



AMONG FRIENDS

Friends of the Sacramento Public Library

September/October 2013

Save the Date!

Tuesday, September 10, 6:30 pm

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

Friday, September 13, 7 pm

Poe Project short films at Crest Theater 1013 K Street, Sacramento

Thursday, September 26, 3 pm

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

Saturday, September 28, 10 am

All Branch Friends Meeting at Southgate Library

Friday, October 4, 5-8 pm

Friends' Preview ~ Warehouse Book Sale

Saturday, October 5, 9 am-4 pm

Sunday, October 12, 9 am-4 pm
Warehouse Book Sale ~ Open to the Public
8250 Belvedere Avenue, Suite E, Sacramento

Tuesday, October 8, 6:30 pm

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

Thursday, October 24, 3 pm

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

Friday, October 25, 7 pm

All Friends One Book Sacramento Dinner, Elk's Lodge #6
6446 Riverside Boulevard, Sacramento

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



As I write this, the Library is still in the midst of our 2013 Summer Reading program—and it is breaking all previous records! We set a goal of 30,000 participants for the summer and met that goal before the end of July. We also set a goal of participants reading 100,000 books and saw that goal reached as well. We are so grateful to the Sacramento Public Library Foundation and the Friends of Sacramento Public Library for their generosity in providing the means for us to reach so many children and families. More important, we thank YOU for participating in and attending our many programs.

Now we face a new problem. We have to figure out how we'll make 2014 even more successful!

Are you ready for Edgar Allan Poe? Beginning October 1, we will be celebrating our most thrilling One Book Sacramento ever. We're proud to have lined up an amazing array of programs and excited that Sacramento Public Library has published our own book for the celebration, *The Slender Poe*, curated by local poet John Allen Cann, and published by the I Street Press. We are very, very grateful to the Friends of the Pocket-Greenhaven Library for sponsoring the publication of *The Slender Poe*, and we encourage everyone to borrow or buy their copy soon.

We are ecstatic that New Helvetia Brewing Company got into the spirit of this year's One Book by brewing up a batch of Edgar Allan Porter. We also are delighted to be working The Poe Project. The Poe Project is a collaboration between the Capital Film Arts Alliance, the Sacramento Film and Music Festival, and the Sacramento Public Library. The project is a competitive program in which local writers and filmmakers were tasked with producing feature length screenplays and short films inspired by the works of Edgar Allen Poe. The short films will be shown at the Crest Theater at 7 pm on Friday, September 13. For more information check out <http://sacfilm.com>.

I hope to see many of you at the 3rd Annual Friends One Book Sacramento Dinner celebrating Edgar Allan Poe on Friday, October 25, at Elk's Lodge #6 – 6446 Riverside Boulevard, Sacramento. For information and to purchase tickets, please contact Kathi Windheim at (916) 392-0101 or zaw2000@msn.com.

Friends Board Members Needed

We have openings on the Friends of Sacramento Public Library Board of Directors.

If you have time and a commitment to support our library system, consider getting involved on the Friends board. You may want to attend an upcoming board meeting to find out about what's involved and how we operate. Upcoming board meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 6:30 pm, in the Arcade Library Community Room and Tuesday, October 8, 6:30 pm, in the Southgate Library Community Room.

If you are interested in being considered for a board position, please submit your resume to Friends Board President Robert Gorham at president@saclibfriends.org.

Meet the Friends: Lynn Eder

By Carrie Sessarego



Lynn Eder is the person who corrects all my misspellings or punctuation errors, which is surely a full-time job. Lynn is the copy editor for *Among Friends*, and she works tirelessly to make sure that the newsletter content

is clear and correct! She's also the secretary of the McClatchy Friends and an amazing artist.

How did you get involved with the Friends?

I became involved with the McClatchy Friends when former branch manager JoAnn Severson invited me to a McClatchy Friends board meeting. I attended this and was surprised to learn about this active group. I knew the Library's second floor was very slowly being renovated for public use, and I also contributed artwork for the Wine and Art Auctions that were being held there during this time, but I did not know these activities were sponsored by this Friends group until I attended a couple of Board meetings. Upon the Board's invitation, I joined the Board, and a year or so later, I was asked to be its secretary, a position I still hold.

What do you do for the newsletter?

As a Friends board member of McClatchy Library, I attended an annual board meeting of the All Friends group in 2011. When discussion arose about publishing an All Friends newsletter, I volunteered to do copy editing for it.

Why is having a newsletter important?

The newsletters spread the word about activities, policies and concerns, and other topics that the All Friends members benefit from knowing about. The newsletter is an example of how the concerned public (All Friends members) is helping the Sacramento Public Library grow and flourish.

What do you do for a living? What are some of your other interests and hobbies?

I work part-time as a copy editor and the manager of a professional scientific journal published by a national acupuncture non-profit organization. I felt my copy editing skills could be of use for the All Friends newsletter so I volunteered to work on it. It is always good to have another pair of eyes. Among other things, I make handmade paper artwork, garden, exercise, relax by the ocean, and read (library books).

What is your favorite book?

One recent book I enjoyed is *The Orchardist* by Amanda Coplin. It is a compelling story and can be checked out from our SPL.

Meet the Friends: Trish Consunji

By Carrie Sessarego



Trish Consunji is the treasurer of Central Friends and the production editor of the *Among Friends* newsletter. Our first question for Trish was, "What does the production editor do?" Trish replied:

"A production editor handles the desktop publishing for the newsletter. I format the content to make sure that the information is relayed in an easy to read manner.

A newsletter is important because it is a great information source. It allows like-minded and interested people to check out what's going on with the different branches."

Trish got involved with the Friends because she loves books. Her favorite book is *The Decameron* by Giovanni Boccaccio. Trish is a technical editor by trade, and in her spare time she likes to read, write, travel, and play golf. Trish's favorite travel destination to date was China:

"As for my favorite travel destination, I would have to say China for the Beijing Olympics in 2008. I was there for the second week of events and got to watch a lot of boxing and track and field. I also traveled to Shanghai to watch the men's semifinals match in soccer. When not attending events, I went sightseeing and got to climb a teeny, tiny portion of the Great Wall. I have since been to the Winter Olympics in Vancouver and plan to go to the next Winter Olympics in Russia. I'm kind of an Olympics nerd."

Every other month, articles and photos are collected from all over the Sacramento Public Library network of Friends, and after Lynn Eder copy edits it, we send it to Trish. Somehow, she takes this collection of stuff and turns into a well-organized, attractive, easy to read publication. And she does all this while working full-time, keeping track of the finances of the Central Friends, and planning events—she co-organized a silent auction for Central Friends that was so successful that Central plans to make it an annual event.

Thank you, Trish, for sharing your energy and your talents!

"My childhood library was small enough not to be intimidating. And yet I felt the whole world was contained in those two rooms. I could walk any aisle and smell wisdom."

~ Rita Dove, Poet

Friends 2012 Financial Report

By Karen Thomas

The Friends of Sacramento Public Library is made of 28 individual branch Friends groups plus Bookmobile Friends and alt+library Friends, all using the same 501(c)(3) designation under the auspices of the Friends of Sacramento Public Library (FSPL) Board. The board also oversees the Friends Book Den and Warehouse, located at 8250 Belvedere Avenue in Sacramento. The FSPL Board is often referred to as the “system board” or the “All Friends board.”

Each year, Friends Treasurer Mike Willis is responsible for collecting financial reports from all the affiliated groups and combining them with the FSPL financial report in order to file our state and federal tax returns. This is an arduous task and we are grateful to Mike for his patience and commitment to the library and to the Friends organization. Links to the full tax returns are available on the “About” page of our website ~ www.saclibfriends.org. Here is a brief summary of the Friends Revenues and Expenditures for calendar year 2012.

REVENUES

Membership Dues	50,707	12%
Donations	48,653	12%
Book Den & Warehouse Sales	68,900	17%
Branch Book Sales	197,024	48%
All Others	43,982	11%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$409,266	100%

EXPENDITURES

Library Support	296,706	80%
Operations	73,997	20%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$370,703	100%

Library Support includes funding for library programs and materials for people of all ages throughout the library system.

Operations includes support for members and branch affiliates, including our membership data coordinator, newsletter, brochures, other printed material, web page, liability insurance, marketing, and volunteer recognition.

Unexpended revenues from one year are carried forward into the next fiscal year.

We are grateful to everyone who donates books, money, or volunteer time to help sustain this vital effort.

Sign Up for Friends Advocacy Alerts!

Since May 2013 our Friends Library Education and Action Committee has issued six *Advocacy Updates* or *Advocacy Alerts* to let people know the status of city, county, state, and federal issues affecting library funding and to tell them how they can help advocate for libraries. If you would like to receive our *Advocacy Alerts*, please use the link on the Advocacy page of our website www.saclibfriends.org or contact AmongFriendsSPL@gmail.com. Together we can make a difference!

Tickets on Sale Now for the Friends Annual Dinner, Celebrating Edgar Allan Poe!

This year’s third annual Friend’s One Book Sacramento Dinner will take place on Friday, October 25, 2013. We’ll be celebrating the work of Edgar Allan Poe with live music, quizzes, prizes, good food, locally brewed specialty beer (for purchase) and a silent auction. The tables will be decorated to match Poe’s most famous poems and songs. Tables seat up to ten people, and single tickets are available as well as group tickets for people wishing to fill a table. This dinner usually sells out fast, so buy your tickets today!

This year, thirty costumed students from McClatchy High School will be helping with the Poe Puzzlers Quiz, entertainment, and dinner service. All guests are welcome to attend in costume—after all, it’s almost Halloween!

Dinner options include choices for meat eaters and vegetarians alike, including sides and a dessert, all with a Poe Theme (“Fortunato” lasagna, anyone?). We have “Pit and Pendulum Pizza” for the kids, complete with a Poe prize. As a unique treat, we will be offering Edgar Allan Porter, a locally brewed beer made by the New Helvetia Brewing Company specifically in honor of One Book Sacramento. This beer is described by the company as “strong, with distinct coffee and chocolate notes, and a rich, full body.”

The dinner will be held on October 25 at 7 pm, with a no host bar at 6:30 PM at Elk’s Lodge #6 – 6446 Riverside Boulevard, Sacramento, 95831. To buy tickets, please contact Kathi Windheim at (916) 392-0101 or zaw2000@msn.com.





Gwen Fleming (back, right), President of the Friends of Martin Luther King Jr. Library, and her Spelling Bee assistant, stand with 3 young winners of this year's Spelling Bee held in July. The King Friends have hosted this event for 11 years.



Tyler Stump and his mom, Kerri, President of the Courtland Friends of the Library, help advertise their Book Sale booth at the Courtland Pear Fair held on July 28.

Friends Warehouse Sales

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(memberships available at door)
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Please note there is no parking allowed on the south side of Belvedere.

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.

To find out about Book Den/Warehouse volunteer openings, please contact: 731-8493 or

Friends Outreach & Branch Book Sales

Sunday, September 1, 12 - 5 pm

Saturday, September 7, 10:30 - 5 pm
Carmichael Friends Book Sale at Carmichael Library

Saturday, September 14 - Saturday, September 21
South Natomas Friends Book Sale in South Natomas Library Community Room

Saturday, September 14, 9:45 am - 5 pm

Sacramento Antiquarian Book Fair
Scottish Rite Temple, 6151 H Street, Sacramento
(free passes available at the Book Den)

Saturday, October 12, 9 am - 5 pm

Tuesday, October 15, 10 am - 8 pm
Fair Oaks Friends Book Sale at Fair Oaks Library

In addition to these special book sales, all branch libraries have Friends book sale areas or bookstores 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 Boulevard, 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.



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