

FOREWORD



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From the President...

After considering polling results that showed that a solid majority of residents, although not the supermajority required, supported a library improvement measure, the City Council voted unanimously on April 9th to continue to develop a library bond measure for a 2008 election. The Council directed staff to stay on track for a June 2008 ballot measure, but acknowledged that future events could lead them to push the measure to the November election period instead. The Council also directed staff to proceed with refining cost estimates for this bond measure.

The Council opted to keep its options open as to the particulars of the library at Mitchell Park. They directed staff to continue to develop information on both a stand alone library and a new, combined Mitchell Park Library and Community Center structure. Details of the Council's actions can be found in the City Council minutes of April 9, 2007. At the same meeting, Council members indicated that they **would not** pursue a library parcel tax measure which would have provided increased operational support for the library department.

While acknowledging that it was clear that there was public support for a library improvement bond measure, the Council made clear that **their** priority was passage of a bond measure for a new public safety structure, which gained less support from residents in the same poll. Some Council members discussed combining the public safety and library into one bond

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Update on the Children's Library



The renovation and expansion of the Children's Library, started in January 2006 and expected to be completed in 2008, is ahead of schedule. The library is now expected to reopen in September, 2007. Designed by the prestigious architectural firm Architectural Resources Group and constructed by BRCO Construction, two new wings have been added which compliment the style of the 1940's Spanish-style building. Unique aspects of the building, such as the tile fireplace, featuring nursery rhymes and the wonderful Secret Garden have been maintained. The interior will be colorful, comfortable, and even more child-friendly.

Two local artists will be adding whimsical touches to the building. Through funding from the Friends of the Library, the Library Foundation, and the City of Palo Alto, Darin Wacs has been retained to design the signage, which will feature her whimsical creatures. You may have seen her work on the Junior Museum sign on Middlefield Road . A new City program, Percent for Art, sponsored by the Public Art Commission, has funded a mural to be created in the new program wing by San Francisco artist Jeff Petersen.

You will be hearing more in the near future about grand opening celebrations.

Melinda Wing
Manager of Youth Services
Palo Alto City Library

Language Learning Resources

Your library card gives you access to wonderful databases, e-books and links for learning languages (including English). For free! Access databases and e-books from the Library's Resources Online webpage. Some databases require you to register; this enables you to save your work.

- **Rosetta Stone Database** - An award-winning method for learning 24 languages, including English. Users may view the site itself in 6 languages.
- **Learning Express Database** – Practice tests of all kinds, including *TOEFL*, *U.S. Citizenship*, and *Skills Improvement with Spanish Instructions* for math, grammar, vocabulary, and reading comprehension.
- **World Book Online** – This popular reference book's online edition has a Spanish language option.
- **Tumblebooks** – You may choose English, French, Spanish or Chinese options to view electronic picture books and online games; books are in a number of languages, including Russian.
- **Informe Database** – For Spanish speakers (or learners). This database accesses Spanish language magazines, with full-text articles.

There are several websites of interest to language students on the *Library & Schools' Sites for Teachers* page. Please take a look at: *Literacy Center*; *Kids Online Resources: Learn a Language*; *RIF*; *Colorín Colorado*.

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measure, in the clear hope that library supporters would campaign *and* vote for both. A combined bond measure would likely be in the \$100 million dollar plus range.

With at least a year before any measure comes to voters, many changes may occur. Now is the time for interested residents to inform the City Council members about your thoughts on these important issues.

Martha Schmidt, President

Find Out About Palo Alto's Past

The Main Library houses the Palo Alto Historical Association's Guy Miller archives. Historian Steve Staiger (also FOPAL Board Member) is available:

Tuesday evenings - 6 to 9 p.m.
Thursday afternoons - 2 to 5 p.m.

Get help researching a Palo Alto history question or a specific topic or find a particular photograph.

Steve's phone number at the library is (650) 617-3100, Ext. 3211. He can also be reached via e-mail at [steve.staiger@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:staiger@cityofpaloalto.org).

People Are still Discovering FOPAL Book Sales



A friend sent us a clipping of Jean Fortenbery's column that appeared in the February 28 issue of the *Watsonville Register Pajaronian*. She starts off saying, "It's happening again. Overloaded shelves in my library. Part of the cause is that I have recently discovered a new and wonderful source of used cookbooks.....Almost every weekend my husband I go over the hill foraging for cookbooks. We travel as far north as Redwood City and as far south as Gilroy ." As a one time Palo Alto the columnist describes a recent trip after they drove past their one-time Eichler home.

As we drove down Middlefield Road , we passed our kids' old high school and saw a big sign that said, "Friends Book Sale." Of course we stopped and discovered a bonanza – literally thousands of books of every kind, including cookbooks. Every second Saturday and Sunday of every month, Friends of the Palo Alto Library has a book sale. So far, I have been to two of them, and I have purchased at least 75 cookbooks.

I would guess there were literally thousands of people at these sales – people went by pushing carts with 10 and 12 boxes of books – obviously reading is big in Palo Alto .

The columnist goes on to share with her readers recipes "from some of my great new Palo Alto books."

All of this is simply to say our book sales attract people from far and wide and that there is something for everyone.

Tom and Ellen Wyman

Thank You to Our Wonderful Volunteers Who Make the Book Sale Possible

Over 150 volunteers helped run our book sale during 2006 and continue to help in 2007. Together, they contributed more than 24,000 hours, which is the equivalent of a full-time crew of 12 people. Everyone you meet at the book sale is a volunteer, donating their time to sort and put books on the shelves, assist customers, staff the checkout tables, and much more. As one of our longtime volunteers says, "it's more fun than even reading the books!"

Betsy Allyn	Carl Finfrock	Dallas Manning	Eli Steinhim
Marc Allyn	Shirley Finfrock	Gerry Masteller	Bill Steele
Ananya Anand	Neil Foley	Nancy Mayo	Rommel Struckus
Nina Anand	Dane Fouts	Frank McConnell	Scott Underwood
Namrata Anand	Jenise Fuess	Paula McFarland	Judith Wagstrom
Althea Andersen	Juanita George	Winnie McGannon	Ed Walker
Andy Anderson	Rose Giamalis	Elaine Meyer	Tisa Walker
Maggie Anderson	Marcia Goodman	Bill Mickel	Kay Wangelin
Leslie Armistead	Henry Greiner	Tina McMinn	Nancy Welch
Celeste Auger	Torben Gronning	Brenda Miller	Anna Wiersma
Moti Barkan	Alice Gross	Emmy Lou Miller	John Willis
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Nancy Bishop	Lynn Hum	Katy Obringer	Tom Wyman
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Veronika Black	Bob Jack	Nancy Olson	Scottie Zimmerman
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Bonnie Chandler	Miriam Landesman	Viviane Schupback	Martha Georgis
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Sara Chun	Grace La Pier	Robert Schwaar	Cory McCroskey
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Tom Clark	Janet Leigh	Vishnu Sekhar	Daniella Mizarahi
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Marge Dean	Bernice Loeb	Marjorie Smith	Ethan Yung
Arline Dehlinger	Carolyn Long	Mary Smith	
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Edwin El-Kareh	Jason Mah	Becky Spitzer	
Charlotte Epstein	Marion MacGillivray	Steve Staiger	
Kaela Fine	Betty Mann	Nancy Steege	

Book Sale News

How I Help at the Book Sale?

Can I Volunteer to help at the Book Sale?

Yes, yes, and yes. We always welcome with open arms library lovers and book mavens who would like to volunteer.

What can I do at the Book Sale?

You can:

- **Sort new donations:** enjoy a first look at an amazing assortment of books when they arrive.
- **Work in special subject areas:** share your expertise; expand your knowledge.
- **Pick up donations & move boxes of books:** meet friendly donors; free body-building exercise.
- **Staff our monthly Book Sales:** meet hundreds of fellow Book-a-Holics; contribute to the community; and *experience the thrill of the Marketplace.*
- **And many more jobs:** all fun; with interesting people, flexible hours and great books.

Can I still volunteer if I can't help every week?

Yes, you can. Many of our volunteers come on a certain day each week. Others drop in occasionally and work when they can.

Can students volunteer?

Yes, they can. We have several student volunteers who get school credit for doing community service. They sort books, recycle cardboard, push cartloads of books, arrange shelves, sort CD's, work on the internet, and price. In other words, they are a hard-working bunch!

How do I get more information about volunteering?

Please call 213-8755 or 325-9483.

Where Is She Now?



Many members and bookroom volunteers will remember **Cecilia Rodriguez**, a former FOPAL Director and volunteer who left Palo Alto and moved to Luxembourg several years ago when her husband's employer transferred them. *The Foreword* recently received news that Cecilia is now involved with a non-profit used books program in Luxembourg through her son's school. As Cecilia tells it, "I started it after my son Ethan's school got a moving letter from the director of a school in Tanzania asking if we had any surplus of books that we could send them because neither the kids, nor the teachers had anything to read. The first shipment arrived there last December and I am now preparing a second one, but for that I had to organize another activity to collect funds to send the books. Precisely this last Saturday I had an Auction at the school and made 1500 euros that will permit me to send lots of books now not just to Tanzania but to other African countries. I am very happy." The program is called *Books for All* and involves collecting suitable used books and sending them at the special bulk book rate to schools in Africa. Cecilia will supply anyone interested in participating with the address of a school in Africa. She can be reached at cecilrodriguez@aol.com

John Burt

Editor's note: The FOPAL Articles of Incorporate limit our organization's charitable giving to donations that benefit the Palo Alto Libraries.

Treasurer's Report—Fiscal Year 2005-2006

Booksale income again exceeded all previous years, thanks to countless loyal customers, the dedication and hard work of about 150 volunteers, and many generous book donors. In addition to the \$144,404 of library grants expenses listed below, we dispersed \$614,802 for previously allocated grants during the fiscal year, mostly for the Children's Library and Cable Co-op 9 Library projects. A separate \$169,000 has been allocated for new 2006-2007 grants.

Income 2005-2006

Book Sales	\$231,235
Memberships	\$ 44,430
Restricted Gifts	\$ 6,184
Unrestricted Gifts	\$ 10,408
Investments	<u>\$ 33,764</u>
Total Income	\$326,022

Expenses 2005-2006

Grants to Palo Alto Library	\$144,404
Book Sales Operation	\$ 60,159
Membership	\$ 1,274
Newsletter	\$ 2,759
Events	\$ 1,447
Management & General	\$ 1,643
Fundraising	<u>\$ 169</u>
Total Expenses	\$211,857

Net Revenue 2005-2006 **\$114,165**

Assets on June 30, 2006

Cash	\$1,381	
Bank Accounts and Investments		\$825,004
Accounts Receivable		\$ 1,755
Prepaid Expenses		\$ 731
Furniture and Fixtures		<u>\$ 3,547</u>
Total Assets		\$832,418

Liabilities on June 30, 2006

Immediate Grants Payable	\$ 74,828
Long-term Grants Payable	\$ 59,410
Cable Co-op Grants Payable	<u>\$148,823</u>
Total Liabilities	\$283,061

Net Assets on June 30, 2006

	<u>\$549,357</u>
Endowment	\$261,043
Fund for the Future	\$ 18,081
Reserve for 2006-2007 grants	\$169,000
General Operating Funds	\$101,233

Amounts may not sum due to rounding.

Jeff Levinsky, Treasurer

Book Sale

Two Days, 3 Rooms, Over 50,000 Books!

2007 Dates

June 9 and 10
July 14 and 15
August 11 and 12
September 8 and 9

Open Saturday

Children's Room
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Bargain Room
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Main Sales Room
11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Open Sunday

All Rooms
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Donate Books

Don't Throw Books Away

We find new readers for your old books and other items, raising \$100,000's for the Palo Alto Library.

You Get a Tax-Deduction for Your Donations

We Accept

Books (paperbacks and hardcovers),
Movies (DVD's and Video's), Software,
Games, Music (CD's, Cassettes, Records, Sheet Music)
Other (Artwork, Posters, Pamphlets,
Collectibles, Magazines)

Drop-off Times

Tuesday—Saturday
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

You can also drop off up to one bag or box
(per day) at any Palo Alto library.

Information and Pickups

(650)-493-8054
(650) 213-8755

Book Sale Room and Book Donations Accepted
FOPAL Book Sale Room, Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, (North Entrance)

Friends of the Palo Alto Library Membership Form

I/We would like to join or renew at the following level:

- Individual \$15
- Family \$25
- Student \$10
- Senior, 62+ \$10
- Supporter \$50
- Sponsor \$100
- Patron \$250
- Lifetime \$500 (No dues reminder!)
- Corporate \$1000

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

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Monthly Book Sales: Second Weekend

Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Rd.

Saturday

Main Room: 11 am to 4 pm

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

Children's (Room K6) & Bargain (Room K7): 10 am to 4 pm

Sunday

All rooms: 1 pm to 4 pm

See www.friendspaloaltolib.org for details

Board of Directors Meeting: Second Wednesday

Cubberley Book Sale Room
4000 Middlefield Road 8:30 to 10:30 am

Book Discussion Group: Second Thursday

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

For information, call Crystal 961-1528 or see
www.fopalbookgroup.homestead.com

Great Books: Second Wednesday

Oak Creek Apartments Club House
1600 Sand Hill Road, Palo Alto. 7:30 to 9:30 pm

For information, call Elsie Taboroff at 493-8629

Library Commission: Fourth Thursday

Council Conference Room, 250 Hamilton Ave. 7 pm

See www.city.palo-alto.ca.us/clerk/schedule.html
to confirm meeting date and time.

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