



AMONG FRIENDS

Friends of the Sacramento Public Library

November/December 2014

A Message from the Library Director

By Rivkah Sass

Save the Date!

Wednesday, November 12

6:30 pm

Friends of Sacramento Public Library Board meets at Belle Cooledge Community Room

Friday, December 5, 5-8 pm

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

Saturday, December 6

9 am-4 pm

Saturday, December 13

9 am-4 pm

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

Tuesday, December 9

6:30 pm

Friends of Sacramento Public Library Board meets at Rancho Cordova Community Room

Wednesday, December 10

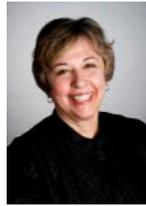
3 pm

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

Sunday, January 25, 2015

1 pm

Friends of Sacramento Public Library Annual Meeting
Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library



As 2014 approaches its close, the Sacramento Public Library is thinking about new beginnings. After more than five years of budget challenges, the sun is beginning to shine again. Thanks to a slightly improving economy and the passage of Measure B in the City of Sacramento, the Library has started rebuilding our collections, replacing staff that we lost during the economic downturn, and making our buildings more

comfortable and inviting.

I'm very proud of the Library staff for doing such a great job in spite of our budget challenges. We developed new offerings, ranging from the I Street Press to passport services, and continue to think of new ways to surprise and amaze you. In the coming months, we hope that you will see more hours of service, gain easier access to new books in both print and electronic formats, and even start enjoying many decades of the *Sacramento Bee* that we have now in digital format.

You won't see these changes overnight, but they will become more apparent in the coming months. Since Sacramento Public Library has been serving our community for more than 150 years, I hope you'll bear with us.

Of course, we are proud and thankful to have the support of the Friends of Sacramento Public Library.

Thank you for being a Friend.



On Thursday, September 25, the Library Authority Board thanked the Measure B Campaign Committee for working hard to pass Measure B, a parcel tax which added \$12/year/parcel to support libraries in the City of Sacramento. Front row: (L-R) Committee Members Rivkah Sass, Barbara Monroe, Pauline Grenbeaux, Jo Anne Marie, Helen Yee, Karen Thomas, April Butcher, and Jeff Rubin. (Missing are Committee members Kristin Otto, Mary Ellen Shay, Margaret Teichert, and Sharon Usher.) Back row: (L-R) Library Authority Members Jeanne Bruins, Jimmie Yee, Linda Budge, Don Nottoli, Kevin McCarty, Phil Serna, Angeliqye Ashby (Chair), Roberta MacGlashan, Barbara Payne, Bob Trigg, Darrell Fong, and Eleanor Brown. Measure B passed with 73% voter approval.

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: Margaret Clausen

By Carrie Sessarego

Margaret Clausen serves as treasurer for two Friends groups. She is the treasurer for the Friends of the Arden Dimick branch and is also treasurer for the System Friends. Margaret says that the biggest difference between being treasurer with the FSPL and treasurer of a branch is the scope of the work. "The System Friends has a bigger budget, lots of activities, regular distributions of funds to branches and the job of compiling reports from branches into an annual report. The most challenging thing is that, with so many things coming in from events, the branches, online sales, the Book Den, and the Warehouse, it's orders of magnitude bigger than being treasurer of a branch."



Margaret Clausen and Sydney, her granddaughter, volunteer together at Arden-Dimick Library.

During her professional career, Margaret managed several non-profits. Most recently, she was the CEO of the California Hospice Association. Years of experience with non-profit boards has given her an appreciation of boards such as the Friends Board, in which every board member is expected to invest time in Friend's projects. Margaret says she prefers "working boards" because they require members to be personally invested in the organization. Of the FSPL Board, she says, "It's a real "working board." Everyone puts in a lot of hours, and every person on it works really diligently."

In addition, working with the FSPL board means Margaret has a greater connection to the Book Den and Warehouse. She has immense appreciation for the Book Den and Warehouse volunteers who, she says, "work tremendously hard."

Margaret retired seven years ago and immediately started volunteering for the Arden Dimick Friends. She chose that branch because she took her kids there when they were little. Now she takes her grandkids, including her ten-year-old granddaughter, Sydney, who aspires to be the youngest official and regular Friends' volunteer.

In addition to serving as treasurer, Margaret coordinates Arden Dimick book sales and runs their Amazon sales out of her home. She's also helping the Arden Dimick Friends manage a huge donation of books—15,000 books from the estate of a man who loved books and donated the entire collection to the Friends, including the shelves!

In accordance with his wishes, the Friends are unpacking the collection so that Library staff can go through them and pull out any that are suitable for library use. The remainder are scanned to determine their online sale value and sold either online or at book sales, depending on the value of the book.

When asked, "What do you wish people know about the Friends," Margaret was quick to reply, "We are so blessed to have the volunteers that we do. It's amazing, the amount of dedication that they have." She also says this about libraries, "Libraries will be just as important in the future, although the needs of libraries might change as the needs of the community change. I wish people knew what a tremendous community resource the library is."

Margaret's final comment was in praise of all volunteers. "Volunteers are so essential to any library effort. The Arden Dimick Friends expects to have raised approximately \$35,000 this year. This is money that the library uses for programs like Summer Reading—things they couldn't otherwise do. It's volunteers that make this possible."

Update on Library Finances Offers Good News to Friends Members

By Karen Lindh, Chair, Branch Liaison Committee

All the branches of the Friends of Sacramento Public Library had a chance to catch up with library staff and each other at the September 27 All Friends meeting, held at the beautiful Pocket-Greenhaven library. Thanks go to Kathi Windheim and the Pocket Friends for their hospitality.

FSPL President Jeff Rubin outlined some of the steps the Board has taken to continue to strengthen the organization. One of the major initiatives that will involve the Board and ultimately affiliates is development of a strategic plan scheduled to kick off in October, with broader participation in February 2015. He also pointed to some of the safety improvements implemented at The Book Den, thanks to the leadership of Jo Anne Marie, Pam Whiteley, and Jerry Jagers. As a logical next step, affiliates were invited to submit to Pauline Grenbeaux any recommendations or suggestions that might help improve branch Friends' safety with local book sales.

Margaret Clausen, the new Friends Treasurer, announced plans to help streamline financial reporting by the organization and the branches to improve our federal and state tax reporting. Margaret will hold three informational sessions in November and December to explain FSPL's new end-of-the-year reporting form. Each branch treasurer is encouraged to attend one of the three sessions. For further information, please contact Margaret at: margaretclausen@gmail.com.

Deputy Library Director Denise Davis shared with the Friends the revenue and expense projections recently shared with the SPL Library Authority board. These projections represent some good news after a long period of belt tightening. Thanks to Measure B and improvement in property tax collection, SPL projects an increase of \$3.5 million in revenues for 2014-2015. Denise also discussed some preliminary observations of how the library efficiency study, once complete, can inform the branches and improve operations, while at the same time allowing SPL to better allocate resources.

Library Director Rivkah Sass discussed some challenges and opportunities facing the library right now, including the Net Neutrality debate at the FCC. She also described Sacramento's push to attract additional authors to hold events after a track record of successful author visits. One example is the recent talk by author Diana Gabaldon, which attracted large support from the community and sold a lot of the author's books.

The next All Friends meeting will be held February 28, 2015 at The Book Den.



Branch Friends members listen to Library Deputy Director Denise Davis present an update on the SPL budget.

Book Den Report

By Pam Whiteley

Lions and tigers and bears, oh my! And this is only about the animal section at the Book Den. The cooking section has enough books on eating, cooking, baking and drinking to make your favorite foodie happy as a clam. We've been getting a lot of donations and a lot of wonderful, new—to us and you—books. The holidays are coming up and the book Den is the place for you to shop!

We've been making some changes in the Book Den, Warehouse, and Internet Sales departments. For starters, we've resolved our identity crisis and we are now the Book Den, plain and simple. We've also changed our store hours. The Book Den store is now open on Thursdays from 9am–2pm, and on Fridays and Saturdays from 10am–5pm. This schedule seems to be working pretty well and it makes us more accessible to our customers. We also extended the October warehouse sale to match the store hours. Our goal is to get our books onto your bookshelves. It's an ongoing challenge to make this successful.

In addition to expanding our hours and establishing our name, we've been making some physical changes to the Book Den. Let's start in the warehouse. If you visited us in October, you would have noticed it looked brighter and more open. Moving boxes from the tops of shelves made a big difference. In addition, sheet music was given its own file cabinet, large print books were moved to more accessible shelves, cracks in the floor have been sealed to make it safer, supplies have been stored in an out of the way, safer place, and extra shelves have been given over to the Internet Sales department.

We have some wonderful handy-people, Gladys and Tony, who have been in the driving force to making these changes possible. A non-profit, volunteer run organization relies on wonderful people and we have some of the best. A lot of our volunteers are retired, but some still work full time jobs and still find time to help out however they can.

On to the Internet section. They've increased their volunteers to keep up with the number of special books and sets that have been coming in. The sales from EBay and Amazon have been growing steadily, which is not unusual. The Internet Sales department is doing its best to keep up. We do need more volunteers for this. Extra storage space has made it possible for the Internet team to list more books and make more sales.

The store has undergone changes also, though not as drastic as the warehouse. There are more dollar books on display outside during store hours. One week it might be fiction, another week it might be cooking. You just never know what will be out there just waiting for a good home. The extended hours have made it necessary to find more cashiers. Please consider this a subtle hint to think about volunteering a few hours a week or a month. No experience necessary.

If the idea of volunteering for a wonderful organization like the Friends isn't enough, for every three hour shift worked, volunteers are entitled to three books from the warehouse or \$5.00 credit in the bookstore.

The smallest bookstore still contains more ideas of worth than have been presented in the entire history of television. ~Andrew Ross

Library Education and Advocacy Update

By Chuck Shulock

Library Construction Needs Assessment. SB 1455, which directed the State Library to conduct a comprehensive Needs Assessment on the construction, renovation, and rehabilitation needs of public libraries, was vetoed by the Governor. The Governor's veto message stated, "Local librarians communicate with the State Librarian on a regular basis regarding their operations. I urge them to continue to do so without the formalized report required by this bill." In its original form, SB 1455 would have placed a bond measure for library construction on the statewide ballot; due to fiscal concerns it was amended to only call for the Needs Assessment as a preliminary step. Given the "watered down" nature of the bill as passed, the Governor's veto has little practical effect. Nonetheless Senator Mark DeSaulnier, who carried the bill, and the California Library Association deserve recognition for initiating a legislative discussion on this critical issue.

Net Neutrality. In May 2014 the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) initiated a rulemaking on "Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet," the outcome of which will govern the cost and speed of internet access provided to various categories of users. Library Director Rivkah Sass has noted that this issue, commonly referred to as "net neutrality," has the potential to significantly increase the cost and degrade the service level for internet access provided to the public by the libraries. The public comment period on the FCC rulemaking has closed but library supporters should remain vigilant. For those that are interested more information is available at <http://www.fcc.gov/openinternet>.

Greenhaven Mothers' Club President Jen Lightstone presented a check of \$1,000 to Library Supervisor Brendle Wells and staff of the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library on Thursday, September 25, 2014. Members of the Friends of the Library were also on



hand to applaud the tremendous generosity of the Moms Club! Programs in 2015 such as the popular "Wild Things" and "The Bubble Lady" will be made possible because of the donation. L-R Jen Lightstone, daughter Ann, Supervisor Brendle Wells, Tracey Joe, Dave Munger (photo by K. Windheim)

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2015 Warehouse Sales

Bag Sale

Friday, January 10, 5 pm-8 pm (Members Preview)

Saturday, January 11, 9 am-4 pm

Sunday, January 12, 9 am-4 pm

Warehouse Sales

Friday, February 6, 5 pm-8 pm (Members Preview)

Saturday, February 7, 9 am-4 pm

Friday, March 6, 5 pm-8 pm (Members Only)

Saturday, March 7, 9 am-4 pm

Friday, April 10, 5 pm-8 pm (Members Only)

Saturday, April 11, 9 am-4 pm

Friday, May 1, 5 pm-8 pm (Members Only)

Saturday, May 2, 9 am-4 pm

Friends Warehouse Sales

Friday, December 5, 5-8 pm

Warehouse Sale ~ Members Preview

(Memberships available at door)

Saturday, December 6, 9 am-4 pm

Saturday, December 13, 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, 9 am-2 pm; Friday, & Saturday, 10 am-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 or to find out about Book Den/Warehouse volunteer openings, please contact BookDen@SacLibFriends.org or call (916) 731-8493.



Raley's Extra Credit Helps Friends

Earn rewards on your purchases at BelAir, Raley's or Nob Hill Grocery Stores, while rewarding the Friends of the Sacramento Public Library too. You can help the Friends of the Sacramento Library support Children's Programming and Books at the Sacramento Public Library while you do your grocery shopping!

If you already have a "Something Extra" card, simply go to the website below and type in "Friends of the Sac", and our organization will be displayed, or type in "95814" and select the Friends.

If you do not already have a "Something Extra" card, you can sign up for one in any Raley's or BelAir store, or online at Raleys.com.

Branch Book Sales

Saturday, November 1, 10 am-5 pmx

Arden-Dimick Friends Book Sale

Arden-Dimick Library

Saturday, November 1, 10 am-3 pm

North Highlands-Antelope Friends Book Sale

North Highlands-Antelope Library

Tuesday, December 2, 10 am-5 pm

Arden-Dimick Friends Premium Book Sale

Arden-Dimick Library

Friday, December 5, 10 am-6 pm

Saturday, December 6, 10 am-3 pm

Belle Coledge Friends Book Sale

Belle Coledge Library

Saturday, December 6, 11 am-3 pm

Sylvan Oaks Friends Book Sale

Sylvan Oaks Library

December 8-14

Orangevale Friends Barnes & Noble Book Fair

6111 Sunrise, Citrus Heights

Get voucher from billjanewise@comcast.net.

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.

Friends Holiday Events

Saturday, November 15 at McClatchy Library
McClatchy Friends Annual Meeting and Open House, Saturday, November 15, Meeting at 11, Open House until 4 pm with treats and an art project for families.

December 8-14

Barnes & Noble Bookfair Supporting Friends of the Orangevale Library



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Walnut Grove Craft & Book Sale

Thursdays 11:30 am-3 pm on Nov. 6, 13, and 20 and December 4, 11, and 18

2nd Saturdays 10 am-1 pm on November 7 and December 13

Check out the beautiful, large bags in fabulous material and unusual bookmarks, bracelets, and necklaces which make great presents for the holidays and support the Friends of the Walnut Grove Library.



Great Reads

Gifts for Kids and Teens



[Round is a Tortilla](#) – Roseanne Thong

In this rhythmic, colorful concept book, a little girl discovers shapes in her Hispanic-American neighborhood. Ages 3-5.



[Winter is the Warmest Season](#) – Lauren Stringer

A child describes ways in which winter is warm and cozy, from sipping hot chocolate to wearing woolly sweaters and sitting near a glowing fireplace. Ages 4-7.



[King Bidgood's In the Bathtub](#) – Audrey and Don Wood

Despite pleas from his court, a fun-loving king refuses to get out of his bath to rule his kingdom. Young audiences will love the detailed illustrations of the elaborate and wacky bathtub scenes in this rollicking read aloud. Ages 4-8.



[Millions of Cats](#) – Wanda Gag

The classic enchanting tale of a very old man who goes off in search of the prettiest cat in the world for his wife and returns instead with millions of cats to choose from. Ages 4-8.



[Lemonade in Winter](#) – Emily Jenkins

A lemonade stand in winter? Yes, that's exactly what Pauline and John-John intend to have, selling lemonade and limeade - and also lemon-limeade - through a catchy refrain and simple math concepts. Ages 5-8.



[My Cold Plum Lemon Pie Bluesy Mood](#) – Tameka Fryer Brown

Jamie describes his mood using colors and rhythmic text as he changes from a purple feeling like a juicy plum to a dark black mood when teased and finally to the easy green of drawing dragons for his sister. Ages 5-8.



[Sophie's Squash](#) – Pat Zietlow Miller A charming tale of imagination and the seasons in which a young girl adopts a squash meant for her family's dinner. A new favorite that grown-ups seem to enjoy as much as the kids. Ages 5-8.



[The Watermelon Seed](#) – Greg Pizzoli

After accidentally swallowing a watermelon seed, a crocodile imagines a scary outcome in this picture book for beginning readers. Ages 5-8.

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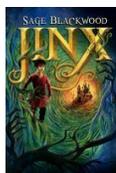
[El Deafo](#) – Cece Bell

Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers! A new graphic novel on friendship and overcoming obstacles that will appeal to a wide range of young readers. Ages 7-10.



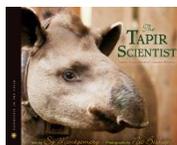
[Greenglass House](#) – Kate Milford

At Greenglass House, a smuggler's inn, Milo plans to spend his holidays relaxing, but soon guests are arriving with strange stories about the house. Perfect for winter reading, this cozy mystery for middle graders features plenty of intrigue and a surprising twist. Ages 8-12.



[Jinx](#) – Sage Blackwood

Jinx discovers that the world beyond--and within—the dark forest called the Urwald is more complex than he could imagine. With rich world-building and engaging characters, fantasy readers will be drawn into Jinx's exciting world. Ages 8-12.



[The Tapir Scientist](#) – Sy Montgomery

This fascinating nonfiction read follows the extensive efforts of biologist Pati Medici and her scientific team as they study Brazil's mysterious lowland tapir and work to protect it from extinction. A perfect gift for young animal-lovers. Ages 9-13.



[Counting By Sevens](#) – Holly Goldberg Sloan

Genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family after her parents are killed. An uplifting read for young fans of realistic fiction, soon to be a major motion picture. Ages 9-13.



[One Came Home](#) – Amy Timberlake

Georgie is known for two things: her uncanny aim with a rifle and her habit of speaking her mind. But when Georgie blurts out something she shouldn't, her sister Agatha disappears and everyone assumes the worst. Except Georgie. A western with a thrilling mystery and one unforgettable heroine. Ages 10-14.

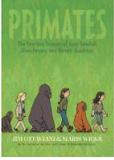


[Adventures in Cartooning](#) - James Sturm

Once upon a time, a princess tried to make a comic. And with the help of a magical cartooning elf, she learned to draw herself into an adventure! This graphic novel and how-to book makes a great gift for young comic fans. Ages 10-14.

Great Reads

Gifts for Kids and Teens



[Primates](#) – Jim Ottoviani

An action-packed account of three primatologists: Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey, and Biruté Galdikas. Covering the highlights of their careers, this accessible, entertaining, and informative look at the lives of three remarkable women scientists is a nonfiction graphic novel with broad appeal. Ages 10 and up.



[The Great Greene Heist](#) – Varian Johnson

Can notorious prankster Jackson Greene and his crack team of operatives save a rigged student council election? *Ocean's Eleven* meets high school in this slick heist novel for tweens and teens. Ages 11 and up.



[Grave Mercy](#) – Robin LaFevers

In fifteenth-century Brittany, Ismae escapes from an arranged marriage into the convent of St. Mortain, where she learns that the god of Death has blessed her with dangerous gifts. A strong heroine and plenty of action make this a must-read for teens. Ages 12 and up.



[Relish: My Life in the Kitchen](#) – Lucy Knisley

In her forthright, thoughtful, and funny graphic novel memoir, the daughter of a chef and a gourmet, shares lessons learned about food, cooking, and life. Recipes included. Ages 13 and up.



[Noggin](#) – John Corey Whaley

After dying at age sixteen, Travis' head was removed and frozen for five years before being attached to another body, and now the old Travis and the new must find a way to coexist while figuring out changes in his relationships. Fans of John Green will love this innovative take on a teen cancer story. Ages 13 and up.

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