



FOREWORD

The Newsletter of the Friends of the Palo Alto Library

Fall 2015

Members Annual Meeting—2015

Date: Wednesday, October 14, 2015
Time: 11:00 AM
Place: Mitchell Park Branch, Midtown Room
Agenda: Election of 2016 Board members and officers; annual financial summary from the Treasurer; other business from the members.

To FOPAL Members from Peter Dehlinger, President

Please join us at our annual meeting on October 14 at the Mitchell Park library branch. The feature presentation will be a talk by Jenny Jordan, the Library's Youth Services Manager, on the library programs that FOPAL has funded, including the Library's Summer Reading Program, featured on pages 2 and 3 of this issue. Jenny's talk will be followed by a discussion of how FOPAL and the Palo Alto Library work together to decide on FOPAL grants to the Library. The floor will then be open to you, the members, to give us your thoughts on what you think FOPAL is doing well, and how its operations might be improved. We look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting.

Semi-Annual Member Early Book Sale

December 12, Main Book Sale Room

Life Members 9-10 AM

Other members 10-11 AM

General Public 11 AM - 4 PM

Proposed for re-election to the Board for a two-year term

Nancy Mahoney Cohen, Martha Schmidt,
Nigel Jones, and Karen Neier.

Continuing Board members are:

Tom Clark, Peter Dehlinger, Charlotte
Epstein, Ann Justice, Suzanne Brown Little,
Tina Kass, Gerry Masteller, Jim Schmidt, and
Steven Staiger.

Proposed FOPAL Officers

President: Nigel Jones
Vice President: Suzanne Little
Secretary: Tina Kass
Treasurer: Karen Neier
Assistant Treasurer: Peter Dehlinger

FOPAL NEWS

FOPAL's upcoming book sales are Oct. 10 and 11, November 14 and 15, and December 12 and 13.

You can purchase FOPAL's higher-value books through our Amazon site at <http://www.amazon.com/shops/grandmabetsybooks.com>.

October 18-24 is National Friends of Libraries Week. To celebrate, FOPAL is hosting two events for FOPAL and Palo Alto Library volunteers, to recognize their contribution to the Palo Alto library community. The event will be held at the Rinconada library branch on Oct. 21 and 24. Please see page 2 for details.

2015 Palo Alto City Library Summer Reading Program

The library's 2015 Summer Reading Program (SRP)- themed "Read to the Rhythm"- was a big success this year. The SRP, sponsored by a grant from Friends of the Palo Alto Library, is one of the library's most anticipated programs of the year, and participation lived up to expectations.

Families were encouraged to register together to participate in the SRP, as this program is for all ages, from infants to older adults. The readers set a personal goal for how many books they would like to read, or listen to if not yet reading, during the months of June, July, and August. Participants then logged their books online throughout the summer months, with the option to include book reviews which made the participant eligible to win weekly raffle prizes, generously donated by local businesses.



Children's Library staff- ready for SRP: Library staff (l-r) are Librarian Lorianna Giarrizzo, Senior Librarian Deborah Anthonyson, Library Associate Chauntyl Frederick, Youth Services Manager Jenny Jordan, Librarian Christine Pennington, and Library Specialist Chelsey Roos.

This year, more than 3,600 customers of all ages participated in the program, and participants read more than 32,000 books between June 1 and August 30. Of particular note was the 40% increase in program participation of adults, and the 35% increase in program participation of children, infant through rising 5th graders, over 2014 participation numbers. The library has begun partnering with schools and community centers in Palo Alto to spread the word about the SRP, and library staff is gratified to see that more people than ever are participating in this worthwhile program.

Originally conceived as a way to help kids maintain their reading skills over the summer vacation, the program has grown into a cherished tradition for many Palo Alto families. Over 35% of those who registered for the 2015 SRP noted that they participate in the SRP every year. Studies show that when children see their parents reading for pleasure, they are more likely to enjoy reading recreationally, and kids who

In recognition of National Friends of the Library week, the Friends of the Palo Alto Library & Palo Alto Library invite all FOPAL and Library volunteers to attend two special events:

Presentation & Thank-you from the Palo Alto Children's Library

Children's Library Service Manager
Jenny Jordan

2:00p.m. Wednesday, October 21st

-Refreshments will be served-

RSVP by October 19th to Janette:
650-494-1266

Library Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

Guest Speakers: Honorable Mayor- Karen
Holman & City Manager- James Keene

12:00p.m. Saturday, October 24th

-Catering by Ada's Cafe-

RSVP by October 21st to Janette:
650-494-1266

Rinconada Library
Embarcadero Room
1213 Newell Rd,
Palo Alto, CA 94303



Zack and Cindy: Zack and his mom Cindy were among the first customers to select their Summer Reading Program prizes in August at Children's Library.

enjoy reading generally have a better vocabulary and are more successful in school. The SRP also promotes early literacy development in babies by encouraging parents to begin reading with their little ones from day one.

All summer reading participants received a \$5 Book Bucks coupon to spend at the Friends of the Palo Alto Library's monthly booksales. They also received a free paperback book to take home and keep, compliments of a donation from FOPAL. Participants were thrilled to receive these prizes, and many excited readers looked forward to adding to their home library collection by spending their Book Bucks.

Grants from Friends of the Palo Alto Library also allowed the Library to offer a variety of programs for all ages in conjunction with the SRP. The most popular programs were the "Wacky Wednesday" programs, which featured a different children's performer each week in June and July, and which drew over 1300 people to the nine weekly programs. Musical acts, a puppet show, a magician, and an animal show were some of the programs Palo Alto children enjoyed this summer. Family events included a summer reading program kick-off event with free ice cream and Saturday movie matinees at the library. Teen events included a program about the physics of music, as well as a lesson on the art of electronic sound design. Adult programs included a Hollywood movie musical series, a program about the history

Plans are already underway for the 2016 SRP. Mark your calendar for the family kick-off event, to be held on Saturday, May 28, in the Mitchell Park Community Center courtyard. We hope to see you there!

-Melissa Morwood



Family with Reggie: "Reggie" the taxidermy mountain lion visited Children's Library on Friday, August 14, for our monthly Family Date Night program. Park Ranger Brad Pennington brought Reggie to visit and talked to the kids about his job.

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Second Weekend Every Month
Cubberley Community Center
4000 Middlefield Road

Saturday Hours

Main Room: 11 AM - 4 PM

*(Free tickets to reserve place in line available
at 8 AM)*

Children's Room (Annex) & Bargain Room (H2, H3):

10 AM to 4 PM

Sunday Hours

All rooms: 11 AM - 4 PM

For details, see www.fopal.org

Book Discussion Group: Second Thursday

Lucie Stern Community Center Fireside Room
1305 Middlefield Road 7:30 to 9 PM

For information, see:

www.fopalbookgroup.homestead.com

Friends of the Palo Alto Library Membership Form

We are a public-benefit 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Your membership is tax deductible

Join / Renew	1 Year	2 Years
_____ Student/Senior	\$10	\$18
_____ Individual	\$20	\$35
_____ Family	\$30	\$50
_____ Sponsor	\$100	\$175
_____ Lifetime	\$500	
_____ Corporate	\$1000	

_____ Name

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_____ City / State / Zip

Phone _____

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