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<p style="text-align: center;">-Volunteer opportunities-</p> <p>Create your own mini book store! Become a section manager -Sections needing managers or assistants: Psychology, Self-help, Sex & Gender , Business and Computers.</p> <p>Day of Book Sale volunteer scheduling- Work from home, using email or make phone calls help fill available shifts for our monthly book sale.</p> <p>Super-sleuth book researchers needed! Help research books, decide on Amazon list price, and prepare listing description for book... Training available!</p> <p>To help call Janette Herceg at - 650-4941-1266. or email- jherceg@friendspaloaltolib.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-Welcome new volunteers-</p> <p>Marnie Shuey– Donation sorter, Psychology assistant.</p> <p>Aralod Rodriguez- Book flow day manager, Sale day strike crew.</p> <p>Hiya Daha- Saturday sorter, sales day volunteer.</p> <p>Laura Sieh- Saturday sorter, sales day volunteer, Psychology assistant.</p> <p>Ignat Kulinka- Saturday sorter, sales day volunteer, Ephemera assistant.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Retiring volunteer- Lela Noble FOPAL Thanks you !!!</i></p>																																		

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Tom Wyman- library champion and activist, dies at 86-

Tom Wyman became active in the **Friends of the Palo Alto Library** in the 1990s.

Tom Wyman's mother was

involved in forming the Friends and was its membership chair. Wyman loved the city's libraries, and in the decades between the 1990s until the end of his life, he dedicated much of his time to enhancing them. He was especially proud of his work with **Friends of Palo Alto Library** book sales. When first started, the sale made about \$1,000 a month. Under his and wife Ellen's supervision, it eventually garnered \$100,000 annually. In 1999, Wyman wrote a book, ["Palo Alto and its Libraries, a Long Time Love Affair."](#) That year, he and Ellen were instrumental in creating the city's library advisory commission. Tom Wyman became its first chair.

Wyman is survived by his wife, Ellen, daughter Susan, son Tom, and four grandchildren.

***A memorial service will take place -
April 18th at 11a.m. at Lucie Stern
Community Center Ballroom,
1305 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto.***

FOPAL Board March Highlights-

-Library Director Monique le Conge, reported that Big D Construction has been hired by the insurance surety and the city to complete the Mitchell Park project. Big D was the backup contractor on Mitchell Park and the Art Center project.

-The project is now on schedule and should open by December 2014.

-Link+ was restored last week at Downtown and will be there until Mitchell Park reopens.

-There was a question about the Budget for the libraries for next year. Monique replied that it will probably be status quo which now includes \$50,000 for books that has become part of the baseline. The budget is about 7 million for 5 libraries.

-Verna Graham has resigned as membership chair and from the board. FOPAL needs to recruit a new membership chair.

-The board passed a motion to create a new Personnel Committee.

-A Finance Committee will be established to review grant requests from the library and forward a recommendation to the full board.

-FOPAL received 47 shelves of books from Xerox PARC. To manage this every HV volunteer is being asked to commit to work on a least one box from this donation a week. There are now 10 stations available for listing.

-The FOPAL table at Arbor Day in Mitchell Park received \$50 in donations and served as an opportunity to provide information on FOPAL.

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Sorters & Section Managers reminders-

Sorters -

What to do with mildewed books that are donated? Mildewed books can be placed in blue bins for recycling. Please don't put mildewed books in boxes with other books for section managers. Do a "sniff check" and consult your "Day Manager" if you are in doubt. A mildewed book sorted into book boxes can cause the entire box of books to smell. Mildewed or moldy books aren't safe for sale and should be recycled.

Section Managers-

How to remove the musty smell from old books? A musty smell is often noted in books that have been exposed to high relative humidity and that may have been moldy or mildewed in the past. There is no guaranteed way to remove the odor, but there are several strategies that may be successful.

One strategy involves creating an enclosed chamber. This is most easily done by using two plastic garbage cans, one large (with a lid) and one small. An odor-absorbing material, such as baking soda, charcoal briquettes (without lighter fluid), unscented clay kitty litter, or zeolites, should be placed in the bottom of the larger can. The object to be "deodorized" should be placed in the smaller can, which is then placed inside the larger can. The lid should then be placed on the larger can, and the chamber should be left for some time. Monitor the material periodically, since the time required to reduce the odors will vary from object to object.

FOPAL Board positions open-

The FOPAL Board is seeking applicants for the positions of: Assistant Treasurer and Membership Chair. If you are interested please check FOPAL website at www.FOPAL.org click on contact us and pull down Board of Directors under departments.

FOPAL, which is a registered 501 (C) (3) tax-exempt nonprofit corporation. The Board of Directors meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m., usually in the Children's Book Room. Other volunteers and interested community members are welcome to attend. A list of the current board members is posted on the bulletin board to the left as you enter the Sorting Room.



FOPAL PHONE NUMBERS-

Main Room - 650-213-8755

Volunteer Office - 650-494-1266

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