



Events Sponsored by Friends of the Idyllwild Library

Friends of the library hosted two programs in June.



Mallory O'Meara, a delightful young local author, gave a talk on her career in broad terms as well as her interest in all things monster-related did a wonderful presentation at the library. She referred to herself as a "purple haired, monster loving nerd", which made everyone laugh out loud. She has written multiple books, including "The Lady from the Black Lagoon" and "Girly Drinks", a young people's book "Girls Make Movies", and more to come. We had an unexpected visitor to the presentation, who acted with great decorum throughout the presentation, and even brought his copy of her book to be signed.



Two lucky winners of our door prizes took home autographed copies of "The Lady from the Black Lagoon", the story of Millicent Patrick, who designed the costume for the movie "The Creature from the Black Lagoon"



A great night!!!

The second June event was on Pickleball for Beginners. Presented by Beau and Ginger Dagnell along with their son Indy, they had a great slideshow presentation on the history and rules of the fastest growing sport there is right now.... Pickleball! As you probably know, we have a couple of Pickleball courts up here on the hill, and many people are learning this fun sport. It may actually become an Olympic sport in the near future!



Door prizes were given to two people who held winning tickets, which are free to all attendees. Helen Strahan won a beautiful book on the rules of pickleball, and Molly Maple was the winner of a set of pickleball balls. We had a great time!



In late July, Ruth Martin with Idyllwild Community Center (ICC) came to speak to seniors about the

“Fit After 50” program that is held 5 days a week at Town Hall and is FREE! Board member Marilyn Kemple organized the event.



Upcoming Events Sponsored by Friends of the Idyllwild Library

Wednesday August 9th 4:00 pm

Talk about Artificial Intelligence (AI) at 4:00 pm.

Idyllwild Friends of the Library Board Meeting

Date: August 7, at 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday August 22nd 6:00 pm

Artist Reception at 6:00 pm

Tuesday September 5th – 6:00 pm

Author Talk – Judalon de Bornay – *Great Crossings*

Tuesday September 19th – 6:00 pm

Songwriting Talk – Brett Perkins

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/>

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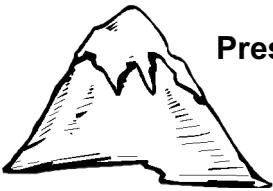
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President's message "At the Peak"

By President, John Mathys

3D Printing and Idyllwild Library

Hello everyone,

The Idyllwild Library now has a new 3D printer, soon to be available to the public. The money for the printer was donated to us for this purpose by The Rotary Club of Idyllwild.

What is 3d printing? 3D printing is an exciting technology that allows you to create three-dimensional objects from digital designs. It's often referred to as additive manufacturing because it builds objects layer by layer, unlike traditional subtractive methods like carving or cutting.

Here's an explanation of 3D printing for beginners:

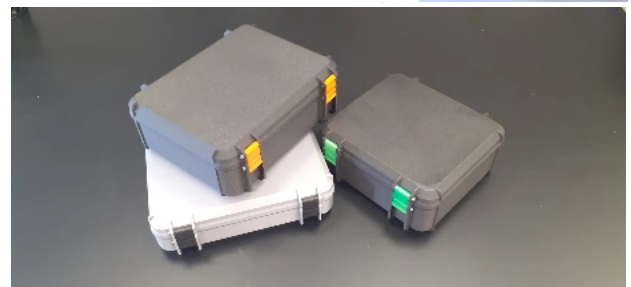
The Basic Process: The 3D printing process typically involves these steps: a. **Designing:** You start by creating a 3D model of the object you want to print using computer-aided design (CAD) software. This digital design is saved as a 3D file, usually in STL format. b. **Slicing:** The 3D printer needs specific instructions on how to build the object layer by layer. Slicing software

takes the 3D model and divides it into thin horizontal layers, generating a set of instructions (G-code) for the printer. c. **Printing:** The 3D printer reads the G-code and starts building the object layer by layer. It uses various materials (e.g., plastic, resin, metal) depending on the type of 3D printer and the desired end product. d. **Cooling and Solidifying:** As each layer is laid down, the material is cooled or solidified, ensuring it adheres to the previous layer. This process continues until the entire object is complete.

Here's what the printer looks like...



We will have a beginner's class in October for anyone interested in learning about 3d printing and learning how to download files that are free from the web and then preparing these files for our specific printer. Below are pictures of some of the items that I have printed.





We look forward to working with everyone who wants to tryout the 3d printer. We are also looking for volunteers to help facilitate the use of the printer, if you have any experience with 3d printing and are willing to help others please call me at 951-306-4494. We hope to have everything in place by October and open the 3d printer to the public.

Children's Programs

We had a full summer with many great story times and activities. Riverside County Library System's summer reading 2023 theme **Find Your Voice** was explored with a different sub-theme each week. We had a great time developing the weekly themes centered on various aspects of personal growth.

Looking back over the past weeks, the Idyllwild Library kicked off the summer reading program on June 14, 2023, with **Sandii Castleberry's** musical program **Singing Your Way to Reading**.



Jennifer Rago, face painter and **Kutsch** the Fire Dog were there to welcome the children to summer reading as well. For the second week's theme, **My Roots, My Story**, we were pleased to have author **Sally Shum McDevitt** read her multicultural book **Family Style** about eating traditional Chinese Dim Sum. Sally even taught the children some Cantonese words.

For the third week of summer reading **Express Yourself, Rachel Torrey** and **The Spaceman Trilogy** performed a delightful musical story time.



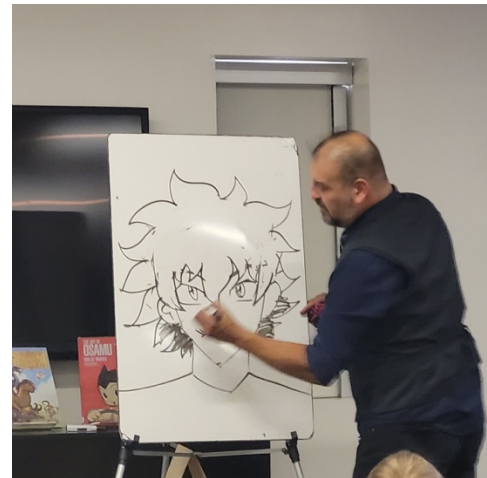
The fourth week theme of summer reading was about **Connecting with our Community**. We were so pleased to have **Sonny Waldron**, Park Ranger, Idyllwild Nature, come to teach us about the snakes that live in our area. Children got to hold **Jackson**, a king snake.



For **Animal Talk Week**, **Janice Murasko**, of **Animal Rescue Friends**, instructed the children how to safely interact with dogs. During **Self-Care week**, **Riverside University Health System** technicians presented a program about the importance of dental care using puppets to demonstrate proper toothbrushing techniques. Children received dental kits, books, and dental hygiene resource information.



In addition to story time, artist **Carlos Nieto**, **Anime Your Way**, taught a step-by-step anime drawing program.



On July 26, we closed summer reading with an awards party with **WACKO** the magician and Jennifer Rago, master balloon twister.

The top three readers in these age categories: 0-5 years, 6-12 years, and teens were each awarded bags full of great prizes. The top adult reader received a \$50 Barnes and Noble gift card and a bag of collectibles. In addition, we were able to award a backpack full of fun prizes each week through a random drawing of all entries who had registered for summer reading. We also had an impressive Branch Prize with some collectible items. The 5-Book Challenge recipients received a \$5-gift card to Atomic Cow Creamery. Everyone selected a free book when they registered and again when they completed reading five books as well as the awards party. We also awarded four tickets to Pretend City.

The summer reading program is now a memory, but what a great way to spend the summer diving into a lot of fantastic reading. We thank all of the children as well as the teens and the adults for participating in this year's summer reading program.

The Idyllwild Library participated in the **Idyllwild Nature Center's Lemon Lily Festival** on Saturday, July 15, 2023. Volunteer **Carol Mendoza** and I prepared a story walk which featured the book ***The Lemon Lily Fairy*** written by local author **Sherri Domenigoni**. The book's pages were laminated and mounted onto seventeen story boards, which were then numbered and placed in key locations along one of the Nature Center trails that led to Lily Creek, where the Lemon Lilies were in bloom.



As families hiked along the trail they were able to read the book. A story walk is a fun family activity which promotes literacy and physical activity as well as community involvement.



This project has been a collaboration with the Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District, Idyllwild Nature Center; Riverside County Library System, Idyllwild Branch; Friends of the Idyllwild Library; Friends of the San Jacinto Mountain County Parks; and the Idyllwild Rotary Club. Our next planned Idyllwild Nature Center story time and story walk is scheduled for Saturday, August 12, 2023, for Butterfly Days.

Volunteer Rachel Torrey – Thank you
“The gift of service leads to a life of love.” ~ Mary White

The above quote especially applies to Rachel Torrey for her gift of service to the Idyllwild Library. In a day and age where time is a precious commodity, Rachel has taken time from her busy life in order to do volunteer story time reading once—often times twice—a month for the past fifteen years. Her ability to relate to the children with her enthusiastic and energetic reading has been a special gift to the children of our community; they will cherish these beloved memories of Rachel's story times for years to come. She will be profoundly missed as she relocates to a new home off the hill. Rachel has our deepest gratitude and appreciation for her commitment to serve the precious children of Idyllwild.

A promotional poster for a story time event. The title is 'MS. RACHEL READS HER FAVORITES' in large, bold, black letters. Below it, in smaller text, is 'FAREWELL STORYTIME WITH MS. RACHEL'. A green banner contains the date and time: 'August 2, 2023 | 10:30 AM'. A central photograph shows a woman reading to a group of children, with a man playing guitar. A blue speech bubble on the right says 'Photo booth, goodie bags, and treats for all!'. A purple banner at the bottom says 'Come help us honor Ms. Rachel and all she has done for our story time program!'.

Rachel's farewell story time: **Rachel's Favorites** takes place Wednesday, August 2, 2023, 10:30 a.m. Please join us in thanking Rachel.

As always, we say a big thank you to the Friends of the Idyllwild Library for their support of the children's program, without which these many library programs would not be possible.

Susan Righetti
Children's Programs



Membership

"I cannot remember the books I've read any more than the meals I have eaten; even so, they have made me." -Ralph Waldo Emerson

This quote hit home for me. Often when I am asked if I have read a certain book, I reply YES, and I may remember enjoying the read but forget the plot. Keeping brief notes in a journal and rereading them are my memory anchor.

Thank you for joining or renewing membership this spring to Elaine Latimer, Deb Varnado & Art Tobias, Amanda Conerty, Janice Murasko, Jeanne Buchanan, Armando Moran, Marilyn Kemple, Barb Reese, Thelma Lucjak, and Pamela Mayfield. We are grateful for an anonymous donation of \$1000. Christine Siems donated in remembrance of Bonnie Doshier for her significant gift of time, especially bringing the love of reading to our children.

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Thank you, Jeri John - Membership Chair

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