

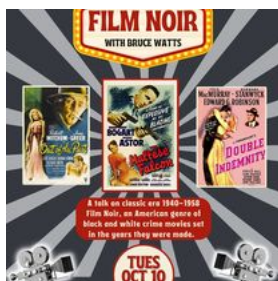


Events Sponsored by Friends of the Idyllwild Library

Can you believe 2023 is almost coming to an end? We have only two programs left for the season.! We have had some very exciting things presented to us by our interesting guests this past year.



We have welcomed authors, Idyllwild history buffs, A fun night of adult Lego history and playtime, gardening experts, pickle ball, and more!



It's sometimes frustrating to invite these wonderful speakers, then have only a tiny handful of people show up. If you have any ideas on how to increase our attendance at these wonderful events, we would be more than open to your suggestions.

In November, on the 14th, we will enjoy a program presented by Dave Larson called "Hello Darkness, My Old Friend: Night Sky and Light Pollution."



We Welcome everyone in the community to join us for these programs, and lively discussions, and even door prizes! You won't want to miss out! Come along and bring a friend or neighbor! It's only an hour out of your week and you'll be so happy you did.



Coming Events

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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President's message "At the Peak"

By President, John Mathys



How important are Friends groups? They can literally make the difference between a budget increase and cut for their libraries. Since the beginning of the American library movement, Friends groups have been formed by citizens using their collective powers to do everything from running a book sale to ensuring that our American library legacy remains viable. By contributing as a library Friend, you can make a lasting difference for your library

(llovelibraries.org). Father Bob Larkin spearheaded the formation of the Friends of the Idyllwild Library in 1982. In 1984 the entire staff of the Library was laid off, but the Friends of the Library came through by raising funds to keep the library open for 20 hours a week. When the library moved to Lower Pine Crest, the Friends of the Library had a deck built, and in the following years, the Friends provided funding for more books and additional staff. Throughout, the Friends of the Library was accumulating funds in anticipation of a future library expansion. By the year 2000 the friends had \$50,000, which was matched by a grant from then Supervisor Jim Venable, which gave the Friends \$100,000 for the project. In 2010 Supervisor Jeff Stone approved financing to provide Idyllwild with a new library. However, the County was only going to cover the cost of having the library open 20 hours/week. Because the Friends had diligently accumulated funds for the new library, they were able to cover the costs to keep the library open for 40 hours per week. Fortunately, the County of Riverside soon saw the boon in library usage from having the library open for more hours and now provides funding for all the hours the library is open. The Friends of the Library now focuses on funding for more books, periodicals, laptop computers, digitizing the Town Crier, book racks, security cameras, and many more items and activities. Another focus of the Friends is to provide monthly programming at the library. As you can see, the Friends of the Library puts forth a lot of time and effort to support the Idyllwild Library and the community. The Friends of the Idyllwild Library is always looking for new members to help support the library and work side by side with the librarian and the library staff to meet the community's needs. You can become a Friend through our website at <http://www.friendsofityllwillibrary.com> or by visiting the library and requesting a membership application. We look forward to partnering with you to help keep the Idyllwild Library thriving.

John Mathys, President

Children's Programs

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Autumn...the year's last, loveliest smile. ~
William Cullen Bryant

With cooler fall days ahead, the children's programs are offering many library activities as the year rapidly is coming to an end. We hope that you will "fall" in love with what's happening at the library this autumn.

One of the new Idyllwild Library programs offered is Story Walks at the Idyllwild Nature Center. This program is made possible by the Idyllwild Library and the Friends of the Idyllwild Library collaborating with the Idyllwild Nature Center and the Rotary Club of Idyllwild. A story walk is a fun activity for families to read a book while walking in a park or on a trail. Story Walks promote literacy, physical activity, and community involvement. You follow a path and begin reading a story and follow each numbered post to the conclusion of the story.

Sonny Waldron, Idyllwild Nature Center Park Ranger, was very supportive of the idea of installing temporary story walks for the park's special events. However, we needed a way to display the storyboards. The Rotary Club of Idyllwild was anxious to be a part of this project and offered to purchase supplies and construct easels to display the story boards. For the Idyllwild Nature Center's summer special events, we had story walks for *The Lemon Lily Festivals* and *Butterfly Days*. On October 21, 2023, the Nature Center is hosting their annual Native American/Cahuilla fall event *Trail of the Acorn*.



The library will be participating by providing another Story Walk featuring *Menill: The Moon Maiden*, which is a well-known Cahuilla folk tale.

This project is an excellent example of how various community agencies collaborated in order to give our community beautiful literary gifts. This project would not have been possible without the support and collaboration of the Friends of the Idyllwild Library; Sonny Waldron, Idyllwild Nature Center Park Ranger; the Friends of the Mount San Jacinto County Parks; the Rotary Club of Idyllwild, especially Rotarians Thom Wallace, designer and builder of the easels, and Roland Gaebert; and Carol Mendoza, for her assistance in preparing the actual story boards.





For the special event days, the Idyllwild Nature Center charges no admission fee. Therefore, the special event programs are open to visitors and everyone in our community to enjoy our beautiful natural resources, special activities, and they get to read an entertaining story as they hike a trail. Please enjoy a story walk at the Idyllwild Nature Center for one of their special event days.

In addition to the story walk at the Idyllwild Nature Center, there will be an Acorn Story Time on Saturday, October 21, 2023, 10:30 a.m.



One of our special October story times included a visit by the Idyllwild Fire Protection District. Chief Mark La Mont read to the children and talked about fire

safety. A firefighter demonstrated suiting up in the fire gear in less than a minute as well as some of the equipment firefighters use. The children were able to tour Idyllwild's big ladder truck and an ambulance. Of course, Kutsch, the fire dog, and his handler, Paul Riggi were a big hit.



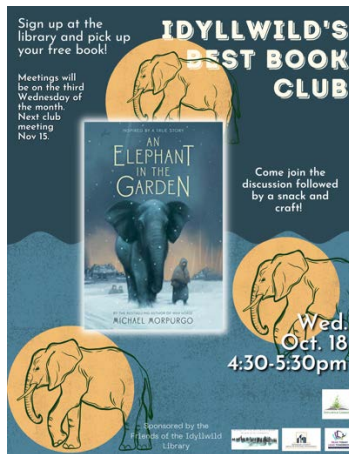
October STEAM program was a discussion about solar and lunar eclipses. Children made a model which simulated a solar and lunar eclipse. Everyone received solar glasses so that they could safely view the October 14, 2023 and April 8, 2024, solar eclipses.



We are so pleased to have Jennifer Rago entertain the children for the October Halloween storytelling with her face painting and balloon twisting. She really adds a special touch to make many of the story times extra special for the children.

The Best Book Club in Idyllwild is going strong. September's read was *Holes* by Louis Sachar, October's read was Michael

Morpurgo's *An Elephant in the Garden*, and for November the tweens will enjoy reading *How to Train Your Dad* by Gary Paulsen.



Following a book discussion, children will make a theme-related craft, and finish up by feasting on a delicious snack that ties in with the book.

We will again be hosting *Trick or Treat* at the library, on Halloween, October 31, 2023. We'll be playing scary music, handing out Halloween books and candy. This is always a fun event. Be sure to stop by and share in the fun!

We will look forward to closing out the year and seeing Mrs. Claus in December.

Once again, I want to thank the Friends of the Idyllwild Library and the other local members and groups in our community for their support with so many extra special programs. Without whom, these programs would not be possible.

With the start of the winter festivities, I send everyone warm holiday greetings.

Susan Righetti
Idyllwild Library Children's Program Coordinator

Bookstore

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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.

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Thank you, Jeri John - Membership Chair



Message from the Vice President,

Lorie De Marco

It truly takes a lot of teamwork to get through all of the events that we host. From monthly programs to our annual book sale and the much anticipated Author Fair, our board members and many other volunteers have really stepped up this past year to make all these things happen. THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!

Lorie De Marco

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