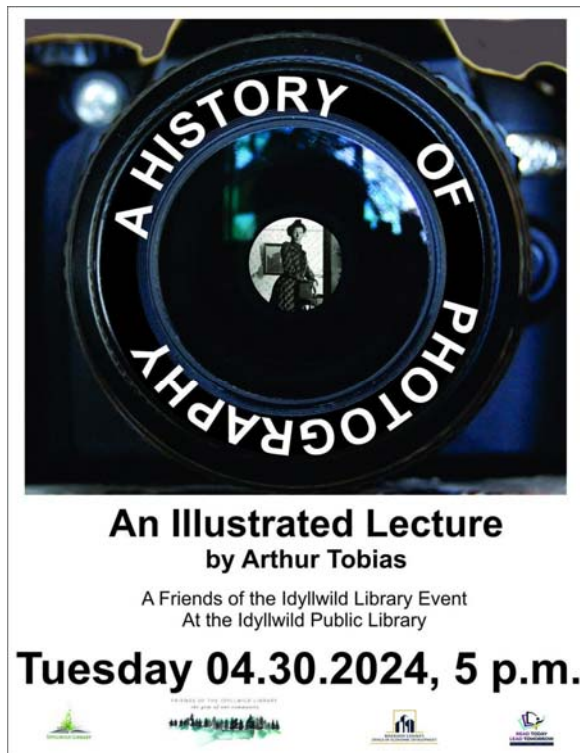




**Upcoming Events Sponsored by  
Friends of the Idyllwild Library**

Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm  
Photography Talk by Arthur Tobias



From the prediction in a 1760 French novel to the dawn of the digital age, Arthur Tobias' illustrated lecture A History of Photography is the story of the increasingly successful attempts to make images by capturing light. Aesthetic notions, technical progress and social/cultural desires for the new medium are detailed in this informative and entertaining lecture illustrated with 240 images.

Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm  
Artists Reception

Artist Hyang Lim Lee will be displaying her Korean Silk Art starting on May 14<sup>th</sup>. This will be the reception where Hyang will be there to answer questions about her art and explain the process.



We Welcome everyone in the community to join us for these programs, and lively discussions. Come along and bring a friend or neighbor!

---



## Stay Connected

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/>

## 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.

Instagram: @friendsofityllwildlibrary

Twitter: FOLIdyllwild

Facebook: Friends of the Idyllwild Library

Contact email:

[publicity@friendsofityllwildlibrary.com](mailto:publicity@friendsofityllwildlibrary.com)



## President's Message "At the Peak"

By President, Lorie De Marco



### Why Libraries?

Someone asked me an interesting question the other day. They wondered why we still have brick and mortar libraries when anything you need can be found on the internet, books and audio books can be purchased online, all from the comfort of your own home. Hm.... Well, information-

wise, I guess that is true. Libraries typically don't carry encyclopedias any more for that very reason. However, there is so much more to a library than getting information. Obviously, you can learn much from a good historical novel, whether it is fiction or non-fiction. You can find the facts online, but characters in a book seem to come alive in our minds. Beyond information, though, what use is a library to a community? What if you're really not "a reader"? What if you don't enjoy sitting with a good book? What if your eyesight doesn't allow reading?

Libraries are so much more than books these days. Our little branch library offers such a variety of things it would be hard to list them all. Here are just a few...



- Magazines / periodicals
- Audio books
- Movies
- Internet access
- STEAM kits for children to check out
- Pickleball equipment for check-out
- Heating/Cooling stations
- A comfortable reading area for readers or puzzle aficionados
- Social interaction
- Afternoon or evening programs for children and adults
- A bookstore with very affordable books and other items for sale
- Periodic book sales events

- Book clubs for adults and youth

And last, but certainly not least,

- Volunteer opportunities, where you can meet new friends and contribute to your community by either joining the Friends of the Library with your monetary donations, or by offering to share your time and talents.

Where else can you find all of this in one wonderful location? There is no replacement for person-to-person interaction, friendship, community involvement, and fulfilling the need to serve your community. Come on in and bring a friend to our wonderful Idyllwild Library! See you there!



## Children's Programs

As the temperatures slowly rise and the days grow longer during this time of year, we at the Idyllwild Library are busy planning our summer reading program. This year's summer reading theme is ***Read, Renew, Repeat***. Our summer reading program will feature the idea of conservation, which will make for a wonderfully diversified summer reading program. We're excited to share with you some of our planned summer children's programs:

- Summer reading kick-off is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, with guest musician **Craig Newton** performing his ***America's Multicultural Music*** program.
- **Miss Rachel** will be visiting the library for a summer reading/musical program with **The Space Goats**.

- We are also pleased to have **Riverside County Department of Waste Resources** presenting a recycling program for children on July 3, as well as an adult program about backyard composting on July 17.
- **Bob Greenamyre** with **Idyllwild Community Garden** will be teaching children about community gardens on Wednesday, July 17.
- The summer reading awards party is scheduled for Wednesday, July 24. **Joe Gandelman and Friends, Ventriloquist**, will be featured for this fun-filled event. Please refer to the summer reading calendar for a more extensive list of events happening at our library.
- Our collaboration with the **Idyllwild Nature Center** continues to be beneficial to both of our agencies. On July 10, **Riverside County Park Ranger Sonny Waldron** will be visiting story time in order to discuss the lemon lily restoration efforts taking place at the nature center. In addition, I will be conducting an outdoor story time at the Nature Center during the **Lemon Lily Restoration Festival** on July 13, as well as a Lemon Lily Nature Story Walk.

Look for these upcoming outdoor story times and the nature story walks at the Idyllwild Nature Center during these special events:

- **Wildflower Show**, May 25;
- **Butterfly Days**, August 17;

- **Bark in the Park**, September 20;
- **Trail of the Acorn**, October 12.

Now let's take a look at some of our on-going children's programs:

After school **STEAM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) program has been a lot of fun.

Last month, we observed **Pi Day**, March 14, by graphing the first thirty digits of pi, which created a beautiful city scape, and the children received individual pies for a special treat.



In February, the children enjoyed making slime for **Be My Valen-Slime** themed program.



In April, for **National Robotics Week**, children will make their own doodling coloring robot.



The first Wednesday of each month, thanks to volunteer **Pat McComas**, we are able to offer a **bilingual story time**. In April, we enjoyed celebrating **Día de los Libros y Día de los Niños (Day of the Book and Day of the Children)**, in March, **Read Across America**, and in February, **Chinese New Year/Dragons**. **Cinco de Mayo** is our bilingual story time for May.

Volunteer **Luanne Galizio** has led many entertaining story times, which included unicorns, St. Patrick's Day, and Earth Day. Guest **Diane Millene** will be presenting a special fairy tale story time featuring **"The Princess and the Pea."**

On May 29, the **Grossman Burn Center** from West Valley, California, will present an interactive story time teaching children and parents how to stay safe from getting burned.

After a long winter, we resumed the **Tales to Tails** early literacy reading program with **Animal Samaritans of Thousand Palms, California**. **Claire Spence** and her therapy dog, **Rakeara**, AKC, CGC, are a great team. They work with children individually in order to encourage them to increase their reading skills and confidence in reading as they read to a certified therapy dog.



Galizio, Donna Barber, Rachel Torrey, Wendy McDevitt, Shawn McDevitt, Jennifer Rago (facepainter/balloon artist), Paul Riggi and Kutsch (the fire dog), and the Donovan Family (Tate, Bon, Catherine, Michael).

These library programs represent just a few of the ways we (library staff, volunteers, and Friends of the Library) are attempting to bring enriching programs to our local children, and hopefully develop a love of learning and reading, not only during the cherished summertime but year-round as well.

Please come and join us for a lot of fun this summer!

Susan Righetti, Children's Program Coordinator



The **Best Book Club of Idyllwild**, Idyllwild Library's youth book club, reached its one-year anniversary in March, and it is still going strong. We usually have an average of twelve to thirteen *tweens* attend. We meet the third Wednesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **Tate Donovan** and I lead a discussion about the month's selected book for the first half-hour. We then conclude with a theme-related craft and snack. We read a variety of genres.

In March, children read and discussed the non-fiction book ***How to Turn \$100 into \$1,000,000 – Earn, Invest, Save.*** Everyone made dream boards illustrating the importance of why we need money and how to save money. In April, we read an action-adventure fiction entitled ***Masterminds*** by Gordon Korman, and in May, our book selection was ***My Side of the Mountain.*** Each participant looks forward to receiving his/her own copy of the book. During the summer, we will be taking a break. We will resume the youth book club in the fall.

April is **Volunteer Appreciation Month**. Therefore, I wish to acknowledge all of the wonderful volunteers who generously give of their time in order to make the children's events a success. These volunteers include: **Carol Mendoza, Karrie Morlan, Kim Hudson, Pat McComas, Luanne**

**Membership**

“I love public libraries because they are built on the principle that books are so important and so necessary to human flourishing that access to them cannot depend on your income.” -Icona

Hello, members! During the pandemic to cut costs I sent out renewal reminders by email. In February this year I mailed request for your 2024 renewals. For ease of correspondence in the coming years, renewal reminders will all be mailed in Jan/Feb. Apologies for any confusion this may cause.

Thank you to these people for sending in renewals in 2023:

(Jan.) Stacy Kretsinger, Elaine Hoggan, Valerie Crane & Bob Cox, (Feb.) Barbara Jones, Susan & Bill Judkins, (Mar.) Adrian & Linda Adams, Kathy Bryson, Luanne & Jeff Galizio, Joye Schmiedt, (May) Elaine Latimer, Deb Varnado & Art Tobias, Amanda Conerty, Janice Murasko, (June) Barb Reese, Thelma Lucjak, Pamela Mayfield, Marilyn Kemple, Armando Moran, (July) Bradford Thomas, Soheir Ibramhim, Dr. Barry Solof, Kathleen Tracy -Pilates in the Pines, Sylvia Rountree, (Aug.) Irene Ogata, (Sept.) Helen Knauer, Jayne Davis, Bonnie Hardy, Glenda Ackley, Becky York, Kathy Halkin, (Oct.-Dec.) Ron & Marcia Krull, Robin & Bill Rhoades, Judy & Ron Shenkman, Bill & Devona Maillard, Jack & Becky Clark, and Elizabeth Stockstill.



Appreciation for responding to the 2024 renewal year:

David Miller, Summer Brown, Jeanne Buchanan, Jeri John, Laurie & Red Corbett, Maureen McElligott & Howard Green, Lorie DeMarco, Valerie Crane & Bob Cox, Calvin Gogerty & Jean Waggoner, Pete & Suzi Capparelli, Perry Dyke, Patricia & Richard Schwartz, Donna Elliot & Kenneth Jenkins, Don & Karen Doshier, Karin & Richard Greenwood, Stephanie Yost-Idyllwild Mountain Properties, Monet & Terrence Ragsdale, Bill Sperling & Charlotte Anthony, Chris Siems, Juan Ruiz-Anchia & Puri Escudero, Judalon DeBornay, Tom & Marlene Pierce, Barbara & Dave Pelham, Jim & Mary Zimmerman, Val Valez, Susan & Bill Judkins, Nobuko Christenson, Mary Rider, Jayne Davis, Dorothy & Michael Brooks, David Mantik, Carol Mendoza, Elaine Hoggan, Dick & Nancy Beggs, Bruce & Stephanie Denney, Barbara Wilke, Trish Tuley & Dore Capitani, Kathleen Kieferdorf, Kathy Bryson, Lynnda Hart, Jorgine & Bernard Brause, Carol & Daniel Scanny, Stephen & Maureen Rose, Anne Erikson & Patrick Moloney, Joan McGovern-White, John & Janice Dawson, and Diana Kurr.

Happy spring!  
Jeri John, Membership

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual .....	<b>\$15.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Family .....	<b>\$25.00</b>

- Business or Organization**..... \$50.00
- Sapphire** ..... \$100.00
- Ruby** ..... \$250.00
  
- Emerald**..... \$500.00
- Diamond**..... \$1000.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

- New**       **Renewal**       **Gift from** \_\_\_\_\_

The Friends of the Idyllwild Library is a 501(c)3 organization.

Contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Please send your tax-deductible check to:

Friends of the Idyllwild Library, Attn: Jeri John, PO Box 2183, Idyllwild CA 92549-2183

**ASK A FRIEND TO JOIN THE FRIENDS OF THE IDYLLWILD LIBRARY  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**



Friends of the Library  
P. O. Box 2183  
Idyllwild CA 92549