

Speaking Volumes

Mary Zimmerman, Guest Editor

Spring 2023

John Mathys, President



Upcoming Events Sponsored by Friends of the Idyllwild Library

MEMORIAL DAY Book Sale

Saturday, May 27: 10 am – 2 pm

Idyllwild Friends of the Library Board Meeting

Date: June 5, at 9:30 a.m.

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/>

Friends of the Library Social Media

Please visit us on social media! The Friends of the Idyllwild Library now have accounts on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

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Idyllwild Library

54401 Village Center Drive
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HOURS

Monday and Wednesday
10 am - 6 pm

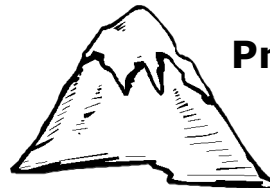
Tuesday
12 - 8 pm

Thursday and Friday
12 - 5 pm

Saturday
10 am - 4 pm

Closed Sunday

Branch Manager: Shannon Houlihan Ng
Library Assistants: Colleen Tell, Susan Righetti,
Yumi See, and Maygen Morlan



President's message "At the Peak"

The Digital Library

If you haven't had a chance to check out all the offerings at the Idyllwild library through the digital library, you will be amazed at the volume of resources that are there. Here is a sampling of the resources available.

ABC Mouse

ABCmouse is 100% educational and 100% fun, with more than 10,000 learning activities for ages 2-8+ (books, puzzles, educational games, science videos, art activities, songs, and more) that encompass reading, math, science, social studies, art, and music—including more than 2,000 STEM and 1,200 Spanish-language learning activities. Access only available within the library.

Biblioboard

Biblioboard features content on a variety of topics, featuring local, independent authors from California and Riverside County specifically. Authors can use our Pressbooks platform to create and upload eBooks, and upon review, may be featured in this collection.

Cloud Library

Download popular eBooks and eAudiobooks for free to your phone or tablet.

Gale In Context: Environmental Studies

Gale California K12 - Understand environmental issues that affect people globally through topic overviews, journals, news, and multimedia content. Get 24/7 access to nearly 400 pages across science, social studies, and the humanities.

Get Set Up

GetSetUp is an online community offering live classes to older adults. It is for people who want to learn new skills, connect with others, and unlock new life experiences.

Kanopy

Classic films, world cinema, documentaries, and popular movies available for on-demand streaming.

Libby

Bestselling fiction and non-fiction eBooks and eAudiobooks. Download to your computer or use the Libby app with a variety of devices.

This is just a small sampling of digital resources available at Riverside Library online:

<https://www.rivlib.net/digital-library>

John Mathys, President

Children's Programs

Fresh air, warmer weather and blooming flowers. What's not to love about spring? After our long, long winter we look forward to a beautiful spring season at the library.

Spring presents many great opportunities to share seasonal weekly story times and events with our children at the library. Here are some of the events that have been happening with the children's programs this spring:

First and foremost, I am pleased to announce the

new reading program **Tales to Tails** has finally become a reality. Rakeara, an AKC Therapy Dog, CGC, along with her handler Claire Spence come to us through a collaboration with the Animal Samaritans of Thousand



Palms, California. They generously give their time in order help children boost their reading skills. Research data has shown that reading to dog programs actually help children improve their reading skills as



well as help children develop emotional and social skills. This program occurs the first Wednesday of every month following story time.



Another new and exciting program is the youth book club known as **The Best Idyllwild Book Club** led by Tate Donovan and moderated by Susan Righetti. The March book selection was **Space Case, No. 1** by Stuart Gibbs, and was attended by



eight club members ranging in age from nine to thirteen. After a review of the book, the children made collages depicting what items they would like to take with them to space. Some children drew an architectural plan of a space station. We enjoyed some special freeze-dried treats that astronauts eat in space, i.e. freeze-dried ice cream and dried fruit. Our April book choice is **Echo Mountain** by Lauren Wolk. We'll be reading **A Wolf Called Wonder** by Rosanne Parry in May.

We were pleased to be a part of the **Cover to Cover** Reading program again this year during March and April. For every five books a child reads (or is read to them), they receive a gift card for a free In-n-Out hamburger or cheeseburger. This is a great incentive to get children reading. We appreciate the generosity of In-n-Out for their sponsorship of this popular program.

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) programs have been a lot of fun.

Playing with Polymers was our February theme, during which children learned about polymers. In March, we experimented with fizzy rainbow eggs. Children loved seeing the chemical reaction of an acid (vinegar) and a base (baking soda) when mixed together making a gas (carbon dioxide). In April, children discovered one of the ways meteorologists predict weather by making an anemometer.



This spring we are pleased to be able to present some outdoor story times at Riverside County's - Idyllwild Nature Center during their special events for **Earth Day** and for **Wildflowers of the San Jacinto Mountains**. We appreciate our cooperative agreement with Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District (Idyllwild Nature Center) and the Friends of the San Jacinto Mountains County Parks in order to bring these special outreach programs to our community.

Plans are well underway for our summer reading program. This year's theme is **Find Your Voice**. Dates for the summer reading program are June 12 to July 21, 2023. 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. Story times are every Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. Of course, we want to give a big thank you to the Friends of the Library for making so many programs possible.

Wishing you the best this season has to offer!
Happy spring!

Susan Righetti, Children's Programs

Membership

The health of our civilization, the depth of our awareness about the underpinnings of our culture and our concern for the future can all be tested by how well we support our libraries.

-- Carl Sagan

Hello supporters of Idyllwild Library! Renewing your membership for Friends of the Idyllwild Library is simple. Next time you are in the library pick up a renewal envelope and drop it off there or mail it to us. You can also renew through <http://www.friendsofidyllwildlibrary.com>.

Thank you for joining or renewing membership in 2023 to the Kretsinger Family, Elaine Hogan, Valerie Crane & Bob Cox, Jeanne & Jerry Buchanan, Susan & Bill Judkins, Barbara Jones, Adrian & Linda Adams, Joye Schmiedt, Kathy Bryson, and Luanne & Jeff Galizio.

Friends recent financial support includes a youth book club "Idyllwild's Best Book Club," prizes for homeschooler's science fair, snacks at library events, \$500 monthly for new library books, magazine renewals, stipends and crafts for our children's events, and many more.

Please show your support by renewing! Your membership donation allows our library to thrive.

Jeri John, Membership Chair

THANK YOU, SHANNON!



Shannon Houlihan Ng
Librarian & Branch Manager 2012 - 2023

Librarian's Corner...

Shannon's promotion to Associate Librarian, Riverside County was profiled recently in the Town Crier. While we await appointment of a new Librarian, we reflect on all that Shannon brought to our Library community.

Shannon was recruited to Idyllwild Library in 2012, just in time to help with a move into the beautifully renovated permanent space provided by Riverside County. With Shannon at the helm, the library has established itself as our community's information commons, responsive to the needs of all age groups. Shannon cultivated an engaged staff and mobilized

Friends of the Library in creative ways, including a year-long celebration of the Library's

Centennial in 2020, kicked off in pre-COVID 2019. The good news is that Shannon is still a big part of our Idyllwild community as a resident and will continue to engage with the library in her new position with Riverside County.

If things seem to be running smoothly "as usual", credit is due to the most excellent collaborative



team formed on Shannon's watch. They make everything possible. Thank you to Maygen Morlan, Yumi See, Coleen Tell, and Susan Righetti!

Librarian's Corner

Bookstore

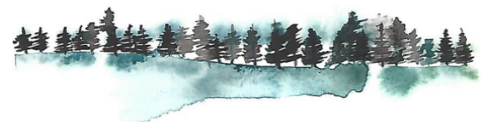
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Editor's End Notes

Mary Zimmerman is our Guest Editor for this edition. Mary serves as Chair of Book Sales with the Friends of the Library Board. But that is just a point of departure for her generous and broad range of work. The Friends' Library Book Store averages \$500/month, made possible with a group of dedicated volunteers working with Mary. (You might see Mary shelving books!). The Library's Centennial in 2020 kicked off with "Idyllwild Reads", a series of events including local authors, championed by Mary. During COVID times, Mary pivoted to ZOOM, delivering "Idyllwild" to a bi-coastal audience fanbase for Josh Stallings! Children's Programs, Book Clubs, Mahjong, the annual Library book sale—Mary is our anchor.

Mary raised her son and daughter at the little Idyllwild Library. Today, she is inspired by seeing her grandchildren find their way in Idyllwild Library's ever-expanding experience.



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