



AMONG FRIENDS

Friends of the Sacramento Public Library

March/April 2013

Save the Date!

Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 pm

Friends of Sacramento Public Library
Board meets at Southgate Library Community Room

Thursday, March 28, 3 pm

Sacramento Public Library Authority
meets in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at the County Building, 700 H Street

Saturday, March 30

Libraries closed – staff furlough day

Friday, April 5, 5-8pm

Friends preview

Saturday, April 6, 9 am-4 pm

Sunday, April 7, 9 am-4 pm

Warehouse Book Sale
8250 Belvedere Avenue
Suite E, Sacramento

Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 pm

Friends of Sacramento Public Library Board, Rancho Cordova Library

Friday, April 13

Libraries closed – staff furlough day

Thursday, April 25, 3 pm

Sacramento Public Library Authority meets in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at the County Building, 700 H Street
SPL Volunteer Appreciation Event follows in Library Galleria

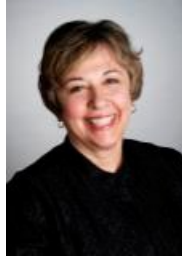
The number one purpose of the Friends of the Sacramento Public Library, as stated in our Articles of Incorporation, is to create public support for expanding the goals and objectives of the Sacramento Public Library and its Branch Libraries, and to advocate for them to the extent permitted by law.

A Message from the Library Director

by Rivkah Sass

I try to avoid looking forward or backward, and try to keep looking upward.

~ Charlotte Bronte



2013 is an opportune time to act for those who believe in the value and importance of libraries as well as in the power of the ballot box.

There are forces at work right now in the California State Legislature. Certain members have a vision as well as a specific plan to

make it easier for voters to support local special taxes and bonds for construction by reducing needed voter approval from a two-thirds majority to 55%. Senator Lois Wolk (D-Davis) has introduced SCA-7, and it looks like other similar measures are being proposed to change how we as voters may choose to support our local institutions.

For SCA 7 to become a reality, it will need to pass both houses of the legislature (by a 2/3rds vote in each house) and be signed by Governor Brown. It would then be placed on the November 2014 statewide ballot, where a majority of the statewide electorate would need to vote in favor of it. If successful, all cities, counties, and special districts would have the authority to place a special tax for library operations and/or a library construction bond on their local ballots. Voters would thus have the opportunity to support sustainable funding for their community anchor—the public library.

Whether or not SCA-7 actually wins passage, the truly interesting thing is that the process to get it passed is helping all of us engage in a conversation about what services we are willing to support and what those services mean to us.

To learn more about Senator Wolk's efforts, please visit her website ~ <http://sd03.senate.ca.gov/> or search for Bill Text – SCA-7 Local gov.

Friends Advocacy Alert

President of the Friends of Sacramento Public Library Bob Gorham has sent an organizational letter of support to Senator Lois Wolk who introduced SCA 7, the constitutional measure that seeks to reduce the local vote threshold for special library taxes and construction bonds from the current two-thirds vote to 55%.

If you would like to follow this legislation and find out what you can do to help, please go to the California Library Association website at www.cla-net.org.

Meet the Friends: Joanne Murphy

By Carrie Sessarego



Joanne Murphy, with one of the books that she repaired.

Joanne is the Friends' resident bookbinder and restorer. For the past two years, she has been repairing problems both small and large that she detects in our older and more eclectic books. Many of these restored books are stars at the bi-annual Sacramento Antiquarian Book Fair. Recently Joanne restored a Bible that was dedicated to Branch Rickey and signed by the 1953 Pittsburgh Pirates!

Joanne became interested in book repair and binding about two years ago. She likes sewing and needlecrafts, so the detail-oriented aspect of book repair intrigued her. She took a course in book repair and developed a friendship with Pat Bruno, a local bookbinder. "After thirty years in book binding, Pat knows all the tricks," says Joanne. Working together weekly, Pat helped set up Joanne's own book repair shop, a gift from her husband last spring.

Repairing books requires a keen eye for detail and a lot of ingenuity. It is important to match the original materials as closely as possible. To that end, Joanne has used not only conventional products, but also things like tin foil and a corner from a box of waxed paper that happened to be just the right color. To match the different patterns of ink on speckled or mottled covers, she uses cotton balls, toothbrushes, and sponges. Often books contain surprising treasures within. When repairing covers, Joanne has found them stuffed and padded with all kinds of old documents, including old handbills, maps, and sheet music.

Joanne has had a lengthy career as a doctor specializing in emergency care. She says repairing books isn't that much different than repairing people. "I used to put people back together, and now I put books back together - same thing! It's just a book, and it doesn't complain, it doesn't threaten to sue you; it just sits there quietly and lets you work on it. But it involves the same kind of technicality that I liked."

Joanne's skills bring new life to books, providing a unique source of income to the Friends. The recently restored Bible now has a value of approximately \$600, while sales from the Antiquarian Book Fair average around \$2500 per day. Most important, Joanne's patient work turns books that often appear to be permanently damaged into precious and often valuable works of art again.



(L-R) JasMin Khoe, Terry Chekon, Rivkah Sass, Carrie Sessarego, and Rebecca Higgerson celebrate at the Jane Austen Tea at Central Library.

Meet the Friends of Sacramento Public Library Board



(L-R) Karen Thomas, Mike Willis, Jo Anne Marie, Bob Gorham, Pauline Grenbeaux, Joanne Iwamiya, Jeff Rubin, Terry Chekon, Carrie Sessarego, JasMin Khoe are pictured after the Friends Annual Meeting on January 20 at Arden-Dimick Library (not pictured ~Tony Hackett and Ross Kuehner).

Robert Gorham, President: Robert comes to the FSPL Board from the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Branch. As president, he serves on the Advocacy, Procedures, Membership, and Book Den/Warehouse Committees. Bob retired from a career in labor management relations and loves reading and listening to music with his cats.

Joanne Iwamiya, Vice President: Joanne's home branch is Elk Grove. She is a member of the FSPL Board's Membership Committee as well as the Policy & Procedures Committee. Joanne is a retired registered dietitian. She loves to read, and she enjoys multiple forms of needlework, including cross stitch, knitting, bargello, Japanese bunko, and tapestry weaving.

Mike Willis, Treasurer: Mike is from the Rancho Cordova Branch. His profession is school construction financing. He also volunteers at his church and is interested in travel, the Railroad Museum, and his grandkids!

Terry Chekon, Secretary: Terry's home branch is Martin Luther King, Jr. On the FSPL Board, she serves as branch liaison and is on the Advocacy Committee. She is a retired Sacramento Public Library librarian. When Terry isn't volunteering for the library, she is reading to the blind, telling stories to adults as a member of two storytelling groups, and volunteering as a docent for the Crocker Art Museum.

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Pauline Grenbeaux, Board Member: Pauline is the past president and current vice president of the Arden Dimick Friends. On the FSPL Board, she chairs the Library Education and Advocacy Committee. Pauline is a retired museum planner and administrator. She loves audiobooks and has developed a library program to introduce them to book groups. She also loves ice cream and experiments with her own recipes.

Tony Hackett, Board Member: Tony is a member of the Central Friends. He is a student and a tutor at McClatchy High School. His career goal is to be a microbiologist.

JasMin Khoe, Board Member: JasMin comes to the FSPL Board from the Belle Cooledge branch. She serves on the Annual Dinner Committee and works with our Twitter account. JasMin is a senior at McClatchy High School, and one of her favorite hobbies is ice skating.

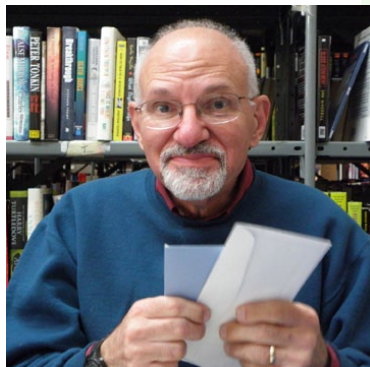
Ross Kuehner, Board Member: Ross comes to FSPL Board from the Arden-Dimick Branch. His special area of interest is finance. Ross is a retired surgeon who loves to travel and read.

Jo Anne Marie, Board Member: Jo Anne is the president of the Valley Hi-North Laguna Friends. She also volunteers at the Book Den and is interested in advocacy and working with other branches. Jo Anne is a retired bank operations officer. She loves to travel and maintains a website in Spanish.

Jeff Rubin, Board Member: Jeff is from the Elk Grove Branch. He serves on the Bylaws and Liaison Committees and the Education and Advocacy Team. Jeff also has a strong interest in community events and agency partnerships. Jeff is a retired disaster medical services manager, and he enjoys reading, hiking, and travel.

Carrie Sessarego, Board Member: Carrie is the president of Central Friends. On the FSPL Board, she writes for the newsletter and is a member of the advocacy team. Carrie is a stay at home mom, freelance writer, and musician. Her nine-year-old daughter, Linden, is an avid Friends volunteer, too!

Karen Thomas, Board Member: Karen is the president of the North Natomas Friends. On the FSPL Board, Karen is a branch liaison and heads the Communications Committee. She's a retired teacher and community organizer. As of this writing, Karen is the proud grandma of Hannah (3 years), Riley (3 weeks), and Julia (1 day)!



Retiring Friends Board member and Warehouse Co-Manager, Len Marowitz, receives accolades from Book Den and Warehouse volunteers at January 26 Soup Luncheon. Len will continue assisting with online book sales.

JasMin Khoe Brings Energy and Ideas to Friends Board



JasMin Khoe has been an invaluable asset to the Friends of the Library Board since she was elected in early 2012. A busy McClatchy High School senior with college applications on her mind, JasMin never stops bringing fresh ideas and energy to the Board. As a member of the Annual Dinner Committee of 2012,

JasMin recruited students who led the Quote game and served as Table Quiz correctors. JasMin also worked on the dinner program and helped with set up and clean up. Dressed in costume as Abigail Adams, she greeted guests during the event and delivered a quote.

"I've always gone to the library", says JasMin, "and when a neighbor of mine told me there was an opening on the board for a teen, I applied." JasMin has a strong interest in building healthy communities, and she feels that the Friends are a powerful force in our community. "I love learning about how the community works and how many people are interested in helping the Library. It's great to see how many people are dedicated to helping the community".

JasMin's passion for helping communities goes far beyond Sacramento. Last year, as part of her school's Humanities and International Studies Program, she traveled to Rwanda to help fund and build a vocational school. This year JasMin is leading a book drive to send books to the school that she helped create. When she leaves college, JasMin says she would like to work in environmental studies or community development.

JasMin describes herself as "an average student trying to do my best and keep up with everything going on in the world." The Friends have been incredibly blessed by JasMin's energy and passion during her service to our Board and her community.

In Memoriam

Elk Grove Friends are mourning the loss of Doug Davolt, their long-time newsletter editor, who passed away last month after a short illness. Doug assisted at Elk Grove's semi-annual book sales and was an active participant at the Elk Grove short story and poetry events.

Friends Receive Book Donation from Book Nook Book Store

By Bob Gorham

It is always sad when the neighborhood loses a close friend. It is especially hard when that friend is a bookstore that had been operating for years. The Friends of the Sacramento Public Library received a telephone call from the owner of the Book Nook Bookstore in Orangevale just before it closed on December 15, asking if we would like to go through their inventory. Yes! So on Monday December 17 the Friends Mobile Calvary trekked out to Orangevale and loaded up 215 boxes of books, several bags, and armfuls of books and transported them down to the Friends Warehouse at 8250 Belvedere Avenue, Sacramento, where all of them will be sorted and sold at the Friends Book Den Book Store (same address) as well as through the Friends online Amazon Book Store and even at our future Warehouse Sales.

The Book Nook also donated a service counter, book shelves, and a truckload of books to the Rio Linda Friends Book Store to go along with their recently donated four big book shelves from the County of Sacramento.

A big "Thank You!" from us all to Book Nook owners Ed and Dolores Duarte for their many years of service to the community and for their generous donation to the Friends. A very special and hearty "Thank You!" to the Friends volunteers who came together so quickly and rendezvoused in Orangevale to sort, pack, carry, load, deliver, and then unload the books at the Friends Warehouse.

"A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It's a never failing spring in the desert."

~ Andrew Carnegie

Friends Warehouse Sale

Friday, April 5, 5-8 pm

Warehouse Sale for Friends Members
(memberships available at door)
8250 Belvedere Ave., Suite E, Sacramento

Saturday, April 6, 9 am-4 pm

Sunday, April 7, 9 am-4 pm
Warehouse Sale ~ Open to the Public
8250 Belvedere Ave., Suite E, Sacramento

The Book Den is open every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 9 am to 2 pm. The Book Den is now selling sheet music and comic books. Gift certificates are available at the Book Den. They are accepted by the Book Den and the Warehouse.

To find out about Book Den/Warehouse volunteer openings, please contact: 731-8493 or bookdenvol@gmail.com.net or call (916) 731-8493.

Friends Membership

We have eliminated the Friends Membership form from our newsletter to make room for more information about Friends activities. If you would like to join the Friends of Sacramento Public Library, please pick up a membership application at your local library, or apply on-line through the library website <http://www.saclibrary.org/> on the Friends of the Library page.

Friends Outreach & Branch Book Sales

Saturday, March 2, 10:30 am – 5 pm

Sunday, March 3, 11 am – 4 pm

Carmichael Friends Book Sale at Carmichael Library

Saturday, March 9, 9-11:30 am

Colonial Heights Friends Pancake Breakfast & Media Swap at Colonial Heights Library (\$5 donation)

March 9-16

South Natomas Friends Book Sale ~ get details from their Facebook page

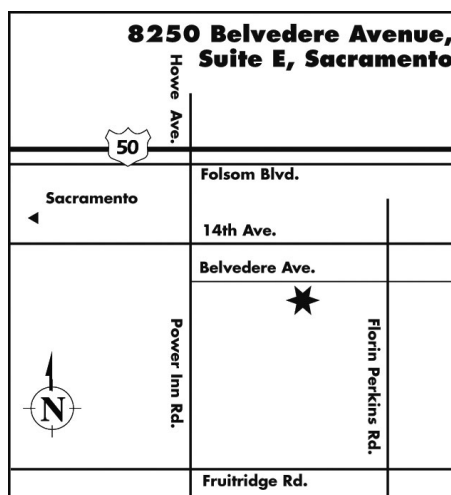
Saturday, March 23

Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Friends Book Sale 9-10 am ~ Friends preview
10 am – 4 pm – Open to the public

Saturday, April 6

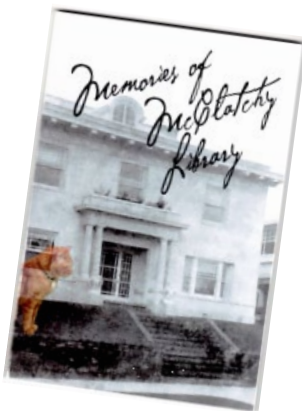
Ellen Powell hosts Friends Book Sale at the Sacramento Zoo

In addition to these special book sales, all branch libraries have Friends book sale areas or book stores that operate during regular library hours. The Rio Linda Friends Store is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 1 to 6 pm at 440 Elkhorn Blvd., Suite #7, Rio Linda. The Walnut Grove Book Keeper is open on Thursdays from 1:00 to 4:30 pm in the Walnut Grove Library.



Memories of McClatchy Library Now in its Third Printing!

The collection of memories, stories, and photos edited by members of the Friends of the Ella K. McClatchy Library has received some great publicity. Two of the editors, Virginia Kidd and Alice Levine, were interviewed about the book by Beth Ruyak on Capital Public Radio's "Insight" <http://www.cpradio.org/news/insight/2012/12/14/insight-capitol-chat--memories-of-mcclatchy-library--high-school-music-exchange>, and the Sacramento Bee's Ginger Rutland featured the book in an editorial <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/12/23/5071293/ginger-rutland-for-children-a.html>. The book can be ordered for \$15 by emailing mcclatchymemories@gmail.com



McClatchy Friends President Alice Levine and author Lance Armstrong confer at Friends Annual Meeting, January 20 at Arden-Dimick Library.

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SACRAMENTO ANTIQUARIAN BOOK FAIR

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