



PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Cathy Brant

I would like to welcome you all back for our 43rd season!



Hope you all had a restful and fun-filled summer. This has been a busy summer for the Library staff and the Friends’ volunteers, so kudos and “Thank You”:

- To Jim Hicks, who is retiring from the Board after many years of service.

- To the Friends’ volunteers who helped with the Library’s popular Summer Reading Program, the two book sales held this summer, and helping stuff hundreds of gift bags for the Born to Read Program.

- To Director of Library Services Jeannie Kays, who wrote grants that are helping fund the Library’s Summer Reading and Accessing the Past Programs, and our new Born to Read Program.

- To Library Services and Public Relations Manager Julie Warren, who with Board Member Richard Ellis, successfully organized an exciting partnership with Destination PSP. She also helped with arrangements with Modernism Week and finalizing the Born to Read Program.

- To Board member Richard Ellis for organizing a display of a selection of non-fiction books in the Lobby. This has doubled our book sales for the past two months.

- To Mike Thompson, former Board Member, who spearheaded the successful drive to include the Friends in the upcoming Modernism Week events, and arranged for a venue that is truly amazing.

- To former Board members LeeOna and Richard Hostrop for donating funds for a presentation of Charles Dicken’s *A Christmas Carol*.

- Modernism Week is an annual celebration in February, and we will be part of it.

- Since many of you requested another bus trip, Board Member Milt Levinson has arranged for a bus and docent-led tour of the Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens.

- To Board Member Wanda Turman for organizing our 2016 Annual Meeting.

Again, welcome back! I look forward to seeing you at our events. You are also welcome to attend our monthly Board Meetings, which are on the second Tuesday of each month. Our November meeting will be our annual retreat. If you would like to contact me, please email me at cpbrant@earthlink.net.

DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES

Jeannie Kays

Wipers on the Bus

If you have children or have been around children you might



recognize the song, “The wheels on the bus.” As you sing the song, you do hand movements to describe all the things that happen on the bus. The Twin Palms Neighborhood Organization recently donated the funds to purchase “Wipers



on the Bus” early literacy interactive panel for our youth room. The panel has a cute steering wheel, the lyrics to the song and wipers that go swish, swish, swish. The panel is made in America of Baltic birch with low volatile organic compounds, meaning that it is non-toxic and safe for children.

Laura Miller, Friends of the Library Board Member as well as an employee of the Palm Springs Library sponsored the grant through her neighborhood organization. We are very grateful that Laura and Twin Palms Neighborhood Organization donated the funds to enhance our youth room. Children learn through play and the Library is a child’s first classroom. If other neighborhoods are interested in sponsoring their own panel, contact Jeannie Kays or Julie Warren for more details. The panel is proudly on display just inside the entrance to the youth room.



EVENTS COMMITTEE

Jacque Wachs, Marie Wiegel, Nanci Morrison, Mike Thompson, Chris Seidel, and Wanda Turman

KICK OFF THE HOLIDAYS WITH CHARLES DICKENS!

Sunday, December 6, 2015 Experience a holiday event like no other as actor, playwright and college instructor Paul Jacques brings to life over 30 characters in his one-man version of Charles Dickens' classic tale of redemption, A Christmas Carol. Taken directly from Dickens' own performance adaptation, this performance is guaranteed to thrill audiences of all ages. This FREE program will be in the atrium of the Library and is possible due to a generous donation from former Board member LeeOna Hostrop and is the Friends' holiday gift to the Community. Final details and registration will be available soon.



February 16, 2016: FOPSL goes mod with its first foray into Modernism Week highlighting the works of famed architect John Porter Clark. We hope you will join us for a tour and a talk and a glass of wine too. Former Palm Springs Mayor Will Kleindienst, the architect who recently renovated the Welwood Murray Memorial Library (a Clark design), will share behind the scenes pictures and stories about the building, soon to celebrate its 75th Anniversary. All attending the lecture will receive a commemorative gift and their pass to attend a cocktail party and house tour (later in the day) showcasing a great example of Clark's work. Tickets can only be purchased online beginning November 1st at noon at www.modernismweek.com. For more information go to: www.friendsofthepalmspringslibrary.org

March 13, 2016: Desert ecologist, Desert Sun columnist, and fan favorite Jim Cornett will be the speaker at our annual meeting open to all. His talks about our wild and remarkable desert are always packed with people curious about the plants and animals tough enough to adapt and survive the harsh desert conditions. Cornett is a Palm Springs local and will have his new book on hand for purchase and autographs!

April 9, 2016: The Huntington Library in San Marino will be our day trip this season. Hop aboard the bus and enjoy the ride to one of the world's great cultural, research and educational centers. We will be given docent led tours and then you can enjoy lunch and some leisure time lingering in the art collection or botanical gardens. Keep an eye on our website to sign up for this day trippin' adventure.



SUMMER READING AT THE LIBRARY



This year's Summer Reading theme was "Read to the Rhythm." We enjoyed several different musical performances, a puppet show, a magic show, various craft and trivia programs, lectures about the history of Rock 'n' Roll and Native American Bird Singing and Dancing. We also screened a variety of movie musicals, including a Frozen sing-a-long with over 200 little Elsas and Olafs singing their hearts out!

Registrations of youth, teens and adults totaled 952 this year and 2,650 people attended our 51 programs during the 8-week session. Overall registrations were up 28% over last year! Through the support of our Friends of the Palm Springs Library we were able to award three XBOX 360 Kinect systems as our grand prizes, one for each age group. Through their generous donation of \$5,000 we not only were able to purchase the grand prizes but also needed supplies and several hundred books to giveaway to those youth and teens that came to the library every week for at least 4 weeks or more!

Along with the Friends of the Palm Springs Library other sponsors included US Bank who donated \$2,500 toward our programs, and several other local businesses and organizations that supplied items, gift certificates and gift cards that were given away each week. A BIG Thank you to ALL our sponsors, we appreciate their support and would not be successful without them; please be sure to help us thank them for supporting the Palm Springs Public Library's Summer Reading Program the next time you shop, dine or utilize their services, they are:

Thank You !!!!

The following businesses have donated merchandise, services, or gift certificates to the 2015 Summer Reading Program:

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Barbara Stanford



The following report includes months of June, July, August and September 2015

Welcome to our New Members:

Individual (\$20):

Dolores Martinez, Carlos
Schaefer, Michael

Thank you for your Renewals at Patron Level and Above:

Patron (\$100):

Galaway, William
Hostrop, Richard and LeeOna
McElroy, Marilyn
Ridgeway, Laurie
Weigel, Lee and Marie

Thank you for your Generous Donations:

Hug, Kathy
Rosenthal, Barb and Dick
Witt, Robert

FRIENDS VOLUNTEERS HELP BORN TO READ PROGRAM



The Born to Read Program is now up and running thanks to the volunteers who assembled over 300 gift bags to give to the parents of newborns at Desert Regional Medical Center. The bags were given to Healthy Beginnings, a group that works with the hospital. They conduct classes for parents of newborns. So far they have given out 39 bags during their tours, 24 during the classes, and 19 to walk-in patients.

Patients who don't attend the classes are given a voucher for a bag in their take-home folder. These vouchers can be picked up at a class or at the Library. One voucher was claimed at the Library.

NEW MARKETING AVENUE FOR THE FRIENDS

Friends Board Member Richard Ellis and other Board Members approached a local business, Destination PSP, to develop a line of unique, fun and trendy merchandise to sell at their store and at Friends events to raise funds and awareness about the Library and the Friends. With the help of Library Director, a request was submitted to the City Council to use the name 'Palm Springs Public Library' on the merchandise which received approval at the October 7th meeting.



In the meantime, and to test the public's interest, the Friends had Destination PSP create a test item without the name to have in store at their inaugural week long 'Just Cause' event in September which gave an additional donation equal to 10% of the purchase price to the non-profit of the shopper's choice, in addition to the percentage received on the branded merchandise sold. The item they designed was an eye/sun glass case and it had fun graphics with the tag line 'Palm Springs Is For Readers'. It has been a hit and they have sold many cases. So, with the approval to use the Library name we will be off and running creating other merchandise to have available just in time for holiday shopping!

Their store is located in downtown Palm Springs at 170 North Palm Canyon (between Tahquitz & Andreas), look for the Friends of the Palm Springs Library display!

BOOK SALES

Richard Ellis



October 24, 2015:

Fiction Sale. 12-2 p.m.
Library Lobby

December 12, 2015:

DVD, Audio Book Sale.
Noon – 2 p.m.
Library Lobby

February 26, 27, 28, 2016:

Annual Sale at the
J.C. Frey Building



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