

Between Friends

Friends of the Sacramento Public Library

November/December 2012

Save the Date!

Tuesday, November 13, 6:30 pm

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

Saturday, November 24

Libraries closed – staff furlough day

Thursday, November 29, 3 pm

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

Saturday, December 1

Friends Warehouse Book Sale – 9 am-12 p.m., Friends Preview; 12 – 4 pm, open to the public
8250 Belvedere Ave., Suite E, Sacramento

Saturday, December 8, 9 am – 4 pm

Friends Warehouse Book Sale – open to the public
8250 Belvedere Avenue, Suite E, Sacramento

Sunday, December 9

Jane Austen Tea at Central Library

Tuesday, December 11, 6 pm

Friends of Sacramento Public Library Board Potluck at the Book Den
8250 Belvedere Ave., Suite E, Sacramento

Wednesday, December 26

Libraries closed – staff furlough day

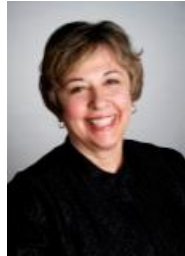
Sunday, January 27, 1 pm

2013 Friends of Sacramento Public Library Annual Meeting at Arden-Dimick Library

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



During our life, we spend a lot of time making comparisons: is the school my children attend good enough? How does my neighborhood compare with others? In the words of the old Stuart Smiley character from Saturday Night Live, “Am I good enough, smart enough, and do people like me?”

Libraries are no different. We want and need to compare ourselves to other libraries so we can develop standards for performance because, frankly, we want you to like us.

Sacramento Public Library has been a “pilot library” as part of a national benchmark project. This project is called the Edge Initiative, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to help public libraries develop benchmarks for performance related to public access technology. These Edge benchmarks are a rating system comprised of indicators designed to help library staff understand best practices in public access technology services for their communities. It also is designed to help determine what steps they need to take to improve their public technology services.

The benchmarks will help the Sacramento Public Library compare itself to other participating libraries to determine what particular programs and services we need to develop to help build people’s digital literacy skills and their ability to use technology for activities such as job-seeking, e-government transactions, health, wellness and education. The library will spend the next year implementing improvements based on our results.

As a pilot library, Sacramento Public Library is at the heart of developing these tools. As we look at them, we are very proud of the way we stack up in comparison to other library systems. We are especially proud to be a leader in developing these important national standards.



President Gwen Fleming (3rd from left) stands with three winners of the Summer Spelling Bee sponsored by the Friends of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library this past July. More than 110 children in grades 1 through 8 participated in this event.



Lon Lee and Emmie Makishima sort donated book at the Rio Linda Friends Book Store.

The Rio Linda Bookstore is Born: An Interview with Lon Lee

by Carrie Sessarego

What inspired the Rio Linda Friends to open a new bookstore?

Before the store was open, we had to set up our book sales outdoors in front of the Food Source grocery store in Rio Linda. We would plan our book sale several months ahead, but we were never sure what the weather conditions would be on the days of the sale. We had to deal with hot, cold, and rainy days, and this affected the public's participation and the fundraising results. We started looking for alternative locations for our book sales and found several vacant spaces in the Rio Linda Plaza shopping center. Around nine months ago I contacted the center's property management company and asked them if they would donate a store space to the Friends of the Rio Linda Library. I thought the worst they could do was say "no," but to our surprise they made a counter offer that was very reasonable.

Where is the store located, and what will the hours be?

The store is located at 440 Elkhorn Blvd, Suite #7, next to the Food Source in Rio Linda. Our current hours are Fridays and Saturdays from 1PM to 6 PM, but we might increase the hours in the future.

What makes your store a great place to shop?

Terrific prices on books and a wide selection to choose from! Most of our books are priced at less than a dollar each. We intend to have monthly door prizes and special sales/offers. Anyone with a current FOL membership card will receive a 10% discount on purchases at our store. Also, proceeds from this non-profit store will be used to support the Library's children's and adult programs as well as purchase books and materials for the Rio Linda Library.

NOTE: Rio Linda Friends held a Bookstore Grand Opening on October 13th, from 1 pm to 8 pm. There were door prizes, refreshments, and thousands of books, movies, music, and more for sale.

For more info: www.facebook.com/TheFriendsOfTheLibraryBookStore

Volunteers from United Way, UPS, and Drywall/Lathers Union Local 9109 Give Fresh Look to Book Den and Warehouse

By Len Marowitz

The United Way of the California Capital Region recently gave a \$500 donation from the UPS Foundation to the Friends. Volunteers from the Drywall/Lathers Union Local 9109, the United Way, UPS and the Friends coordinated their efforts to make improvements in the appearance of the Book Den Store and Warehouse. First, two walls in the Store were patched and spackled by Friends volunteers. A few days later, UPS volunteers painted the walls a light green ("Turtle Dove"), giving a fresh glow to the Store. Hardworking volunteers from the Drywall/Lathers Union Local 9109 and the United Way did expert drywall patching and repairing to the two walls in the children's section of the Warehouse and one other wall. That same day, eleven UPS volunteers painted the newly repaired Warehouse walls a bright yellow ("Citrus"), transforming the children's section to a space that sparkled with color. Both parents and kids will have a great time searching for books there!

The Friends thank both these organizations and the individuals for volunteering their time, skill, and sweat to improve the appearance of the Book Den Store and Warehouse. We are sure our customers will be impressed!



Volunteer painters pose in front of newly painted wall in the Children's Area of the Warehouse.



Fairy Librarian Christy Aguirre, Southgate Branch Supervisor, shares a story at Fairy Tale Town Children's Book Festival with a young customer. While Christy and librarian Nicole Powell entertained the crowd, Friends volunteer Ellen Powell sold \$1906 worth of children's books to raise money for the library.

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Memories of McClatchy Library— a Unique Collection

By Lynn Eder

What happened when the traveler turned in her passport with her books the day before her trip to the outer reaches of Russia? Why were McClatchy Library supporters happy when a roofer’s tools fell into the sunroom?

Why is an electric plug named for a little boy?

How does having a library in a former home teach young readers about the past?

Members of the Friends of McClatchy Library have heard so many meaningful, heartfelt stories and shared memories about the Library over the years that a group of McClatchy Friends decided to collect these and turn them into a book. They hosted writing workshops, conducted interviews, collected archived photographs, and issued a “call for submittals.” Within weeks they had enough to fill well over 100 pages.

The paperback book, *Memories of McClatchy Library*, will be printed at the I Street Press, available for purchase by late November, \$15.00. It will be a treat to savor—in one page-turning read, or bit by bit. *Memories of McClatchy Library* aims to be a reflection of a unique building and a special community. Call Alice Levine, 916-455-0485 to reserve it now!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (Please Print)

<input type="checkbox"/> My Branch Library is : <small>(Your local Branch Friends group receives half of your membership dues. If you do not designate a local branch, you will be listed as an “at-large” member, and your dues will support the system-wide Friends of the Sacramento Public Library.)</small>	
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The Friends Tax ID # is 68-0005250. <small>Gifts will be directed to your local branch unless no branch is designated, in which case they will support the system-wide Friends of the Sacramento Public Library.</small>	
TOTAL AMOUNT:	Today’s date:
Please make checks payable to Friends of SPL and mail with this form to: Friends of the Sacramento Public Library, 828 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814	

Friends Donate Thousands of Books to Charities and Non-Profit Organizations

By Karen Thomas

From January through September of 2012, the Friends of Sacramento Public Library donated more than 674 boxes of books to 45 community agencies and organizations. Under the leadership of volunteer Patricia “Pat” Dansby, excess books from the Friends Warehouse are re-donated to a variety of groups including: Elk Grove Food Bank, Father’s Resource Center, Fishers of Men (Homeless Outreach), Florin Healthcare Center, Loaves and Fishes, Midtown Solutions AA Group, River City Food Bank, Sac Works Career Center, Sacramento German Genealogy Society, Southeast Asian Assistance Center, St. Francis Manor, St. John’s Shelter, Strategies for Change, Sunrise Senior Center, Sutter Infusion Center, The Birthing Project Center, United Way California Capitol Region, WEAVE, and Wellspring.

Friends Warehouse Sale

Saturday, December 1

9 am – 12 noon Preview for Friends Members

Saturday, December 1

12 – 4 pm Open to the Public

Saturday, December 8

9 am – 4 pm Open to the Public

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

The Book Den and the Friends Warehouse are located at 8250 Belvedere, Suite E, Sacramento. For more information contact fspl@att.net or call (916) 731-8493.

The Book Den Store/Warehouse is creating a list of volunteers to call upon for lifting and carrying heavy boxes as the need arises. Contact: 731-8493 or bookdenvol@gmail.com.



“Books make great gifts because they have whole worlds inside of them. And it’s much cheaper to buy somebody a book than it is to buy them the whole world!”

~ Neil Gaiman



Friends of North Natomas Library hosted Asia Foundation visitors from Cambodia, Indonesia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam when they visited Sacramento in September 2012. Two families from Friends of the McClatchy Library also hosted groups from the Asia Foundation tour. These visitors are all involved in starting and supporting public libraries in their home countries.



Nicole Powell, branch supervisor at North Sacramento-Haggittwood Library, and Christy Aguirre, branch supervisor at Southgate Library staff the library table at Fairy Tale Town Children’s Book Festival while Friends volunteer Ellen Powell sells children’s books to raise money for the library.

Friends Outreach and Branch Book Sales

Saturday, November 3 - Sunday, November 4

Carmichael Friends Book Sale at Carmichael Library (10:30-5 pm Saturday; 12-5 pm Sunday)

In addition to this special book sale, 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. The Walnut Grove Book Keeper is open on Thursdays from 1:00 to 4:30 pm.

Happy Holidays



Brighten someone’s holiday with a Friends’ gift certificate to use at the Book Den or the Warehouse. This is the perfect gift for children, teens, adults, seniors, and teachers. Gift certificates are available at the Book Den.

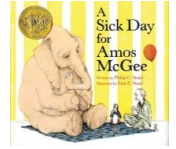
GREAT READS!

Great Books to Give: Recommended Gifts for Children and Teens

Compiled by Chelsea Couillard-Smith, Youth Materials Selector, Sacramento Public Library

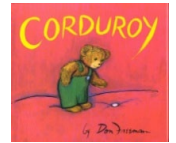
***A Sick Day for Amos McGee* by Philip C. Stead, Illustrated by Erin Stead**

Amos McGee always makes time to visit his good friends at the zoo, but when a cold keeps him home in bed, his animal friends arrive to provide comfort. A charming, quiet picture book in the spirit of *Goodnight, Moon*. Ages 2-6.



***Corduroy* by Don Freeman**

This classic picture book tells the tale of a teddy bear, searching for his lost button, who finds something even more special – a child to love him. Originally published in 1968, *Corduroy* still deserves a spot on every child's bookshelf. Ages 2-6.

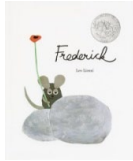


***Press Here* by Hervé Tullet**

This interactive picture book is sure to charm even the most tech-savvy reader. Who needs gadgets when an old-fashioned book can get kids pressing, clapping, shaking, and blowing brightly colored dots that “magically” change and multiply? Ages 3-8.



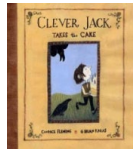
***Frederick* by Leo Lionni**



While the others gather food, Frederick stores up memories and creates poetry to warm the hearts of his fellow mice during the darkest days of winter. A perfect read aloud and classic tribute to the creative spirit that will inspire young artists. Ages 4-8.

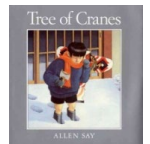
***Clever Jack Takes the Cake* by Candace Fleming, Illustrated by G. Brian Karas**

Jack is confident that his delicious cake will make the perfect gift for the princess's birthday—but can he get it to the castle in one piece? A rollicking modern fairy tale that families will enjoy reading again and again. Ages 4-8.



***Tree of Cranes* by Allen Say**

A Japanese boy learns about Christmas when his American-born mother decorates a pine tree with paper cranes. A beautifully illustrated, multicultural holiday story perfect for family sharing. Ages 4-8.



***The Velveteen Rabbit* by Margery Williams Bianco**



The classic story of a toy rabbit's quest to become real through the love of his boy. Originally published in 1922, it's sure to resonate with any child who loves a stuffed animal and makes a cozy bedtime read aloud. Ages 5-8

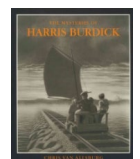
***Bink and Gollie* by Kate DiCamillo and Alison McGhee, Illustrated by Tony Fucile**

In three short stories, short, excitable Bink, and tall, unflappable Gollie navigate the challenges of being best friends. Full of humor and lots of interesting vocabulary words, this title makes a great gift for newly independent readers. Ages 6-8.



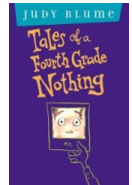
***The Mysteries of Harris Burdick* by Chris Van Allsburg**

Fourteen mysterious black-and-white illustrations, each with nothing more than a caption, invite budding storytellers to imagine their own fantastic tales. A great gift for young writers, alone or paired with *The Chronicles of Harris Burdick*, a collection of short stories by acclaimed children's authors based on the original illustrations. Ages 6-10.



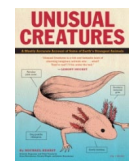
***Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume**

Life with his troublesome little brother, Fudge, makes Peter Hatcher feel like a fourth grade nothing. This timeless tale of sibling hijinks is sure to keep elementary school readers laughing and makes a great gift for reading aloud or for independent readers. Ages 7-10.



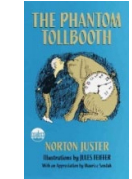
***Unusual Creatures: A Mostly Accurate Account of Earth's Strangest Animals* by Michael Hearst**

This year's best gift for animal lovers provides up-close examinations of fifty of the Earth's most curious critters. From the barking spider to the blobfish to the flying snake, young readers are sure to be fascinated by these amazing animals and by Hearst's often-humorous accounts of their abilities. Ages 8-12.



***The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster**

In this classic fantasy, Milo travels to the Kingdom of Wisdom where he must settle the war between words and numbers, visit the Island of Conclusions (which can only be reached by jumping), and traverse the Mountains of Ignorance. Share this one with young fans of humor, action, and clever wordplay. Ages 8-10.



***Breadcrumbs* by Anne Ursu**



When Hazel's best friend, Jack, disappears into the snowy Minnesota woods with a mysterious woman in white, Hazel sets off on a quest to rescue him in this atmospheric tribute to fairy tales and fantasy stories. Perfect for curling up with on a winter night, it makes a great gift for fantasy fans and voracious readers. Ages 8-12.

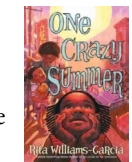
***The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin**

The death of the reclusive Sam Westing brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim his fortune. This award-winning and funny novel is sure to keep young mystery fans delightfully puzzled. Ages 8-12.

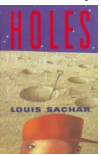


***One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia**

This heartbreaking yet funny tale takes place in 1968 Oakland as feisty eleven year old Delphine and her sisters try to reconnect with the mother who abandoned them. Effortlessly combining American history with dynamic, memorable characters, this is one historical fiction title that kids won't mind reading for fun. Ages 9-12.



***Holes* by Louis Sachar**



When Stanley Yelnats is sent to a juvenile detention camp for a crime he didn't commit, he finds the solution to reversing four generations of family bad luck in this award-winning and hilarious story. Ages 10-14.

***Tales from Outer Suburbia* by Shaun Tan**

An exchange student who's really an alien, a water buffalo in an abandoned lot—these odd details of everyday life are featured in fifteen illustrated short stories, some humorous and some haunting. A quirky collection perfect for teen dreamers. Ages 12-18.



***The Hobbit* by JRR Tolkien**

If you know a young fantasy fan who hasn't yet read Tolkien's classic, this is the perfect year to gift them with The Hobbit. The new movie will be released in December, and even those already familiar with Bilbo's journey will want to brush up on their Middle Earth knowledge before the premiere. Ages 12 and up.



***Where Things Come Back* by John Corey Whaley**

In the remarkable summer before Cullen's senior year, he is forced to re-examine his small town when his cousin overdoses, an extinct woodpecker allegedly reappears, and his gifted brother suddenly and inexplicably disappears. An award-winning and extraordinary novel for teens who like their reads more realistic. Ages 14-18.



***The Scorpio Races* by Maggie Stiefvater**



Some race to win. Others race to survive. Sean, a young man of few words, is the returning champion. Puck is the first girl ever to enter. Only one can win, and many will die. This heart-stopping tale of love and courage will have readers on the edge of their seats. A perfect gift for teens looking for something exciting, magical, and utterly unique. Ages 14-18.