Challenge yourself and think outside your normal book covers. Read books and authors you haven't read before. Try reading books in each of the categories. **Let the adventures begin.**

Now that you've voted, it is time to sit back and enjoy some new reads. Come to all the discussions and celebrations – there are adult messages in the book selected in the Teen\Young Adult category AND if you haven't read Charlotte's Web you have really missed a great book. The library has multiple copies of each of the books featured above.

I Believe in Unicorns – Do You?

Some years ago, my young niece, Sage, and I saw a children's play, titled I Believe in Unicorns, by Michael Morpurgo, in London. It was spectacular, and the Friends of the Idyllwild Library are bringing it to Idyllwild. It will be a free activity for the community as part of the library's 100th year celebration! Our own local actress, Michele Marsh, is the star (playing a librarian), and local Kathleen Walker is the director.

The play will be presented twice, once on April 25th and again on April 26th at the Christian Science Church in Idyllwild. Bring your children or grandchildren, and come enjoy this very special production!



Jean Stein, Special Correspondent

Editor's End Notes

A Whale of a Tale

Two weeks ago, my husband Ron and I traveled with a group of friends to Baja Discovery's Whale Camp on a small island in the San Ignacio Lagoon to interact with the grey whales that spend several months there each year. The females give birth to their young and spend 3 to 4 months nursing them and preparing them for the 6000-mile journey to their summer feeding grounds in Alaska. For some reason, not well understood by scientists, many of the whales in the Lagoon are "friendly" whales, approaching the small boats and encouraging people to reach out and touch them. Mother whales will often bring their calves right up to the boat as well, as if to say, "These are good people. It's OK to hang out with them!" This is far more than a typical whale watching experience. At night, from the comfort of our spacious tents, we could hear the



sound of whales spouting close to the shore throughout the night, a wonderful and gentle sound to fall asleep to! The photographic opportunities are amazing, and even with just my iPhone camera, I was able to get

some incredible close ups of whales and their offspring.

The birding is also incredible, with 41 species commonly

seen, such as ospreys who were nesting during our visit and 20 other species seen less commonly. If you would like to learn more about this eco-adventure, Ron and I will be presenting a



program for the Friends on May 12, from 6 – 8 pm.

Marcia Krull, Editor

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