



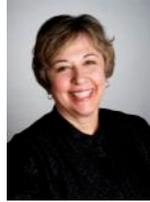
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Friends of the Sacramento Public Library

September/October 2014

A Message from the Library Director

By Rivkah Sass



I'm so happy when September and October roll around. We're back in the "r" months, which bring cooler days and nights and signal that it's again time to get involved with Sacramento Public Library's One Book Sacramento. This year we are honored to present *What It is Like to Go to War* by Karl Marlantes and are very excited to host the author at 6:30 p.m. October 7 in the Tsakopoulos Galleria. We are thrilled to have received a grant through Cal Humanities and have a great line-up of programs planned.

September brings the added excitement of partnering with the Sacramento Theater Company in celebrating the 75th anniversary of John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*. As a California high school student, I read and was mesmerized by this story of the Dust Bowl's impact on one family. The story of the Joad family is as timely today as it was in 1939 and was foundational to the creation of the Library Bill of Rights which affirms our right to read. Please join us in the Tsakopoulos Library Galleria on September 23 for an event that will feature members of the cast of Sacramento Theatre Company's production of the stage adaptation of *The Grapes of Wrath*, performing excerpts from the production, and a lively panel discussion.

There is nothing that makes me happier than seeing a room full of people engaging with one another, with books, and with the library. Whether it is our mesmerizing series on World War I, the Sunday Notable Books programs, or the 45 story times we host each week, we want the more than 7,500 programs we offer each year to bring people together to think, learn, and grow.

Book Den Volunteer Opportunities

Does being surrounded by 100,000 books sound like paradise? Want to work with people who love books as much as you do? Then The Book Den is the place for you!

We are expanding store hours in October, so we need more volunteer cashiers. We also need donation sorters in the warehouse. The only requirement is that you like being around people and helping them.

If you're interested, please contact Book Den Volunteer Coordinator, Adriana Bruno, at bookdencom@gmail.com or 916-731-8493.

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 more about what's involved and how we operate. Upcoming board meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, 6:30 pm in the Arcade Library Community Room and Tuesday, October 14, 6:30 pm, in the Southgate Library Community Room.

Those interested in being considered for board positions may submit resumes to Friends Board President Jeffrey Rubin at spfrfriendspres@gmail.com.

Save the Date!

Tuesday, September 9, 6:30 pm

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

Thursday, September 25, 3 pm

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

Saturday, September 27, 1:30 pm

All Branch Friends Meeting Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library

Friday, October 3, 5-8 pm

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

Saturday, October 4, 9 am-4 pm

Saturday, October 11, 9 am-4 pm

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Walk4Literacy Register by October 15 at www.Walk4Literacy.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.

Meet the Friends: Peggy Watral

By Carrie Sessarego

Peggy Watral is a tireless Central Friends volunteer. She works in the Words are Cheap Bookstore, at Friends book sales, and their special events. As part of her library volunteer activities she's also a GED tutor with the Adult Literacy Program. She has been a public school teacher and administrator in Arizona, and she currently works in operations management for a pharmaceutical training, testing, and compliance company. We had the opportunity to ask Peggy some questions about her passion for libraries and the work she does to support Central Library.



How did you decide to start volunteering for the library?

My love of reading and education has been a life-long commitment. When I relocated to California, a natural extension of this was to volunteer in the Central Friends Bookstore and as a GED tutor with the Central branch of the Sacramento Public Library.

Tell us about what you do as a volunteer.

As a bookstore volunteer, I help keep the collections stocked and current in the Central Bookstore. I also help with various special projects the Central Friends works on. As a GED tutor, I provide support for individual students who are working towards earning their GED credential through the Sacramento Public Library Adult Literacy Program. I also teach a GED writing class to adults to help them strengthen their writing skills.

What accomplishments are you most proud of?

I'm most proud that I am the mother of two amazing adults who are each college graduates successful in their individual careers. I'm also proud to help the Central Bookstore earn funds to support special programs for the Central Branch of the library. Additionally, when GED students show success in their overall academic skills and writing talents, I feel very rewarded. The Sacramento Public Library GED Program needs as many caring adults as possible to volunteer to tutor these students!

What do you wish people knew about the Friends?

The Central Friends organization is a wonderful way to get involved in literacy support for Sacramento. I encourage others to volunteer for this program as well—even one hour of volunteer service per week is a tremendous contribution!

What is your favorite book (or a few of your favorites)?

I was introduced to Charlotte Bronte's masterpiece, *Jane Eyre*, when I was a freshman in high school. My English teacher was a deeply passionate instructor who brought the beauty of the novel and story to life. Since then, I've probably read the novel at least six times and seen every version of the movie of the story as many times! *Jane Eyre* is a timeless love story with a strong message that in the end: love conquers all.

My father is my hero who is exemplified by the character Atticus Finch in *To Kill a Mockingbird*. In life we make decisions every day that are right and wrong. Atticus Finch, and my father, always make the right choice no matter how hard it might be. Also, in my opinion, *To Kill A Mockingbird* is a perfectly written piece of literature. Every word is precisely placed to bring forth a complex story of childhood, wonder, politics, and love that continues to resonate with me even today.



A Friend Amongst Professionals

By Jeff Rubin

At the end of June I had the privilege of joining thousands of librarians from across the U.S. in Las Vegas for the American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference and Exhibition. The theme for the event was regarding the “transformation” taking place in America’s libraries as they adapt to the changing ideas and concepts that make up the composition and delivery of library services to diverse 21st century populations. Over 700 exhibitors and 400 authors were on hand to showcase the latest in library services and technology, with these many authors signing their books all during the event. Most important to me, though, was the opportunity to spend quality time with fellow Friends from across the country, each of whom are helping to promote libraries in their own communities.



Our national counterpart, United for Libraries (a division of ALA) hosted an all day workshop entitled the “Nuts and Bolts for Friends, Trustees and Foundations.” Speakers covered such topics as library advocacy and working together with other community partners to gather library support from the public and elected officials. A series of roundtables highlighted best practices in book sales and nonprofit organization management. United for Libraries created several other sessions during the conference that provided timely information about recruiting new members and ways to market or re-energize a Friends’ organization.

The topper of the event was the wonderful opportunity to watch Library Director Rivkah Sass, on behalf of our Sacramento Public Library, receive a national Public Relations Award for last year’s “One Book Campaign.” A well-deserved honor for our own library professionals!

Courtland Friends & SPL Sell Books and Do Outreach at Pear Fair

On Sunday, July 27, the Courtland Friends of the Library sold books at the Annual Courtland Pear Fair with help from Pocket-Greenhaven Friends and Elk Grove Friends. SPL staff member Nina Colombo also assisted with library outreach at this event.



SPL staffer Nina Colombo does outreach at Pear Fair.



Kerri Stump, Kathi Windheim, Cathy Parthos, and Joanne Iwamiya staff booth at Courtland Pear Fair.

Book Den Report

By Pam Whiteley

There has been a lot of activity at the Book Den and Warehouse in the last couple of months.

Donations large and small continue to come in. The First Sorters continue to



amaze us by blazing through the donation boxes to get the books on our shelves. The Second Sorters make sure the shelves stay filled during each sale. The August warehouse sale was very successful because of the packed book shelves.

The Book Den has seen a steady flow of customers during our regular store hours, keeping our cashier busy. Besides their cashier duties, they also assist customers with finding books and making suggestions about great reads. With smiles on their faces and while sharing a great sense of humor, each cashier volunteer also works hard to keep the Book Den shelves stocked. One of these people who inspires me is "Debbie Reynolds." Debbie Reynolds? Yes indeed, we have very own volunteer "Debbie," better known as.... Well you'll just have to come in and find out!

The Book Den/Warehouse now has a management team working on volunteer training, safety, and ways to keep our facility running efficiently. Team members are Manager Jo Anne Marie, Jerry Jagers, Adriana Bruno, Pam Whiteley, and Len Marowitz. Jerry and Pam have been working with another volunteer, Chris Swidon, on updating and upgrading safety measures in the Warehouse. Because the safety of our volunteers is important, training classes have been set up for all volunteers. All new volunteers are required to be trained about safety issues. We also extend a heartfelt "thank you" to volunteer Tony Ringor for his help in making the facility a safe place. No matter what we ask him to fix, build, move, or sort, he does it with a smile. Thanks Tony!

In August, some of the management team and volunteers took a field trip to the San Francisco Friends Warehouse. We wanted to see their operation and perhaps trade ideas on handling the large numbers of donations. We enjoyed meeting these volunteers and had a very interesting and informative trip.

Something new is coming to The Book Den/Warehouse: extended store hours! That's right. Starting in October, your Book Den will be open longer hours on Friday and Saturday. Thursday's hours will still be 9am – 2pm, but Friday and Saturday hours will be 10am – 5pm. We're sure these extra hours will make it more convenient for our customers to visit us.

October is the 10th anniversary of the Belvedere facility. All month long we'll be celebrating by offering a storewide 20% discount to Friends members and 10% discount to everyone else. What better incentive to join?

Library Education and Advocacy Update

By Chuck Shulock

Additional Library Funding Included in State Budget

In recent years state-level support for public libraries has dwindled. However, as the economy and the state's fiscal condition continue to improve, the situation is looking up. The 2014-2015 budget as signed by the Governor includes a \$2.25 million ongoing augmentation plus \$1 million in one-time equipment funds to support public libraries as they join the CENIC high-speed broadband network. Moreover, late in the process two one-time augmentations were approved: \$1 million for California Library Literacy Services and \$2 million for the California Library Services Act. The California Library Association was instrumental in securing these additional funds. The Sacramento Friends also submitted letters of support.

Library Construction Needs Assessment

SB 1455 directs the State Library to conduct a comprehensive Needs Assessment on the construction, renovation, and rehabilitation needs of public libraries. This report is due to various state officials by August 15, 2015. The bill was passed by the Senate and is in the Assembly awaiting action. In its original form the bill would have placed a bond issue on a forthcoming statewide ballot, but in light of concerns about the state's level of bonded indebtedness it was amended to call for the needs assessment as a preliminary step.

**First Annual
Walk4Literacy
October 25, 2014
McClatchy Park to the
Convention Center**



This inaugural Sacramento event, aimed at raising funds for children's literacy, features a 4 mile walk through Oak Park, Curtis Park, Land Park, downtown past the Capitol, ending at the Sacramento Convention Center where the first annual Capitol City Book Festival will be held.

Register online by October 15 at www.walk4literacy.org. The cost is \$30 for adults, \$20 for children. All walkers receive a t-shirt and other "swag" provided by sponsoring organizations.

Presented by Sacramento Public Library Foundation, Teach For America, and 916 Ink Sacramento Youth Writers.



Friends Warehouse Sales

Friday, October 3, 5-8 pm

Warehouse Sale ~ Members Preview
(Memberships available at door)

Saturday, October 4, 9 am-4 pm

Saturday, October 11, 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. Effective October 1, 2014, Friday and Saturday hours will change to 10 am to 5 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 spallfriends@gmail.com.

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Branch Book Sales

Saturday, September 13 through Saturday, September 20

South Natomas Friends Book Sale

During regular library hours
\$6.00/bag sale on last day

Saturday, September 13, 9:45 am-5 pm

Antiquarian Book Sale at Scottish Rite Temple

6151 H Street, Sacramento

(Get coupon for free admission at Book Den)

Thursday, September 25-Saturday, September 27

Elk Grove Friends Book Sale

Thursday 5-7 pm - Friends Preview

Friday, 3-6 pm - open to public

Saturday, 9 am-1 pm - open to public

Saturday, October 4 & Tuesday, October 7

Fair Oaks Friends Book Sale during library hours

Friends preview on Saturday 9-10 am

Saturday, October 4, 11 am-3:30 pm

Sylvan Oaks Friends Book Sale

Friday, October 10 & Saturday, October 11

North Sacramento-Hagginwood Friends Book Sale

during library hours

Friday, October 31 ~ North Highlands-Antelope Friends Book Sale

Friends preview - 12 noon

General Sale - 1 pm-6 pm

Saturday, November 1 - 10 am-3 pm

Friday, October 31 ~ Arden-Dimick

Friends Book Sale - 1 pm-6 pm

Saturday, November 1 - 10 am-5:00 pm

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.

Appraisals

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Meet Me at the Film Shelf

By Danielle Dunn

Action



Rian Johnson makes original movies. Before *Looper*, he wrote and directed *Brick* and *The Brothers Bloom* (you can find all three at the Sacramento library). Each one of these films break from derivative storylines. *Looper* is a sci-fi film about time-travel, love, and super-human powers. It's emotionally rich, unpredictable, and at times, a little confusing. Rian Johnson recommends watching

it twice. I do, too, unless you're seasoned in the rules of time travel. Warning: don't be caught off guard by Joseph Gordon-Levitt's appearance in the film. He's wearing prosthetics—you'll find out why once you see the movie ;)

Comedy

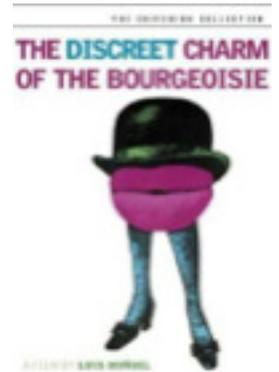


Little Miss Sunshine is a film about a mom, a dad, a grandpa, an uncle, a son, and a daughter. On the outside, it may look a stereotypical family film, but let me tell you—it isn't. Each character in this film has flaws, at times deadly flaws, but together, this family overcomes personal shortcomings and a slew of external obstacles. This film reminds its audience that losers are people who don't try

because they're afraid. Fun fact: Michael Arndt wrote the first draft of this film in three days.

Art House

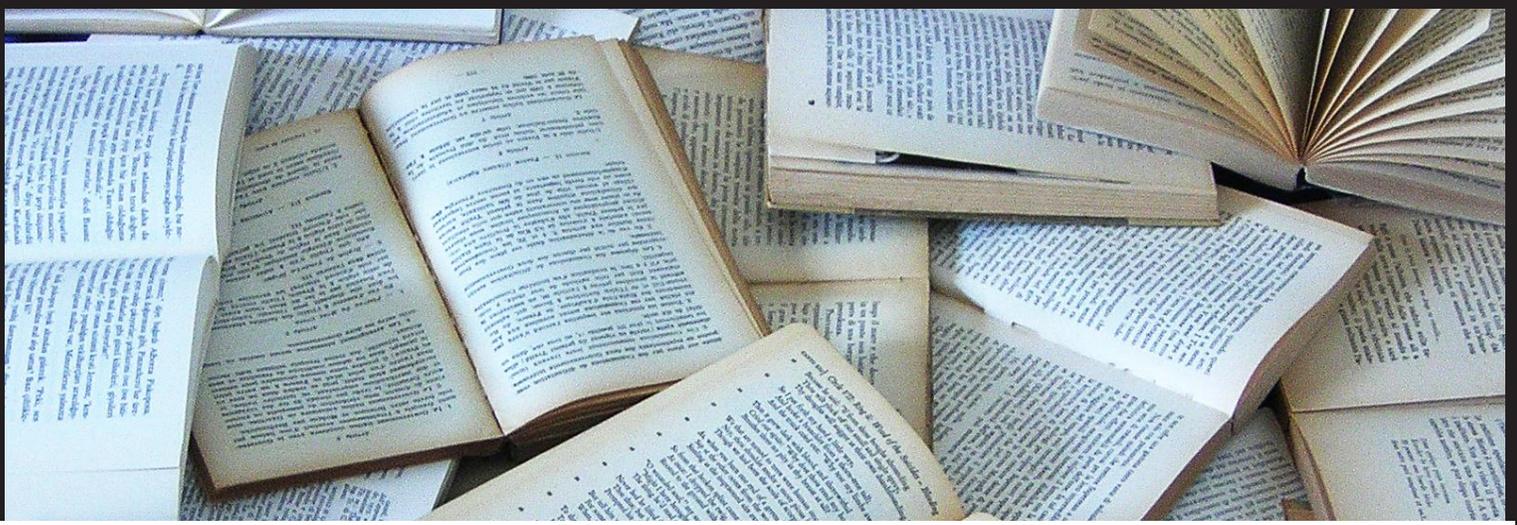
The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie is a classic Buñuel film. It blends dream and reality, and it speaks out against the materialistic middle-upper class. You may find parts of it slow, but that's the point Buñuel is making—the bourgeoisie don't have anything exciting to talk about. This film won an Oscar for Best Foreign Film in 1967, and it still holds an enormous amount of relevance today.



Drama

Every writer should watch *Barton Fink*. This movie tells the story of a playwright who moves out to Hollywood to write screenplays. It's partially based on the experiences of Clifford Odets and William Faulkner. Written, directed, produced, and edited by the Coen brothers, its plot consists of a story within a story within a story. *Barton Fink* has surprises, misplaced sympathies, and an ending that will make you question the whole movie.





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- **Thursday, September 25**
5-7 p.m. Friends members only night (join us tonight)
- **Friday, September 26**
3-6 p.m. Open to the public
- **Saturday, September 27**
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BOOK SALE

Friday & Saturday, October 10 & 11

The Friends of the North Sacramento-Hagginwood Library are hosting a 2-day book sale. Pick up some great new reads at a bargain price! Sale is open to the public beginning at 1:00pm on Friday and continuing during library open hours through Saturday, October 11. Please support the North Sacramento-Hagginwood Library!

Volunteers needed! We need volunteers for the book sale. Please contact the library to help: 916-264-2920 and ask for North

North Sacramento-Hagginwood Library | 2109 Del Paso Blvd, Sacramento |



First Annual

Walk4Literacy

Saturday October 25th

McClatchy Park to The Convention Center

Walk begins at McClatchy Park,
33rd St. and 5th Ave., Sacramento.

Registration begins: 7:00 a.m.

Walk begins: 8:00 a.m.

4-mile Walk4Literacy through
Oak Park, Curtis Park, Land Park,
downtown, and past the Capitol, to
the Sacramento Convention Center,
venue for the 1st annual Capital
City Book Festival.

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