

## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

*Cathy Brant*

### New Friends' President: Serving With A Purpose

As incoming President of the Friends, I am excited to work with the dedicated volunteers and members, and hope to maintain the momentum that our past-president Chris Seidel began four years ago.

Because the Palm Springs Public Library occupies a crucial position in our community, and the Friends organization's sole purpose is to help the library staff fulfill that position, Barbara Stanford, Laura Miller, and I, along with Director of Library Services Jeannie Kays, and Board of Trustee members Linda Futterer and Fred Yount, attended the "Serving with a Purpose" Conference in Ontario sponsored in May by the Southern California Library Cooperative. Speakers ranged from professional fundraisers to foundation presidents to popular novelist Lisa See. There was also a video presentation from Greg Lucas, California State Librarian.

We received a ton of information at the conference! Here are some highlights that helped me better understand how Friends of Libraries fit in the various support groups for public and private libraries:

- Public libraries are government *assisted*, not supported (full support by the City is impossible in this economy); Friends groups are essential in keeping special programs open for the community.
- All support groups need to work together with Library staff to keep library open: Friends of Libraries, library foundations, Boards of Trustees, and city councils.
- Friends' members and volunteers make it happen; without them libraries would not be able to fulfill their role as community centers for learning.

At our June meeting, we added a new board member: Wanda Turman has been a dedicated member and volunteer at book sales and at various Library programs. Our board now numbers 14, which means we have one seat open. The large number is necessary to spread the work: each member serves on or chairs at least one committee.

We also are looking forward to a very full season in the Fall. Kicking off our activities, we will celebrate National Friends of Libraries Week October 20– 25. The Welwood Library is scheduled to reopen in February, and plans for the future of the Palm Springs Public Library will be revealed.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact me. My email address is [cpbrant@earthlink.net](mailto:cpbrant@earthlink.net). And thank you for your continuing membership in the Friends!

## DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES

*Jeannie Kays*

### Well, Well, Well... Welwood Murray Library



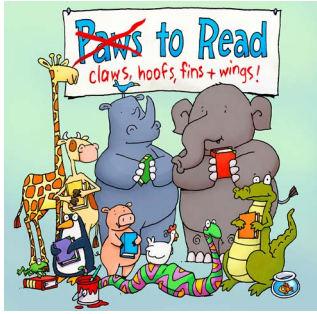
After years of discussions and planning, the Palm Springs Public Library is finally working to renovate and reopen the Welwood Murray Memorial Library, located at 100 S. Palm Canyon Dr. We commemorated the beginning of the renovation with a Construction Kickoff Celebration, Tuesday, May 6, 2014. Mayor Steve Pougnet, members of City Council, Library Board of Trustees members and Library Director Jeannie Kays did a ceremonial nail pounding complete with golden nails and hammers. Refreshments were generously provided by Peabody's Café and Espresso Cielo. Welwood Murray Memorial Library will serve as a multi-agency facility, becoming a home to the Palm Springs Historical Society staff and their archive, a visitor's outpost for the Bureau of Tourism, and a branch of the Palm Springs Public Library. We expect to work together to assist the plethora of folks who visit the facility. We will have computers, free Wi-Fi Internet, and a small collection of magazines and newspapers available for use. The Community Room will be a perfect space for small lectures, art exhibits, youth activities, and could be reserved by groups or businesses.



The attached photo shows construction work taking place Tuesday, June 17, 2014. Workers are busy trenching the floor to add electrical and data lines. Construction is expected to take about six months and then the agencies will move in and open as soon as possible. The project is funded through Measure J.

## CELEBRATE THE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY!

Summer Reading isn't just for kids to enjoy, adults can participate too! The PAWS to READ Summer Reading program began on June 9th and continues through the end of July. There are programs for all ages; youth, teen and adult.



Adults play Book Bingo and can attend a scheduled Tuesday evening lecture about Pet Photography or

Pet First Aid or come to an afternoon Animal-themed movie screening.

There are weekly prize bag drawings, for participating adults, filled with autographed books, animal-themed prizes, gift certificates from local restaurants and businesses, and a 16 GB flash drive courtesy of Office Depot. Plus one lucky adult will win one of the three Grand Prizes, a SAMSUNG GALAXY TABLET, courtesy of the Friends of the Palm Springs Library!

But it's not just about getting, it's also about giving. During the month of July the Library will collect donations of school supplies to be given to the James O. Jessie Desert Highland Unity Center. They distribute supplies to school age children each year. Pencils, glue sticks, notebooks and much more are needed. A list of needed supplies is posted in the Library and on the web site.

### Upcoming Library events for adults include:

**Tuesday, July 8th** PAWS to READ—Today's film will be *Dolphin Tale* (rated PG) and will be shown at 2:00-4:00 p.m. in The Learning Center (TLC).

**Tuesday, July 15th** PAWS to READ—Today's film will be *Zookeeper* (rated PG) and will be shown at 2:00-4:00 p.m. in The Learning Center (TLC).

**Tuesday, July 22nd** PAWS to READ-- Pet training expert will share how to provide immediate care for an injured animal until it can be taken to a veterinarian for treatment. No pets may attend.

**Tuesday, July 29th** PAWS to READ— Today's film will be *Chimpanzee* (rated G) and will be shown from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in The Learning Center (TLC). Following the film the finale grand prize, a Samsung Galaxy Tablet, will be awarded as we celebrate the end of Summer Reading.

**Wednesday, July 30th** Wine Book Club—Summer of Animals. This month's selection is *Kraken* by China Miéville. 6:00 p.m. at Azul Tapas Lounge located at 369 N. Palm Canyon Drive in Palm Springs.

**Wednesday, August 27th** Wine Book Club—Summer of Animals. This month's selection is *The Hound of The Baskervilles* by Sir Anthony Conan Doyle. 6:00 p.m. at Azul Tapas Lounge located at 369 N. Palm Canyon Drive in Palm Springs.

*By the way, the kids are having fun this summer too. In the next column are photos taken at Youth and Teen programs.*



**SUE RUDD**, a popular librarian, will retire after over 25 years of service. She started in 1966 at the Welwood Library doing book-binding and repair while still in high school. After college, she returned to the Welwood for a year then transferred to the main Library. The staff and patrons will all miss her friendly, helpful personality.

## VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Laura Miller

I'd like to thank all of you who responded to our call for volunteers to staff the Youth and Teen Summer Reading Program that runs from June 5 to July 31. We had an overwhelming response to our request for twenty-four volunteers and the library staff can't thank you enough. The Volunteer Training Session held on June 3 was well attended, and we are now equipped to help at all scheduled events.

If you weren't able to set aside time to volunteer, please take the opportunity to stop by and enjoy a variety of programs from puppets to magicians to storytellers. Join the Adult Summer Reading Program by picking up a "Book Bingo" sheet—fun! There are fabulous prizes to be won, including a Samsung Galaxy Tablet (the Friends provided three, one each for Youth, Teen, and Adult), and you'll have the chance to meet like-minded folks who share your interests.

## FRIENDS DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY

Since January, the Friends have given a total of \$33,227.00 in gifts to the Library. These amounts include purchases of Hot off the Press books, fish pond maintenance, beginning a Local History collection, and special Library events and programs.

If you would like to do more, you might consider raising your membership status: Individual to Patron, Patron to Silver, Gold, or Platinum. This is easy to do on our website, [www.friendsofthepalmspringslibrary.org](http://www.friendsofthepalmspringslibrary.org).

Another way to donate is to add the Friends of the Palm Springs Library to your will. Just know that your board maintains strict accountability and all the money received goes towards Library collections and programs. Thank you for your continued support.

### BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!

Please consider donating your gently-used books during the summer. This is our slowest season for donations and current books are flying off the Sale Shelves faster than we can stock them. Just drop books and DVDs in the bin at the entrance.

### BOOK SALES THIS SUMMER!

*All sales are held in the lobby of the Library*

**Saturday, July 12: 10 am – 1 pm.** Poolside Reading. Great selection of hardcover and paperback fiction.

**Tuesday, July 29: 1 pm – 3 pm.** Better nonfiction, biographies, history and more.

## MEMBERSHIP

Barbara Stanford

As we head into summer, we're happy to report that our Friends of the Palm Springs Library website, [www.friendsofthepalmspringslibrary.org](http://www.friendsofthepalmspringslibrary.org), continues to attract new visitors. In April we had 227 visits, and in May, 173. Please check us out. It's full of information, and shares the rich history of our Friends group. Also, don't forget about our Facebook page: Friends of the Palm Springs Library. Like us and follow us for the latest news.

We continue to have a presence in the Library's lobby on the first Saturday of each month until noon. Please stop by and say "hi." Our table is next to the Friends Book Sale Shelves and the Friends-sponsored "Hot Off the Press" kiosks. Bring a friend along and we'll sign them up as a new member! Remember - all of our membership dues and funds raised are used solely to support the Palm Springs Library's collections and programs. *Love your Library!*

### MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

*April, May and through June 12, 2014*

#### Welcome to our New Members!

##### **Individual (\$20):**

Hickey, L. Frank  
Spires, Pauline

#### **Thank you for your Renewals at Patron and Above:**

##### **Patron (\$100):**

Blochberger, Charles	Reghanti, Violette J.
Brant, Cathy	Scheffler, William and Ann
Hutcheson, Rick	Seidel, Christopher
Jackson, Carol	Sleight, Alice
Miller, Laura and Jeff	

#### **Thank you for your Generous Donations:**

Keller, Rudolph and Julia  
*in honor of Al Goldstein's Birthday*

## NEED A LAWYER?

Beginning in July 2014 the Palm Springs Public Library will be the site of FREE Family Law and Civil Legal services to low-income local residents. Qualifying clients will meet privately with one of the volunteer attorneys for advice and assistance. If needed, assistance will be given to prepare documents to file with the court along with an explanation of how to file and serve them.

More details will be available starting in July. Appointments can be made by calling 760-347-9456. This service is provided by local attorneys' specializing in Civil and Family Law who volunteer their time and is sponsored by RIVERSIDE LEGAL AID, formerly the Public Service Law Corporation of the Riverside County Bar Association. For further information go to [www.riversidelegalaid.org](http://www.riversidelegalaid.org).





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**Tech help needed for website!** Our website requires occasional updating. Any ITT Friends members out there who would like to volunteer a few hours a month? Contact Cathy at [cpbrant@earthlink.net](mailto:cpbrant@earthlink.net).

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