



AMONG FRIENDS

Friends of the Sacramento Public Library

May/June 2014

Save the Date!

Tuesday, May 13, 6:30 pm

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

Thursday, May 22, 3 pm

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

Tuesday, June 3
ELECTION DAY

Friday, June 6, 5-8 pm

Warehouse Sale for Friends Members
8250 Belvedere Ave., Suite E, Sacramento

Saturday, June 7, 9 am-4 pm

Warehouse Sale ~ Open to the public
8250 Belvedere Ave., Suite E, Sacramento

Tuesday, June 10, 6:30 pm

Friends of Sacramento Public Library Board meets at Rio Linda Library

Saturday, June 14, 9 am-4 pm

Warehouse Sale ~ Open to the public
8250 Belvedere Ave., Suite E, Sacramento

Thursday, June 26, 3 pm

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

Saturday, June 28, 10 am

All Friends Meeting at Martin Luther King Jr. Library Community Room

Measure B: Sacramento City Voters to Determine Library Funding Level on June 3

When Sacramento City voters go to the polls on June 3, they will vote on Measure B, which will determine the future funding level and viability of our twelve city libraries:

Measure B—Pertaining to a Parcel Tax for Core Library Services

“Should library services for all City residents including children, teens, adults and seniors, be preserved, including after-school reading programs, homework assistance, library operating hours, 24/7 online access, programs for seniors, and other services, by enacting a new \$12 per year single-family residential parcel tax for 12 years, and specified amounts for other uses, adjusted for inflation, that the State cannot take, with independent financial audits to ensure funds are spent only on City of Sacramento libraries?”

According to the Sacramento City Attorney, the ordinance will take effect only if two-thirds of the voters approve Measure B. A “yes” vote is in favor of approving the ordinance establishing the parcel tax. A “no” vote is against approving the ordinance establishing the parcel tax.

Measure B has been endorsed by the Sacramento Bee, the Friends of Sacramento Public Library, the Sacramento Public Library Foundation, Firefighters Local 522, Sacramento Police Officers Association, Mayor ProTem Angelique Ashby, and by educators and community leaders throughout Sacramento.

If Measure B does not pass, it is likely that several city libraries will close.

No Argument against Measure B was submitted to the City Clerk.

Information about the Yes on Measure B Campaign is available at www.Bethereforlibraries.org.

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.



Library staff and Friends members celebrated the work of Terry Chekon (center with photograph) at a “Dancing with the Stars” party organized by Pocket-Greenhaven Friends President Kathi Windheim on March 1. Standing behind Terry is State Assembly Member Roger Dickinson who presented Terry with a proclamation. Since retiring as a librarian, Terry has volunteered with the Martin Luther King Jr. Friends and served for ten years on the Friends of the Sacramento Public Library Board.

Meet the Friends: Denise Watts

By Carrie Sessarego

Denise Watts is the data and communications director for the Friends of the Library. She manages its website and takes care of our mailings, the bank statements, and most things that have to do with membership. If you have a question about your membership status, Denise knows the answer! Because Denise is so competent and endlessly gracious, it's not uncommon to hear Friends Board members saying to each other, "Do you think we could ask Denise to do it?" Odds are, she will!



Denise Watts, Treasurer of the Pocket-Greenhaven Friends and Friends Membership Coordinator and Webmaster.

Denise became interested in the Library because it was so important in developing her reading habits as a child. "When I moved to Sacramento at the age of nine, the Bookmobile came to my school, Bear Flag Elementary, every two weeks. That helped me become a lifelong reader." Denise now reads historical fiction, fantasy, literary fiction, and young adult fiction.

When Denise became involved with the Pocket-Greenhaven area Friends, she served as their treasurer for ten years and helped establish the Pocket-Greenhaven Branch. When the data and communications director position opened, Denise was happy to step in. "I like the people I work with" she says. "I work with a lot of really wonderful people who care deeply about the Library!" Denise wants people to know that the Friends are hard-working and committed. "We are committed to helping the Library in both small and large ways—at the local level and with the library system overall."

The Friends are grateful that Denise serves as the glue that holds all the business and communications details of the organization together. When I met with Denise for this interview, she was on the phone with a tech support person trying to solve a computer problem for the Book Den. When I left, she was turning back to the phone to finish the complicated, frustrating job. I have no doubt that the computer is running fine now, because whatever job you hand Denise, she'll get it done!

Board Training for System Board and Branch Friends Representatives

Serving as a member of any board of directors, especially a non-profit organization, is not just a matter of going to meetings and voting yay or nay on issues. It requires a lot of commitment. The System Friends board decided that they would help us be a more educated and effective board by giving us some formal training. A four hour training session and potluck was held on March 25th at the South Natomas Library meeting room. Twenty-five members attended, including all but two system board members and representatives from seven branch Friends group. Other branches were represented by system board members. The excellent instruction was given by Patrick Bell, Edge Consulting and Coaching. He has offered unlimited lifetime service to respond to any of our questions.



On Sunday, March 30 at the N Factor Awards, Friends board member Karen Thomas was presented with the Council District 1 Diamond award by Mayor Pro Tem Angelique Ashby for her work with the Friends of the Sacramento Public Library. Karen is Friends' Store Manager and Vice-President of North Natomas Friends. She Chairs the Communications Committee for the Friends Board and is serving as Campaign Coordinator for the Yes on Measure B Campaign. Photo by Dennis Spear, N Magazine.

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Library Education and Advocacy Committee

By Chuck Shulock, Chair, Library Education and Advocacy Committee

The Library Education and Advocacy Committee (LEAC) has identified its priorities for 2014:

- Track Measure B (parcel tax) activities, ensuring that related branch expenditures are tracked and reported, and working with the Branch Liaison committee to communicate needs and opportunities to branch membership,
- Help frame “what if” strategies and next steps after the Measure B election, with an eye towards the planned 2016 renewal of the existing parcel tax assessment,
- Monitor library budget trends as well as city and county budget contributions,
- Maintain relationships with library staff, the Foundation, local officials and other interested parties, and
- Track statewide issues through the California Library Association, the California Public Library Advocates and other associations, provide support where appropriate, and bring back “best practice” information to the board.

Statewide, the LEAC has been following two legislative items: 1. SB 1455 (DeSaulnier) would enact a bond measure to fund library construction, and 2. the Governor’s Budget contains a proposed \$2.25 million ongoing augmentation plus \$1 million in one-time equipment funds to support public libraries in joining a major high-speed broadband network operated by the Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC). After consulting with the Library Director and the Board President, the LEAC drafted support letters for both measures and testified in support of SB 1455 at a hearing of the Senate Education Committee. It also issued an Advocacy Alert requesting support from the Friends membership.

Friends’ Book Den/Warehouse Update

The second warehouse sale of the year was held in April. All the volunteers worked overtime to get ready. Preparation for this sale had been particularly difficult due to issues with shelving—on January 18th one of the large (10’X15’X40”) fiction shelves collapsed. The Board stepped up quickly and approved funds to purchase new shelving.

Some safety issues were brought to light because of the collapse. The contractors had promised us the new shelving would be in place before the April sale. However, problems with their suppliers delayed the delivery of materials. Many volunteers worked to put alternative shelves in place by using some that had been donated. These were not really sufficient--some subjects had no shelf space so they could not be

A Message from the Library Director

By Rivkah Sass



You cannot un-educate the person who has learned to read.”

~ Cesar Chavez

I am as predictable as the flowers that bloom in the spring or the mosquitoes that we swat in summer or the moms who urge their kids to eat their vegetables all year long.

And, because of more than 30 years as a librarian, I know for sure that reading in the summer really matters.

It is not unusual for students to lose up to two months of reading achievement during their summer break. Kids who fall behind have a harder time catching up in the next school term, and this summer learning loss can affect their total success in school.

The support we receive from the Friends of Sacramento Public Library and the Sacramento Public Library Foundation help us make sure that kids can keep reading during the summer. More importantly, those Summer Reading program participants who read just five books during the summer will be given a book to keep!

We recently received the wonderful news that the Sacramento Kings will provide a FREE ticket to a Kings home game to the first 40,000 people (of all ages) who sign up for the Library’s Summer Reading Program! We love their commitment to help and motivate all of us to read.

Join us from 1-4 pm on June 1 at the Central Library for our Kick-off summer reading event. Featured will be music by The Poodlums, crafts, face painting, and the chance to meet Slamson, the Kings’ mascot, and other special guests. For the first time, we will offer the opportunity to purchase books at our Scholastic Book Fair!

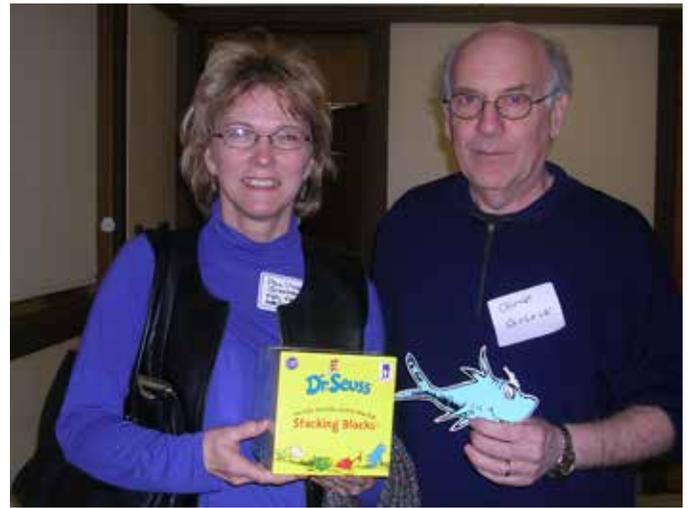
Summer Reading begins June 1 and continues through August 31. Be sure to ask your favorite librarian for details!

included in this sale at all. The good news is that by the time you read this newsletter, all the shelving should be installed and ready to be stocked.

The teams of volunteers who give of their time and energy to keep our Belvedere facility running smoothly are to be commended. Our operations include the Book Den (open each week Thursday through Saturday from 9 am to 2 pm), the Warehouse, with 6 sales a year, and our rapidly expanding Internet Division. If you would like to be part of this vibrant team, please contact Jo Anne Marie, 916-384-7842 or fspl@att.net.



Elk Grove Friends participate in the "Red Fish, Blue Fish" Game at the February 22 All Friends meeting at Arcade Library.



Friends Vice President Pauline Grenbeaux and LEAC Chair Chuck Shulock display prizes won in the "Red Fish, Blue Fish" Game.

Friends Warehouse Sales

Friday, June 6, 5-8 pm

Warehouse Sale ~ Members Preview
(Memberships available at door)

Saturday, June 7, 9 am-4 pm

Saturday, June 12, 9 am-4 pm

Warehouse Sale ~ Open to the Public

8250 Belvedere Ave., Suite E, Sacramento

Please note there is no parking allowed on the south side of Belvedere.

The Book Den is open every Thursday, Friday, & 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 splallfriends@gmail.com.



Branch Book Sales

Friday, May 2, 1-6 pm

Saturday, May 3, 10 am-5 pm

Tuesday, June 3 10 am-6 pm

Arden-Dimick Friends Book Sale

Arden-Dimick Library

Thursday, May 15, Friends Only 5-7 pm

Friday, May 16, 3-7 pm

Saturday, May 17, 9 am-1 pm

Elk Grove Friends Book Sale

Elk Grove Library

Saturday, May 17, 1-5 pm

Rio Linda Friends Book Sale

Rio Linda Library

Saturday, May 17-23

Pocket-Greenhaven Friends Book Sale

During Library Hours, Pocket-Greenhaven Library

Saturday, May 31, 10 am-4 pm

Rancho Cordova Friends Book Sale

Rancho Cordova Library

Thursday, May 29 8:30 am-May 31 12:00 pm

Orangevale Friends Book Sale

Divine Savior Catholic Church, 9079 Greenback Ln

Saturday, June 7-10

Fair Oaks Friends Book Sale

Fair Oaks Library during Library Hours

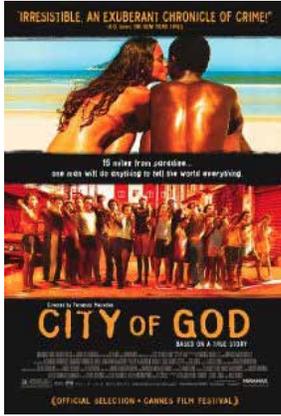
In addition to these special book sales, all branch libraries have Friends book sale areas or bookstores that operate during regular library hours. The Rio Linda Friends Store is open on Saturdays from 1 to 6 pm at 440 Elkhorn Blvd., Suite #7, Rio Linda. The Walnut Grove Book Keeper is open on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 1:00 to 4:30 pm and the 2nd Saturday from 1:00 to 4:30 pm in the Walnut Grove Library.

Meet Me at the Film Shelf

Welcome to the second edition of *Meet Me at the Film Shelf*! Each movie below holds a special place in my heart. Hopefully they find a place in yours, too.

~ Danielle Dunn

Action



City of God or Cidade de Deus is an actual slum in Rio de Janeiro. It's a dangerous place, created by the government to keep the poor away from the postcard ideal of Brazil. Crime happens every day in the *City of God*, and this movie shows what that's like. Paul Lins, author of the novel that the movie is based on, lived in the

City of God for a number of years. The two main characters in this film, Rocket and Li'l Ze, were born there as well. This movie is honest, it has a unique style, and it tells a story that needs to be told: hate breeds more hate.

Comedy



The Great Dictator caused me to respect Charlie Chaplin in a way I never did before. This was Chaplin's first talkie, and it was also his biggest box office hit. He wrote, directed, starred in, scored, and solely financed this movie.

The Great Dictator is a satire on Hitler. It was predictably banned in Germany, Italy, Spain,

and neutral Ireland, among other Nazi occupied territories. Production for the film started in 1938, and it was released in 1940. World War II was in its infancy, but as time passed and the war continued, Chaplin said he wouldn't have made the film had he known "the full extent of Nazi evil." It was a dangerous thing to do, but I'm grateful he did it.

Drama



Fish Tank won the Jury Prize at the Cannes Film Festival in 2009.

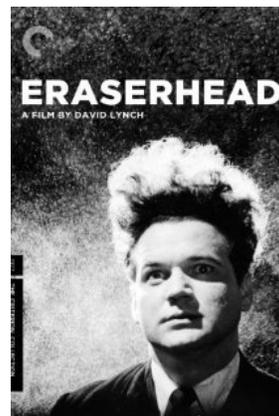
This emotionally intense film centers around a troubled, 15-year-old girl named Mia. Mia isn't a black and white, good or bad character.

Andrea Arnold, the writer and director of *Fish Tank*, lets us form our own opinions about her.

Arnold cast Katie Jarvis

to play Mia after seeing her in a train station fighting with her boyfriend. Jarvis had no previous acting experience, but she had authenticity. This whole film has authenticity. Like Mia, Arnold also grew up with a single mother in a UK housing estate. Watch *Fish Tank*, and then watch Arnold's Oscar-winning short film, *Wasp*.

Arthouse



Where to start...

Eraserhead is in a genre of its own. It's surreal and disturbing; watching it is an experience on par with going to a scary fun house. *Eraserhead* was David Lynch's first feature. He wrote and directed it while studying at AFI. There are a slew of interpretations of this movie, and David Lynch doesn't confirm

or deny any of them. He lets his audience connect with his films on a personal level, very much like Stanley Kubrick. Incidentally, *Eraserhead* was one of Kubrick's favorite films. Save this movie for a rainy day. You won't regret it!

If I was a book, I would like to be a library book, so I would be taken home by all different sorts of kids.

~ Cornelia Funke



Book Sale

**Benefits Pocket-Greenhaven
Friends of the Library**

Help support our neighborhood library!

Where:

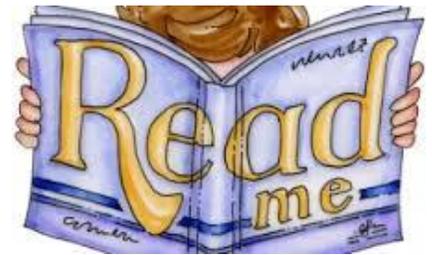
Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library

Starting Sale:

Saturday, May 17th

9 AM – 10 AM (Members Only)

10 AM – 4 PM (Open to All)



Continued Sale:

Tues., May 20th - Thur., May 22nd

10 AM – 5 PM

Bag Sale:

Friday, May 23rd

10 AM – 4 PM

***Come browse our selection of used paperbacks,
hard covers, children's books, videos, books on tape, and CDs.***



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SATURDAY, MAY 31 2014

10 AM – 4 PM



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Etc.**

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Rancho Cordova Library Community Room

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